

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 7, 2018

AGENDA NO. 15

REPORT: Lead Agency Projects and Environmental Documents Received By SCAQMD

SYNOPSIS: This report provides, for the Board's consideration, a listing of CEQA documents received by the SCAQMD between October 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018, and those projects for which the SCAQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, November 16, 2018; Reviewed

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

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**CEQA Document Receipt and Review Logs (Attachments A and B)** – Each month, the SCAQMD receives numerous CEQA documents from other public agencies on projects that could adversely affect air quality. A listing of all documents received and reviewed during the reporting period October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 is included in Attachment A. A list of active projects from previous reporting periods for which SCAQMD staff is continuing to evaluate or has prepared comments is included in Attachment B. A total of 102 CEQA documents were received during this reporting period and 15 comment letters were sent. Notable project to highlight in this report include the Port of Los Angeles's Berths 97-109 (China Shipping) Container Terminal Project.

The Intergovernmental Review function, which consists of reviewing and commenting on the adequacy of the air quality analysis in CEQA documents prepared by other lead agencies, is consistent with the Board's 1997 Environmental Justice Guiding Principles and Environmental Justice Initiative #4. As required by the Environmental Justice Program Enhancements for FY 2002-03 approved by the Board in October 2002, each of the attachments notes those proposed projects where the SCAQMD has been contacted regarding potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns.

The SCAQMD has established an internal central contact to receive information on projects with potential air quality-related environmental justice concerns. The public may contact the SCAQMD about projects of concern by the following means: in writing via fax, email, or standard letters; through telephone communication; as part of oral comments at SCAQMD meetings or other meetings where SCAQMD staff is present; or by submitting newspaper articles. The attachments also identify, for each project, the dates of the public comment period and the public hearing date, if applicable. Interested parties should rely on the lead agencies themselves for definitive information regarding public comment periods and hearings as these dates are occasionally modified by the lead agency.

At the January 6, 2006 Board meeting, the Board approved the Workplan for the Chairman's Clean Port Initiatives. One action item of the Chairman's Initiatives was to prepare a monthly report describing CEQA documents for projects related to goods movement and to make full use of the process to ensure the air quality impacts of such projects are thoroughly mitigated. In response to describing goods movement, CEQA documents (Attachments A and B) are organized to group projects of interest into the following categories: goods movement projects; schools; landfills and wastewater projects; airports; general land use projects, etc. In response to the mitigation component, guidance information on mitigation measures were compiled into a series of tables relative to: off-road engines; on-road engines; harbor craft; ocean-going vessels; locomotives; fugitive dust; and greenhouse gases. These mitigation measure tables are on the CEQA webpages portion of the SCAQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/air-quality-analysis-handbook/mitigation-measures-and-control-efficiencies>. Staff will continue compiling tables of mitigation measures for other emission sources, including airport ground support equipment and other sources.

As resources permit, staff focuses on reviewing and preparing comments for projects: where the SCAQMD is a responsible agency; that may have significant adverse regional air quality impacts (e.g., special event centers, landfills, goods movement, etc.); that may have localized or toxic air quality impacts (e.g., warehouse and distribution centers); where environmental justice concerns have been raised; and those projects for which a lead or responsible agency has specifically requested SCAQMD review. If staff provided written comments to the lead agency as noted in the column "Comment Status," there is a link to the "SCAQMD Letter" under the Project Description. In addition, if staff testified at a hearing for the proposed project, a notation is provided under the "Comment Status." If there is no notation, then staff did not provide testimony at a hearing for the proposed project.

During the period October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018, the SCAQMD received 102 CEQA documents. Of the total of 119 documents\* listed in Attachments A and B:

- 15 comment letters were sent;
- 25 documents were reviewed, but no comments were made;
- 28 documents are currently under review;
- 19 documents did not require comments (e.g., public notices);
- 0 documents were not reviewed; and
- 32 documents were screened without additional review.

\* These statistics are from October 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018 and may not include the most recent “Comment Status” updates in Attachments A and B.

Copies of all comment letters sent to lead agencies can be found on the SCAQMD’s CEQA webpage at the following internet address:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/ceqa/commenting-agency>.

**SCAQMD Lead Agency Projects (Attachment C)** – Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD periodically acts as lead agency for stationary source permit projects. Under CEQA, the lead agency is responsible for determining the type of CEQA document to be prepared if the proposal is considered to be a “project” as defined by CEQA. For example, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared when the SCAQMD, as lead agency, finds substantial evidence that the proposed project may have significant adverse effects on the environment. Similarly, a Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be prepared if the SCAQMD determines that the proposed project will not generate significant adverse environmental impacts, or the impacts can be mitigated to less than significance. The ND and MND are written statements describing the reasons why proposed projects will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, do not require the preparation of an EIR.

Attachment C to this report summarizes the active projects for which the SCAQMD is lead agency and is currently preparing or has prepared environmental documentation. As noted in Attachment C, the SCAQMD continued working on the CEQA documents for four active projects during October.

### **Attachments**

- A. Incoming CEQA Documents Log
- B. Ongoing Active Projects for Which SCAQMD Has or Will Conduct a CEQA Review
- C. Active SCAQMD Lead Agency Projects







**ATTACHMENT A  
INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG  
October 01, 2018 to October 31, 2018**

<u>SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER</u> PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<i>Airports</i> <b>SBC181018-01</b> Eastgate Building 1 Project	The proposed project consists of construction of a 655,746-square-foot warehouse, and two maintenance and service buildings totaling 50,000 square feet on 101.52 acres. The project is located on the southwest corner of Perimeter Road and Hangar Way in the City of San Bernardino. Reference SBC181017-02, SBC180904-03, and SBC180719-04 <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/eastgate-building-100918.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/eastgate-building-100918.pdf</a>  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 10/29/2018	Public Hearing	San Bernardino International Airport Authority	Document does not require comments
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> <b>LAC181002-01</b> Berths 206-209 Matson Buildings Demolition	The proposed project consists of demolition of four existing structures totaling 28,000 square feet for future development on 86 acres. The proposed project is located at Port of Los Angeles Berths 206-209 on the northwest corner of New Dock Street and South Henry Ford Avenue.  Comment Period: 9/27/2018 - 10/26/2018 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration	City of Los Angeles Harbor Department	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> <b>LAC181002-13</b> City Yards Master Plan Project	The proposed project consists of demolition, removal, and redevelopment of 16 existing buildings totaling 65,348 square feet, and construction of 51,013 square feet of new industrial buildings on 14.2 acres. The project is located at 2500 Michigan Avenue on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and 24th Street. Ref LAC171117-06  Comment Period: 10/2/2018 - 11/16/2018 Public Hearing: N/A	Draft Environmental Impact Report	City of Santa Monica	Under review, may submit written comments
<i>Industrial and Commercial</i> <b>LAC181009-04</b> Berths 118 and 119 (Kinder Morgan) Wharf Repair Project	The proposed project consists of construction of berthing and structural repairs including repair of wharf-support timber piles and wharf deck, and installation of new wharf-support and fender piles. The project is located southeast of the John S. Gibson Boulevard and West Harry Bridges Boulevard intersection. Reference LAC180814-11 <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/mndberths118and119-091218.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/mndberths118and119-091218.pdf</a>  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 10/18/2018	Response to Comments	City of Los Angeles Harbor Department	Document reviewed - No comments sent

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<i>Plans and Regulations</i>  <b>SBC181011-06</b> City of Fontana General Plan Update (Fontana Forward General Plan)	The proposed project consists of updates to the General Plan land use element, community and neighborhoods, housing element, health and wellness element, conservation element, public and community services element, community mobility and circulation element, infrastructure and green element, noise and safety element, sustainability and resilience element, economic development element, downtown area plan, and stewardship and implementation plan. Reference SBC180904-01, SBC180814-04, SBC180612-10 and SBC160301-02  Comment Period: N/A	Notice of Public Hearing	City of Fontana	Document does not require comments

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**ATTACHMENT C  
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS  
THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2018**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
<p>The Phillips 66 (formerly ConocoPhillips) Los Angeles Refinery Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel project was originally proposed to comply with federal, state and SCAQMD requirements to limit the sulfur content of diesel fuels. Litigation against the CEQA document was filed. Ultimately, the California Supreme Court concluded that the SCAQMD had used an inappropriate baseline and directed the SCAQMD to prepare an EIR, even though the project has been built and has been in operation since 2006. The purpose of this CEQA document is to comply with the Supreme Court's direction to prepare an EIR.</p>	<p>Phillips 66 (formerly ConocoPhillips), Los Angeles Refinery</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>The Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) was circulated for a 30-day public comment period on March 26, 2012 to April 26, 2012. The consultant submitted the administrative Draft EIR to SCAQMD in late July 2013. The Draft EIR was circulated for a 45-day public review and comment period from September 30, 2014 to November 13, 2014. Two comment letters were received and the consultant has prepared responses to comments which are undergoing SCAQMD review.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p>
<p>Quemetco is proposing to modify existing SCAQMD permits to allow the facility to recycle more batteries and to eliminate the existing daily idle time of the furnaces. The proposed project will increase the rotary feed drying furnace feed rate limit from 600 to 750 tons per day and increase the amount of total coke material allowed to be processed. In addition, the project will allow the use of petroleum coke in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke, and remove one existing emergency diesel-fueled internal combustion engine (ICE) and install two new emergency natural gas-fueled ICEs.</p>	<p>Quemetco</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>A Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) was released for a 56-day public review and comment period from August 31, 2018 to October 25, 2018, and 154 comment letters were received. Two CEQA scoping meetings were held on September 13, 2018 and October 11, 2018. SCAQMD staff is reviewing the comment letters.</p>	<p>Trinity Consultants</p>

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<p>Southern California Edison (SCE) is proposing to modify the air pollution control system for the Barre Peaker unit to repair current and prevent future water damage by: 1) decreasing the water-injection rate into the turbine’s combustor; 2) replacing the oxidation catalyst and increasing the overall area of catalyst beds in the selective catalytic reduction (SCR) unit; 3) replacing the ammonia injection grid to improve the deliverability of ammonia to the catalyst; and, 4) increasing the concentration of the aqueous ammonia that is delivered to the facility, stored on-site, and injected into the SCR unit from 19% to 29%. In addition, SCE is proposing to revise its SCAQMD Title V Operating Permit to allow the turbine to generate power over its full operating range, from less than one megawatt (MW) to full load (e.g., 45 MW net), while continuing to meet the emission limits in the current permit.</p>	<p>Southern California Edison</p>	<p>Addendum to the April 2007 Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Southern California Edison Barre Peaker Project in Stanton</p>	<p>This project was approved on October 30, 2018.</p>	<p>Yorke Engineering, LLC</p>
<p>Southern California Edison (SCE) is proposing to modify the air pollution control system for the Mira Loma Peaker unit to repair current and prevent future water damage by: 1) decreasing the water-injection rate into the turbine’s combustor; 2) replacing the oxidation catalyst and increasing the overall area of catalyst beds in the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) unit; 3) replacing the ammonia injection grid to improve the deliverability of ammonia to the catalyst; and, 4) increasing the concentration of the aqueous ammonia that is delivered to the facility, stored on-site, and injected into the SCR unit from 19% to 29%. In addition, SCE is proposing to revise its SCAQMD Title V Operating Permit to allow the turbine to generate power over its full operating range, from less than one megawatt (MW) to full load (e.g., 45 MW net), while continuing to meet the emission limits in the current permit.</p>	<p>Southern California Edison</p>	<p>Addendum to the April 2007 Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Southern California Edison Mira Loma Peaker Project in Ontario</p>	<p>SCAQMD staff has provided revisions to the Draft Addendum for the consultant to incorporate.</p>	<p>Yorke Engineering, LLC</p>