

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 2, 2018

AGENDA NO. 17

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 January 1, 2018 and January 31, 2018, and those projects for which the SCAQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, February 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 January 1, 2018 through January 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 83 CEQA documents were received during this reporting period and 19 comment letters were sent. A notable project in this report is the Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Project at the Port of Long Beach.

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, as reported at the time the CEQA document is received by the SCAQMD. 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 January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018, the SCAQMD received 83 CEQA documents. Of the total of 99 documents* listed in Attachments A and B:

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

* These statistics are from January 1, 2018 to January 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 five active projects during January.

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 B
ONGOING ACTIVE PROJECTS FOR WHICH SCAQMD HAS
OR IS CONTINUING TO CONDUCT A CEQA REVIEW**

| SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | TYPE OF DOC. | LEAD AGENCY | COMMENT STATUS |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| <i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> LAC171221-03 1045 Olive Project (ENV-2016-4630-EIR) | The proposed project consists of demolition of four buildings totaling 34,673 square feet, and construction of a 751,777-square-foot building with 794 residential units, 100,652 square feet of open space, and subterranean parking on 41,603 square feet. The project is located on the northwest corner of West 11st Street and South Olive Street in the community of Central City. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/nop1045olive-011618.pdf Comment Period: 12/21/2017 - 1/19/2018 Public Hearing: 1/10/2018 | Notice of Preparation | City of Los Angeles | SCAQMD staff commented on 1/16/2018 |
| <i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> RVC171226-02 17-TM-02, TM 27357 | The proposed project consists of construction of 309 residential units on 106.6 acres. The project is located on the southwest corner of Elm Avenue and Oak Valley Parkway. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/sp17tm02-010518.pdf Comment Period: 12/21/2017 - 1/11/2018 Public Hearing: N/A | Site Plan | City of Beaumont | SCAQMD staff commented on 1/5/2018 |
| <i>General Land Use (residential, etc.)</i> RVC171226-03 Tentative Tract Map No. 37434 - EA 43092 | The proposed project consists of subdivision of 214.7 acres for future development of 600 residential units. The project is located on the northeast corner of Jack Ivey Drive and Varner Road in the community of Western Coachella Valley. http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2018/sptm37434-010218.pdf Comment Period: 12/11/2017 - 1/4/2018 Public Hearing: N/A | Site Plan | County of Riverside | SCAQMD staff commented on 1/2/2018 |

- Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.

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

| PROJECT DESCRIPTION | PROPONENT | TYPE OF DOCUMENT | STATUS | CONSULTANT |
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| <p>Edgington Oil Company (Edgington) is proposing the following modifications at its existing Edgington Refinery site to allow for additional flexibility in using the site for terminal operations: 1) add 18 offloading arms at its existing rail tank car loading facility to allow for the offloading of distillates, biodiesel, and renewables (diesel and jet fuels), ethanol, naphtha, alkylates, reformate, and isooctane; 2) modify seven truck loading racks to allow distillates, biodiesel, and renewables to be loaded; 3) modify one rack (two arms) to allow unloading of crude oil from trucks; and 4) modify 16 existing fixed-roof asphalt storage tanks to allow storage of distillates, biodiesel, and renewables.</p> | <p>Edgington Oil Company</p> | <p>Initial Study (IS)</p> | <p>An Initial Study has been prepared by the consultant and SCAQMD staff has provided comments. The consultant is in the process of revising the Initial Study.</p> | <p>InterAct</p> |
| <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 responses to comments are being prepared.</p> | <p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</p> |
| <p>Quemetco is proposing an increase in the daily furnace feed rate.</p> | <p>Quemetco</p> | <p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p> | <p>A Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) has been prepared by the consultant and SCAQMD staff has provided comments. The consultant has provided a revised NOP/IS which is undergoing SCAQMD review.</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>A draft Addendum has been prepared by the consultant and is under review by SCAQMD staff.</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>A draft Addendum has been prepared by the consultant and is under review by SCAQMD staff.</p> | <p>Yorke Engineering, LLC</p> |