

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 2, 2016

AGENDA NO. 18

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, 2016 and October 31, 2016, and those projects for which the SCAQMD is acting as lead agency pursuant to CEQA.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, November 18, 2016, 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 of between October 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016 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 79 CEQA documents were received during this reporting period and 23 comment letters were sent. Notable projects in this report are: Sycamore Canyon Business Park.

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. Furthermore, 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; and 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. Staff will continue compiling tables of mitigation measures for other emission sources, including airport ground support equipment, etc.

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 the SCAQMD 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 the SCAQMD staff testified at a hearing for the proposed project, a notation is provided under the "Comment Status." If there is no notation, then SCAQMD staff did not provide testimony at a hearing for the proposed project.

During the period October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016, the SCAQMD received 79 CEQA documents. Of the total of 87 documents\* listed in Attachments A and B:

- 23 comment letters were sent;
- 35 documents were reviewed, but no comments were made;
- 21 documents are currently under review;
- 0 documents did not require comments (e.g., public notices, plot plans, Final Environmental Impact Reports);
- 0 documents were not reviewed; and
- 8 documents were screened without additional review.

\* These statistics are from October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016 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 three 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, 2016 TO OCTOBER 31, 2016**

SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>LAC161021-01</b> Sycamore Canyon Business Park Buildings 1 and 2	The proposed project consists of grading, construction, and operation of approximately 1.4-million square feet of light industrial office and warehouse uses contained within two buildings. The project site is located west of Sycamore Canyon Boulevard and Lance Drive. Reference RVC160811-02 and RVC150818-05  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 11/3/2016	Notice of a Public Hearing	City of Riverside	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC161004-10</b> Dendy Parkway Distribution Building	The proposed project consists of the construction of a 151,180-square-foot distribution center. The project is located at the northwest corner of Winchester Road and Dendy Parkway. The project comment period has been extended. Reference RVC160830-14  Comment Period: 8/28/2016 - 10/10/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration	City of Temecula	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b>Warehouse &amp; Distribution Centers</b> <b>RVC161006-06</b> Agua Mansa Commerce Center - MA16170 (GPA16003, CZ16008, SP16002, and DA16002)	The proposed project consists of a specific plan for the Agua Mansa Commerce Park on approximately 277 acres of land which consists of 3.6 million square-feet of speculative buildings, which may include warehouse distribution uses, commercial service at the corner of Rubidoux and El Rivino, and 67 acres of recreation area dedicated to City for public use. The project is located at 1500 Rubidoux Boulevard and El Rivino Road.  <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/october/PCma16170aguamansa.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/october/PCma16170aguamansa.pdf</a>  Comment Period: 10/3/2016 - 10/24/2016 Public Hearing: N/A	Initial Project Consultation	City of Jurupa Valley	SCAQMD staff commented on 10/11/2016
<b>Airports</b> <b>ALL161004-02</b> FAA Southern California Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (SoCal Metroplex)	The project consists of publishing and implementing arrival and departure instrument procedures that employ Performance-Based Navigation, such as Area Navigation and Required Navigation-Performance. This document consists of the lead agency's final decision by its signing of the Finding of No Significant Impact on August 31, 2016. Reference ALL160901-02, ALL150812-01 and ALL150610-01  Comment Period: N/A Public Hearing: 10/25/2016	Finding of No Significant Impact	United States Federal Aviation Administration	Document reviewed - No comments sent

\*Sorted by Land Use Type (in order of land uses most commonly associated with air quality impacts), followed by County, then date received.

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

Documents received by the CEQA Intergovernmental Review program but not requiring review are not included in this report.

**ATTACHMENT A  
INCOMING CEQA DOCUMENTS LOG  
OCTOBER 01, 2016 TO OCTOBER 31, 2016**

SCAQMD LOG-IN NUMBER PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DOC.	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT STATUS
<b><i>Industrial and Commercial</i></b> <b>LAC161007-01</b> SPR-01048-2015, OAK-01049-2015, SIGN-01069-2015, and VTPM 73890- TRM-01170-2015	The proposed project consists of the construction of six new one- and two-story, light industrial buildings totaling 69,867 square feet on a vacant site. The project is located at 29621 Agoura Road. Reference LAC160727-08  Comment Period: N/A	Notice of a Public Hearing	City of Agoura Hills	Document reviewed - No comments sent
<b><i>Waste and Water-related</i></b> <b>LAC161005-04</b> Univar USA Inc. to Perform Soil Vapor Sampling	The proposed project consists of soil sampling activities at and near the former Univar USA, Inc. The work is being performed by Univar as part of the ongoing corrective action activities at the site which is located on adjacent parcels on land at 1363 S. Bonnie Beach Place and 4256 Noakes Street, Los Angeles. The work involves operating the existing on-site soil vapor and groundwater extraction and treatment systems until cleanup goals are met, and installing a new groundwater extraction system to treat the off-site groundwater plume. Reference LAC160705-05 and LAC150930-03  Comment Period: 10/6/2016 - 11/11/2016	Community Notice	Department of Toxic Substances Control	Under review, may submit written comments
<b><i>Waste and Water-related</i></b> <b>LAC161011-11</b> AVA Hollywood Redevelopment Project	The proposed project consists of a draft Remedial Action Plan for tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene were found in soil gas, soil, and at the site. The project is bounded by Lexington Avenue to the north, Santa Monica Boulevard to the south, and North Las Palmas Avenue to the west.  <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/october/other(raw)ava-hollywood.pdf">http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/comment-letters/2016/october/other(raw)ava-hollywood.pdf</a>  Comment Period: 10/7/2016 - 11/7/2016	Community Notice	Department of Toxic Substances Control	SCAQMD staff commented on 10/27/2016
<b><i>Waste and Water-related</i></b> <b>LAC161021-06</b> Recycle City Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project	The proposed project consists of the revision of an existing Solid Waste Facility Permit to add municipal solid waste processing. To accommodate this change in processing, a building and sub-surface load-out tunnel would be constructed. The project site is located at 9309 Rayo Avenue in the City of Southgate.  Comment Period: 10/18/2016 - 11/17/2016	Notice of Availability of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration	County of Los Angeles	Under review, may submit written comments

# - Project has potential environmental justice concerns due to the nature and/or location of the project.  
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**ATTACHMENT C  
ACTIVE SCAQMD LEAD AGENCY PROJECTS  
THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPONENT	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	STATUS	CONSULTANT
<p>Tesoro Refinery proposes to integrate the Tesoro Wilmington Operations with the Tesoro Carson Operations (former BP Refinery). The proposed project also includes modifications of storage tanks at both facilities, new interconnecting pipelines, and new electrical connections. In addition, Carson's Liquid Gas Rail Unloading facilities will be modified. The proposed project will be designed to comply with the federally mandated Tier 3 gasoline specifications and with State and local regulations mandating emission reductions.</p>	<p>Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company Los Angeles Refinery</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</p>	<p>The comment period for the Draft EIR closed on June 10, 2016. Responses to comments are being prepared.</p>	<p>Environmental Audit, Inc.</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>An Initial Study has been prepared by the consultant and is under review by SCAQMD staff.</p>	<p>Trinity Consultants</p>

A shaded row indicates a new project.