



Land Use & Natural Resources Committee

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Information

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Update on Reasonably Available Control Measures Process

Issue: SACOG needs to conduct an analysis of transportation control measures for inclusion in the update of the 8-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Recommendation: None, this item is information only.

Discussion: Control measures are sometimes needed in order for the region to meet federal air quality control standards. If transportation related control measures are needed from the MTP/SCS and other sources to meet attainment, SACOG is required to conduct analysis to identify reasonably available control measures (RACM), which must meet the following criteria:

- The control measure is technologically feasible
- The control measure is economically feasible
- The control measure does not cause “substantial widespread and long-term adverse impacts”
- The control measure is not “absurd, unenforceable, or impracticable”
- The control measures, if considered collectively, could advance the attainment date by at least one year.

Candidate control measures are pulled from several places, including: the currently adopted 8-Hour Ozone SIP, the adopted MTP/SCS, and control measures from surrounding MPOs. In addition, SACOG is including in this RACM analysis measures from the update of the Scoping Plan, the implementation guide to statewide achievement of AB32 goals, which have the potential to reduce Ozone in addition to GHG emissions.

SACOG is in the process of selecting a consultant to help in the RACM analysis, and hopes to have the RACM process complete in September to allow time for adoption of the 8-Hour Ozone SIP in spring of 2016.

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