

**Sacramento Regional  
8-Hour Ozone Attainment And  
Reasonable Further Progress Plan**

**Public Comments and Staff Responses at the Public Hearing**

**Board Meeting  
Placer County Air Pollution Control District**

**February 19, 2009**

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Public Hearing Comments (Auburn, February 19, 2009)

**Comment 1:** **Jason Crow, Senior Planner of Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)**

SACOG supports the adoption of the SIP documents. The SIP is especially important since all of the SACOG transportation plans and programs adopted for the region must demonstrate conformity. Without the SIP budgets, SACOG cannot demonstrate conformity and the region will enter into a conformity lapse. Basically, the conformity lapse means federal transportation dollars will be cut off and federal agencies cannot approve environmental documents. The potential impacts of not acting would be huge and SACOG feels that the timing is critical. SACOG anticipates the federal approval of the economic stimulus package and reauthorization of the federal transportation bill within this next year. The region does not want to jeopardize these two opportunities for funding and improving the region's transportation infrastructure. SACOG understands the important role of emissions coming from the transportation sector and SACOG has taken that into account in developing the region's transportation plan. This SIP is important to meet the clean air goals for the region as well as implementing the region's transportation plan and program.

**Response:** *Comment noted.*

**Comment 2:** **Rick Bettes, Breathe California Sacramento Emigrant Trails**

Breathe California strongly supports the Board to approve the Plan and urge them to do so. Mr. Bettes agreed with the previous speakers on the benefits of this Plan. Some of the measures that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and overall emissions will also have a secondary benefit of reducing particulate matter and greenhouse gases. They are critical issues that we have to face up to very shortly.

**Response:** *Comment noted.*

**Comment 3:** **Camile Kustin, Environmental Defense Fund**

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) strongly supports the Board's adoption of the SIP and Transportation Control Measures (TCM). The air districts' analysis of feasible measures to include in the Plan has been comprehensive and thorough. The combination of the control measures the air districts selected are cost effective and will achieve the needed reduction for the region to meet the federal clean air requirements and protect public health.

**Response:** *Comment noted.*

**Comment 4:** **Angela Shepard, Cleaner Air Partnership**

Clean Air Partnership supports adoption of the proposed SIP documents.

**Response:** *Comment noted.*