

Calaveras Council of Governments

Air Quality, 8-Hour Ozone Non-Attainment

Project Update Report

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SUMMARY

Calaveras and Amador counties are non-attainment for 8 hour ozone requirement. The counties are required to have an approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) by June 15, 2007. The SIP includes an emission's budget which is currently being prepared. The emission's budget is based on the latest traffic model and population projections. Caltrans is recommending CCOG adopt the population projections since they differ from the Department of Finance projections.

DISCUSSION

Caltrans District 10 and the California Air Resource Board are currently working on developing the emission's budget. This budget determines the maximum allowable emissions that can be in the Amador/Calaveras air area. If there is unanticipated rapid population growth, then the emission budget may reach its maximum budget during early years. If this should happen, then there would be no more federal funding for transportation projects.

The recent land use data updates for the Copperopolis and Valley Springs area have been completed and the traffic model updated by the County. This information was completed in time to justify additional anticipated population growth and is being factored into the emissions budget. Caltrans has asked that the Calaveras Council of Governments adopt the new population projections for air quality and regional transportation planning purposes.

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are available to Calaveras and Amador to complete projects that reduce air pollution. During the September TAC meeting, the County proposed requesting CMAQ funds for a Transit/Park and Ride Facility, to be located possibly north of Angels Camp at the SR 4 and new Bypass intersection. During the October TAC meeting, the County also proposed that a portion of the funding be used toward the SR 12 and 26 signalization project. CMAQ scoring criteria to rate proposed projects submitted for this funding is being developed by CCOG staff.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Target Date	Milestones	Comments
December 2006	Draft Emission's Budget completed	Review draft emission's budget
January 2007	Draft SIP completed	Review draft SIP
June 2007	SIP due to EPA	SIP must be completed by 6-15-07