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SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)
2015 Conformity Analysis addressing the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 Standards for the
2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the 2014 Regional
Transportation Plan (RTP)

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the MCTC's 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP as amended. A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for the new RTP pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

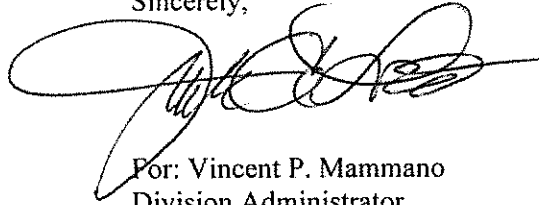
This conformity analysis was required in response to the implementation rule published in March 2015 for 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5, which address a new attainment year of 2031. In accordance with Section 93.122(g) of the conformity rule, the 2015 conformity demonstration for the 2008 Ozone and 2012 PM2.5 Standards relies on the federally approved previous emissions analysis for carbon monoxide, PM-10 and PM2.5 (1997 24-hour & Annual Standards and the 2006 24-Hour Standard).

The 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP and corresponding conformity analysis were approved by FHWA and FTA on December 15, 2014. No changes are made to the projects and/or project phases contained in the 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP, as amended and therefore, approval of the 2015 Conformity Analysis for the 2008 Ozone and 2014 PM2.5 Standards does not interfere with the timely implementation of any approved TCMs.

On October 21, 2015, MCTC adopted the subject conformity analysis and made the corresponding conformity determination via Resolution 15-10. The conformity analysis submitted indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that the 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP as amended conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the December 15, 2014, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for the subject conformity analysis for MCTC's 2014 RTP and 2015 FTIP as amended. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Scott Carson (scott.carson@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent P. Mammano', written over a horizontal line.

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator