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SUBJECT: 8-Hour Ozone Standard Conformity Determination for the Butte County Association of Governments' 2012 RTP and 2013 FTIP, as amended

Dear Mr. Clark:

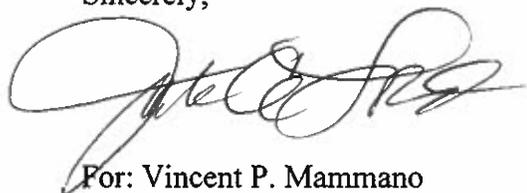
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the 8-hour ozone conformity determination for the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), as amended. Effective July 20, 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated areas as nonattainment for the new 8-hour ozone standard.

BCAG made the 8-hour conformity determination for the 2012 RTP and 2013 FTIP, as amended, on June 27, 2013. The conformity analysis submitted to the FHWA and the FTA by BCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met, including those for the 8-hour ozone standard. Based on our review, we find that the 2012 RTP and 2013 FTIP, as amended, conform to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *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. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office, pursuant to the Transportation Conformity Rule.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.102(d), this conformity determination fulfills the requirement that areas designated nonattainment for the 8-hour ozone standard complete a conformity determination by July 20, 2013. In accordance with Section 93.122(g) of the conformity rule, portions of this conformity determination relied on a previous regional emissions analysis.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval, please contact Joseph Vaughn (Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov) of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5346.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent P. Mammano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "M".

For: Vincent P. Mammano
Division Administrator