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### E - MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2008

TO: Interagency Consultation Review (ICR) Group

FROM: Brian Lasagna, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT: Request for Interagency Consultation Review – BCAG's 2008 RTP Air Quality Conformity**

The purpose of this memo is to request a change for establishing the 2002 emissions baseline number for the purpose of meeting the “no-greater-than-2002” test for the ozone precursors Reactive Organic Gas (ROG) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx).

In a previous memo to the ICR dated July 21, 2008, BCAG staff proposed to rely on a previous conformity determination (BCAG's 2009 FTIP, adopted July 24, 2008) for establishing the 2002 baseline emissions number.

*For the “no-greater-than-2002” test, the 2002 emissions estimates for ROG and NOx will be the same as those used in the previous ozone conformity determinations. Because BCAG does not have an adopted maintenance plan for ozone, these 2002 emissions estimates will be taken directly from BCAG's 2009 FTIP, adopted July 24, 2008, which represents the most current document for which these estimates are available.*

After further review, BCAG staff recognized the using emissions numbers generated from our previous transportation model and the EMFAC2002 emissions model was creating a scenario of “comparing apples to oranges”.

**As such, BCAG is requesting that this group (the “Interagency Consultation Review Group”) concur with BCAG's proposal to develop a new 2002 baseline emissions number for the ozone precursors ROG and NOx.** The new baseline numbers will be developed using the EMFAC2007 emissions model and the updated BCAG regional traffic model (backcast to 2002 from the 2006 validation year). Therefore, BCAG will no longer be relying on a previous conformity determination.

Please provide us with a response by the end of the week if possible. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email.

For informational purposes, a copy of the July 31, 2008 ICR agenda and memorandum have been attached.

Thank you.

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