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**SUBJECT:** AQ Conformity Determination - Butte County Association of Governments' 2016  
Regional Transportation Plan and 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (2016 RTP) and 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2017 FTIP). A FHWA/FTA 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 *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On December 8, 2016, BCAG adopted the 2016 RTP and made the corresponding conformity determinations via Resolution 2016/2017-#14. The BCAG conformity finding is based on a new regional emission analysis conducted for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that the 2016 RTP and 2017 FTIP conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 32, 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 BCAG 2016 RTP and 2017 FTIP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Wade Hobbs at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wade Hobbs".

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
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