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SUBJECT: AQ Conformity Determination - Butte County Association of Governments' 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and 2016 Regional Transportation Plan

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) 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (2016 RTP). A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination is required for the new 2019 FTIP and 2016 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 September 27, 2018, BCAG adopted the 2019 FTIP and corresponding conformity determination via Resolution 2018/2019-06. Based on our review, and after consultation with the EPA Region 9 office, we find that the 2019 FTIP and 2016 RTP conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the February 14, 2018, *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 2019 FTIP and 2016 RTP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Scott Carson (scott.carson@dot.gov) at (916) 498-5029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tashia J. Clemons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Tashia J. Clemons
Director, Planning and Environment