

South Central Fresno Committee Meeting Notes
December 13, 2018 – 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sequoia Middle School, Fresno

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

Samir Sheikh welcomed the audience and outlined his goals for the District's AB 617 implementation.

3. Steering Committee Facilitator & Member Introductions – Dave Warner, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

Dave Warner introduced facilitator Jessica Luternauer followed by all committee members introducing themselves.

4. What can AB 617 do for your Community?

a. AB 617 Goals – Sheraz Gill, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

Sheraz outlined the District's regional clean air efforts and emphasized that despite significant progress, much more needs to be done. Explained that the AB 617 effort was established to address community-level air quality issues. He also provided an overview of the District's current air monitoring efforts and described the process the committee would go through in advising the District on the creation of a Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) for South Central Fresno.

b. Community Incentive Efforts & Opportunities – Brian Dodds, Strategies & Incentives Program Manager

Brian described the District's successful grants program and highlighted the 2.1 billion dollars of successful clean-air projects that have been implemented and the noted 144,000 tons of emissions that have been reduced. He described the high demand for funding and the need AB 617 will serve to provide incentive funding for low income and disadvantaged communities.

Following staff's presentation, a committee member brought up the boundaries of the steering committee study area. Dave Warner informed participants that expanding boundaries will be explored at a future meeting.

A community resident voiced their concern about idling cars at schools and the smog that is produced. Dave Warner stated the Air District is currently working on this issue with school districts with our Healthy Air Living Schools program.

Before breaking into groups, a committee member requested that a copy of CARB's Blueprint be distributed to every member of the Steering Committee, as there were concerns about boundaries, monitors and incentive funding. Jessica Luternauer informed the committee that a

copy of the blueprint will be provided to all members by the next meeting. She also informed the committee that additional items cannot be added to the current agenda, due to time constraints, but can be added to future agendas.

5. Steering Committee Air Quality Interests and Concerns

a. Start Living List on Easel – *Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator*

The committee broke out into groups to discuss the issues they would like to see on future steering committee agendas.

GROUP BREAKOUTS

Group 1 – To this group, reliable air quality data is very important and is requesting a better outreach program.

Group 2 – Regional air pollution is a concern, but need to focus on local sources of pollution, as those will have local impacts. Other concerns include job growth with increase in truck traffic, high unemployment, walkable communities, and disadvantaged communities struggling for better-paying jobs. It is imperative for the District to help the economic development arms of the county and the city to see what can be done to entice employers to locate in disadvantaged communities, while not creating pollution.

Group 3 – This group would like a better understanding of the steering committee structure, the potential boundary expansion, transportation routes and infrastructure for trucks, and the biomass incinerator around the area, and the need for milestone plans.

Group 4 – This group was interested in getting air monitors at public schools that provide real-time data, as well as other sensitive receptors like nursing homes or hospitals. This group was also interested in improving communication with schools so they know when kids should not be outdoors during certain times.

Group 5 – This group stated that it's important to provide incentives through education, solar, green lawns and better home installation. They would also like to see youth be taught about air quality, what it is, as well as air quality data.

Group 6 – This group is requesting information on incentive programs that were mentioned, and provide incentives to homeowners of rental properties to change out fireplaces. They would also like to see safe sidewalks and crosswalks in their community, and urge farmers to use organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers. This group would also like to see enforcement for vehicle idling at schools, but to also include police officers' vehicles because they leave them on for hours. They'd also like to see public notices in Spanish, not only English so they can be more involved.

The following is the list of concerns for this steering committee:

- Air pollution is regional
- Create trucks that pollute less
- Walkable communities
- Attract non-polluting business
- Accurate air pollution information
- Education/incentives for business
- Education for youth
- Limit leaf blower use and fireplaces
- Training/education about applying for incentives
- Poverty and pollution
- Cultural competency outreach
- Mapping exercise to identify sources of pollution
- Emissions and technology
- Description of available technology
- Medical impact of air quality
- Sidewalks (good condition) and crosswalks
- Encourage organic fertilizers
- Enforcement of rules like turning off cars
- Bilingual materials
- Higher incentives for student car replacement
- Better outreach
- Information about incentives
- Understanding of steering committee structure
- Equitable air monitoring system
- Workforce impacts and connection to incentives
- Truck emissions and idling in neighborhoods
- Smoke from homeless encampments
- More information about incentive programs
- Milestone plans
- More monitors for public schools, nursing homes, etc.
- Impacts on business
- Business incentives (non-mobile sources)
- Incentives to community residents

6. Steering Committee Charter – *Dave Warner, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer & Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator*

This item was tabled.

7. Topics for Next Meeting – *Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator*

Committee members were asked to bring up any questions they have about the next meeting and the topic they would like to cover.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

- Agenda begin with charter discussion
- Explain air monitoring plan, what is the data going to be used for, what is collected, etc.
- Define purpose of AB 617
- Community Boundary
- Map out sources of air pollution in the community
- Information on the medical impact of air quality
- Can meetings follow Brown Act?

8. Public Comment

Jessica opened the floor to public comment.

Member of the public asked if any technical consultants would be involved. Dave Warner addressed the topic of monitors in the area and how the process works, and mentioned that this can potentially be an area for involvement of technical consultants.

Jessica adjourned the meeting.

Refer to the meeting audio and video to review the full details and comments from the meeting.