

AB 617 Fresno Community Steering Committee - Meeting # 4
March 13, 2019, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
East Fresno Boys and Girls Club

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome

Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator

Jessica Luternauer brought up a request from committee members to start future meetings earlier. The committee agreed to change the start time from 6:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

3. Community Boundary Presentation

Jessica Olsen, Program Manager of Analysis, Modeling, and Monitoring

Samir Sheikh provided the introduction to this item. He mentioned the importance of utilizing established guidelines. He stated that South Central Fresno has one of the biggest AB 617 steering committees in the state of California. Increasing the boundaries of South Central Fresno may require recruitment of new members and additional resources to bring them up to speed. He committed to finalizing the recommendations within a week and will be looking to adjust boundaries to reflect comments and recommendations of steering committee.

Jessica Olsen provided an overview of the South Central Fresno community selection process as determined by numerous indicators and prioritization process. Some highlights from the presentation include:

- The CARB-approved boundary also received support by community advocates with recommendation to add Daleville.
- Advisory role of Steering Committee and guiding principles set by AB 617 assure the consideration for Steering Committee recommendation for boundary expansion continues to reflect the intent of CARB's original decision for selecting South Central Fresno and limitations on resource availability.
- The District is committed to working with community to ensure South West Fresno community be considered for future years of AB 617 and to work with the community to promote additional monitoring, funding and program opportunities. This includes leveraging current resources in the community like the TCC project.
- Reviewed potential boundaries #1 (extends industrial sources around Malaga, includes community of Daleville), #2 (consideration of resources availability, remove census tracts not in top 5% of most disadvantaged), and #3 (extends to Cherry Ave as recommended by Valley advocates in CARB September hearing, removes tracts not included in top 5%).
- Outlined that the next steps in reaching consensus for boundary adjustments.

Summary of Feedback from Steering Committee

Comments that were mentioned multiple times are indicated by *.

- Traffic near zoo is a big concern – why is it excluded?
- Community has said that they want a big footprint
- What is methodology with leaving out Roeding Park?
- How does current boundary compare to other urban communities identified?
- I'm concerned that we are throwing out the work of CARB
- The bigger you spread the footprint, that's the worst approach
- Want most dollars for the area
- This is about talking about the smaller companies that aren't monitored
- Recommend adjustment #1*
- Work with CARB to identify Southwest Fresno community
- This is a one shot deal for the next few years
- We asked for all of American Ave. West to Marks
- Urban is going to be included in this area (industrial triangle)
- People who are removed should be up to committee
- Why isn't the final boundary up to the committee?
- We are a fundamental part of this process
- How are we going to make clear what you want from us in this committee?
- CARB's selection was preliminary
- There is nothing that will enforce the Air District for helping Southwest Fresno
- Annual metrics won't be tracked if we don't go into area
- Recommend going into Southwest Fresno *
- We have to work together
- It's not right that you develop a map that doesn't include top polluters
- Option #1 would be better if it were expanded to 41
- Adjustment #3 should include more of Malaga's industrial area
- Southwest Fresno has the worst air quality in Fresno
- TCC investment is not enough
- I don't understand why I'm here (Tower resident) and SW Fresno is not
- We need to start testing in contaminated areas *
- We need to be accounting for where we are growing
- If it is not feasible to add 15-20 members, then why not?
- I don't think the District has been following the rules they set out for us
- At the next meeting, I'd like us to move forward
- This is a multiyear approach and it will be multiyear funding
- You are not listening to the community
- I don't get a summer and I don't get a winter. I get 6 months.
- You're either a good steward or part of the problem
- I feel strongly about dropping unemployment
- The Air District is not incompetent
- The thing that gets under my skin is when you change the goal post
- This Board doesn't have any land use authority
- You should consider the quality of life of the working class

Summary of Comments from Public Attendees

- Why don't we open up North Fresno to companies?

- What good is a good paying job if you're sick?
- SW area has worst air quality and will get worse with community college
- People who don't have AC can't keep windows closed
- We need to focus on areas that this committee decided
- I see no progress. The committee needs to be the driver.
- Let's focus on including highly polluted areas
- It doesn't hurt people who don't live in this area
- We need more than the best you can do
- This community needs clean air
- We should include the Edison area and extend east
- Antihistamines are only temporary
- We can move mobile air monitors from east to west
- We should put in our proposals for research grants
- Maps do not reflect what community wanted
- It was CARB's plan for boundaries to be a start
- There are a lot of resources available

Committee Motions

Ivanka Saunders motioned to include Southwest Fresno in the boundary (south to American and west to Marks as requested previously). This was seconded by Lisa Flores. The vote to expand the boundaries to include Southwest Fresno resulted in 14 in favor and 5 opposed (1 of which was ex officio member).

4. Development of South Central Fresno Air Quality Monitoring Plan

Jon Klassen, Director of Strategies and Incentives

Due to time constraints, item moved to next meeting.

5. Committee Input on Community Air Monitoring Needs

Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator

Due to time constraints, item moved to next meeting.

6. Topics for Next Meeting/Meeting Wrap-Up

Samir Sheikh, APCO

Samir Sheikh provided an update to the committee on air monitoring placement at Roosevelt High School. The site will have a PM2.5 monitor and other air monitoring. Committee should receive a link as soon as it is available. He also informed the committee that a map of permitted sources have been completed and will be sent to the committee. Following this update, the meeting was adjourned.

7. Public Comment

Public comments were received during the Community Boundary discussion, as summarized above.

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