

AB 617 Shafter Community Steering Committee - Meeting #4
March 11, 2019, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Shafter Veterans Hall

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome

Jimmy Yee, Facilitator

Jimmy Yee announced a change in the commenting process. Moving forward, the committee and the public will have the opportunity for comment after each presentation. Yee 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. Yee also mentioned that the Community map is available online and can be accessed for free at the Learning Center (open Monday through Thursday from 8 AM – 5 PM and on weekends).

3. Presentation by California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) on Agency Efforts in Shafter Area
DPR Staff (Randy Segawa, Special Advisor and Edgar Vidrio, Air Program Manager)

Yee introduced Randy Segawa, Special Advisor, and Edgar Vidrio, Program Manager with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). The DPR representatives explained that DPR is part of Cal EPA and one of three agencies that regulate the sales and the use of pesticides (EPA and Kern Ag Office are the other two). Each representative had a section within the PowerPoint presentation where they went into detail on the types of pesticide air monitoring, the reasons for monitoring in Shafter in addition to the location of the monitors placed in Shafter. Edgar and Randy provided an overview of the pesticide air monitoring results measured in Shafter from 2011-2017.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- I feel bad for those who have been impacted by pesticides
- How is pesticide air monitoring information shared with the public?
 - Fact sheets, websites, outreach
- Is there a baseline in Shafter for pesticide air monitoring? How is it being communicated?
- What action will be taken with pesticide that exceeded levels?
- Have you had public meetings in Shafter to share results?
- How do you monitor the concentration in outlying communities?
- Would you consider reports from individual monitors?
- Would you expect other ag areas to be similar to Shafter? Are we unusual?
- When did the City ask you to take the monitor away?
- Since the first detection was high, when do you sample?
- Do you have the date for the second sample?
- .56 was raised from what level?
 - .14
- Did everyone scramble to decide what to do about elevated reading?
- Is there a fine for going over target?
- Is air application better than land application for my health?

- Is there a possibility that we would have an app where we can see if it's ok for kids to go outside?
- Is there a time of day where you see the spike?
- Are monitors set up in the direction that the wind blow?
- Can you consider weekend application to limit exposure to kids at school?
- A version of data that shows percentage of screening target would be helpful
- Do you monitor combinations of pesticides?
- How long does it take to share report with the public?
- What kind of violations for high readings?
- Is Ag Commissioner in charge of enforcing violations?
- What was enforcement action for failure to meet 36-hour window?
- How do you reduce impacts after high reading?
- Are kids who play sports after school being protected?
 - They are required to stop if they see kids nearby
- Is there any notification for people who live near the fields?
- Are there any days off for these monitors?
- How far is the reading from the station?
- How effective is the one monitor?
- Where are the 8 sites?
- Do you see a lot of difference between Parlier and here?
- Are there any protections for those who live near orchards?
- How long does it take for regulators to respond?
- How often are these applications happening?
- Why did state Dept. of Environmental Health recommend against raising level?
- Have you heard that exposure at any level under 2 is unsafe?
- How are you reading Chlorpyrifos?
- Do you foresee that we can start alerting residents to what will be sprayed around them?
- Is DPR creating an app for complaints?
- Why can't we use the app to learn about what's being sprayed?
- Pilot project for pesticide notification in Kern County?
- Every two weeks/month people are dying of cancer
- This is a contamination bomb
- What are short term exposure symptoms to 1,3-D?
- Recommend survey of students at Sequoia and those who live nearby to check health impacts from 2018?
- How can 24 hour monitoring be integrated into AB617 work?

Public Comment:

- Were the chemicals on page 8 of handout restricted?
- Are these the field sites that you're talking about that are short term?
- How is school notification being enforced?
- One community monitoring site is not sufficient. We should be looking at multiple sites.
- What does the annual notification do if the schools don't have time and details about spraying?
- Pilot notification program didn't happen
- In 28 years how many pesticides have been banned?
- What do we know about our children's health around schools?

- When are health studies triggered?
- Doesn't seem that notification should be that complicated
- Do you have to have a license to apply pesticides?
- Records of application to those who live adjacent to sites
- Do you average out when there are no applications?
- Community members are interested in controls and regulations
- What is DPR doing to protect children?
- Suggestions for what DPR app might look like

4. Introduction to Components of a Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP)

Jessica Coria, Air District Senior Air Quality Specialist

Due to the length of the DPR presentation and the many committee and public questions, Jessica Coria was unable to provide a full presentation on *Introduction to Components of a Community Emission Reduction Program*. Instead, she provided a quick overview of the presentation and recommended that the committee go through the full presentation and consider the following questions for more in-depth discussions on CERPs in the next scheduled meeting.

- Comments or questions on lay-out and components of CERP
- Sources of pollution that are a concern to the community
- Ways to reduce pollution from these sources that you would like to see implemented, or would like to learn more about
- Emission reduction funding programs that you would like to receive more information about, or see increased funding in the community
- What specific information and resources could assist the Steering Committee in providing meaningful input on the CERP?

Todd DeYoung Program Manager of the Strategies and Incentive department announced that the next Tune In Tune Up event will be held next weekend the 23rd of March, at the Kern County fairgrounds in Bakersfield. Currently an event for Shafter and the surrounding areas is in the works.

Jon Klassen announced that the PM2.5 analyzer in Shafter is now available to view on the District website with the ability to look back to February.

5. Committee Discussion of CERP Components

Jimmy Yee, Facilitator

Jimmy Yee announced the [PowerPoint](#) presentation for the CERP Components is available on the AB617 District website for Shafter.

6. Topics for Next Meeting

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