

AB 617 Community Steering Committee - Meeting #8
June 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Vang Pao Elementary School Cafeteria

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome

Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator

Jessica welcomed the Committee, reviewed the agenda, and introduced the first speaker, Jon Klassen.

3. Community Air Monitoring Plan Implementation (Report on Air Monitoring Subcommittee Meeting and Committee Recommendations on Air Monitoring Network Design)

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District Staff

Steering Committee Members

Jon Klassen, Valley Air District Director of Strategies and Incentives, provided an introduction to this item. Janet Gardner, Steering Committee and Monitoring Subcommittee member, presented the Monitoring Subcommittee's recommendation based on the technical information and group exercises conducted at the June 5, 2019, Monitoring Subcommittee meeting. The full Steering Committee voted to support the monitoring plan as proposed by the Subcommittee, with 17 in favor and 0 opposed.

Summary of Feedback from Committee Members:

- Compact air monitoring system location (close to Cedar and Orange). Why is this not on Jensen Avenue?
- Will there be PM 2.5 monitoring at Fresno Foundry?
- What are next steps (e.g. [steering committee] voting [on] recommendations)?
- How will data be made public?
- Why isn't data from subcommittee meeting available for full committee?
- Should be provided to committee as hard copies

4. CERP Development and Draft Strategies

Jessica Coria, Air District Senior Air Quality Specialist

Jessica Coria reviewed the timeline for the Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) development, including upcoming deadlines and a meeting schedule outlining upcoming meetings to develop the CERP Emission Reduction Strategies, Targets, and Metrics. Moving into the meeting topic, Jessica discussed potential methods to reduce emissions, which include incentive-based pollution reduction strategies, regulatory strategies, outreach and engagement strategies, partnerships with other agencies, and exposure reduction strategies. Finally, Jessica introduced the group exercises for the evening, which consisted of "World Café" style conversation tables to facilitate questions and answers about the preliminary list of Emission Reduction Strategy Concepts, as well as brainstorming of additional ideas for emission reductions.

Summary of Feedback from Committee Members:

- Will this list be what we are held to for the next five years?

- Don't want to get lost in the idea that everything will be solved by incentives.
- Better enforcement of rules.
- Who [at the World Café exercise] is discussing mitigation and enforcement ideas the committee has?
- Connecting committee feedback to specific rules (Table 6)
- Last meeting's prioritization exercise—what is happening with that?
- Is the audience able to join [the World Café exercise]?

5. World Café: Potential Strategies to Control Emissions

Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator

Committee members and the public had the opportunity to visit tables with District and CARB staff knowledgeable about existing control strategies and potential control strategies. Committee members started by reviewing the preliminary list of Emission Reduction Strategy Concepts, and discussing the concepts in small groups. Then, both the public and the Committee members rotated through the tables to learn more about existing programs and potential measures that could be implemented in the community. Finally, Committee members returned to the small groups for discussion and to report back to the full group about ideas for the CERP.

Summary of Feedback from group discussions:

- Need an indication of performance measures/metrics on incentives and strategies.

GROUP ONE FEEDBACK

- Measure 8 (heavy duty trucks): Need to capture changes to truck routes on the south side.
- Process to capture information and engage businesses responsible for truck traffic.

GROUP TWO FEEDBACK

- Change CEQA to look at reducing impacts. Hold it to a high level via air quality, transportation.
- Numbers 6-8: renewable biodiesel for fleets
- Biomass (#37, 36). Make complaints and inspections publically available. More stringent enforcement
- Restrictions on truck idling
- Tax reduction incentives at industrial triangle-[we need] more mitigation measures [instead].
- Passenger vehicles: replace high emitters
- Electric heavy duty trucks aren't yet available
- Modifications to CARB reviews
- Renewable diesel and biodiesel blends

GROUP THREE FEEDBACK

- A focus on incentives won't be effective. Need bans/penalties (e.g. ban on commercial gas lawnmowers following grace period).

- CARB Blueprint includes facility audits, regulations, permit changes, etc. in addition to incentives. Need to look at others.
- What is the cost of each strategy? What are expected emission decreases? What is the budget [for each]?
- June 26/July 24 should become subcommittee meetings
- #34: Analyze air quality impacts. Make sure council members are aware of air quality ramifications of proposed projects (e.g. industrial park)

GROUP FOUR FEEDBACK

- Encourage industry/business to shift work schedules to avoid idling at rush hour.
- Garbage trucks: [encourage] very early route to avoid idling
- Enforcement should be clear, consistent
- Diesel trucks: Clarify emission reductions of newer models (after 2010)
- Improve transportation industry as a whole
- Recharging sites/infrastructure for new technology
- Less development on incentives, decrease PM 2.5, more regulations on gardening equipment
- Discourage burning

6. Topics for Next Meeting

Jessica Luternauer, Facilitator

- A motion was made to hold the meeting scheduled for 6/26 as a Subcommittee meeting so that Committee members could spend more time with families and other commitments. This motion was voted on by the members of the Committee, with 10 in favor, 0 opposed.
- When does draft CERP need to be completed?

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