

AB 617 Community Steering Committee - Meeting #11
July 24, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Vang Pao Elementary School Cafeteria

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome

Jaime Holt, Facilitator

Jaime welcomed the Committee members and provided an introduction to the meeting. Jaime explained that she would be facilitating the meeting, and announced that the Institute for Local Government would be providing facilitation services for the Steering Committee meetings in the future.

Jaime gave the Committee the option of either keeping the CSC meetings at Vang Pao Elementary, or (due to air conditioning issues), moving the CSC meetings to the District office for the August meetings. The Committee voted to keep meetings at Vang Pao.

Finally, Jaime reviewed the meeting goals and agenda for the meeting. This meeting will focus on a discussion of the draft Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Strategies, with overviews of the measures given by District staff, and then time allowed for questions and discussion.

Jaime introduced the first speakers, Ryan Hayashi, Valley Air District Director of Compliance and Justin Shields, California Air Resources Board (CARB) Enforcement staff.

3. Enforcement of Air Pollution Control Regulations

Ryan Hayashi, Valley Air District Director of Compliance and Justin Shields, CARB Enforcement staff

Ryan discussed the District's enforcement program, including information about Valley-wide compliance programs, as well as specific information about inspections, complaints, and violations in the community of South Central Fresno. Ryan discussed possible enforcement measures for inclusion in the CERP.

Finally, Ryan answered Committee member questions related to inspections of stationary source facilities and rules and regulations that apply to agricultural operations.

Justin Shields discussed CARB enforcement of mobile sources in and around the community. Justin reviewed inspections conducted in and around the community, as well as potential measures that could be implemented as a part of the South Central CERP. Following his presentation, Justin answered several Committee member questions.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Gas Stations
- Reducing Ag Burning Permits
- Controlling Dust from Ag
- Information – Breakdowns/Complaints
- Training for station operators

- Number of enforcement officers
- Try to reach quota for unannounced inspections
- List the different types of inspections
- Findings in industrial areas
- What is the response time for complaints
- How do we get complaint data
- How do we enforce CMPs
- How often are large sources inspected
- How do we verify reporting
- Verification for Ag Burning Permits
- Alternatives to Ag Burning

4. Development of CERP Strategies for Implementation in South Central Fresno

Jaime Holt, Valley Air District Chief Communication Officer

Jaime Holt introduced the Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) development discussion. Jaime explained that this presentation will be a review of potential measures for inclusion in the South Central Fresno CERP to address Committee sources of concern. These measures have been developed based on Steering Committee discussions, comments, and prioritizations. At the July 31, 2019, meeting, measures for potential inclusion in the CERP will be further discussed.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Truck idling inspections are done how often
- Can the public report parked trucks
- All strategies for enforcement must be on going and evolving

Mobile Sources: Brian Dodds, District Program Manager, was the first speaker to discuss District measures. Brian discussed measures to reduce emissions from heavy duty trucks, buses, locomotives, and passenger cars. Brian and Jaime answered questions related to truck rerouting, funding heavy duty truck replacements, repairing and replacing older, high polluting cars, and installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Committee members also suggested measures to make electric vehicle purchases and charging more accessible for members of the community.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Need truck re-routing program
- Don't think rules have been properly applied
- Incentives only helping industry instead of community
- Want more enforcement for industry rather than incentives
- Do we have enough money to incentivize, sounds like we're relying on money we do not have
- Who get priority for incentives
- Credit challenged help for replacement program/ utilizing Beneficial Bank
- Funding for chargers –residents
- Need more charging stations than being offered

Burning: Heather Heinks, Program Manager for Outreach and Communications, discussed targeted measures to reduce residential burning in the community of South Central Fresno, including incentives,

outreach and enforcement measures. Heather also discussed a targeted measure to reduce impacts of agricultural burning in the community. Heather and Jaime answered several Committee member questions, as follows:

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Data on indoor/outdoor burning
- Verifying that old stoves are destroyed
- Incentives should lead to rule
- Outreach to low-income residents/prioritize incentives

Industrial Sources: Errol Villegas, Program Manager for the Permit Services team, discussed measures targeted for industrial sources, including chrome plating operations, glass manufacturing facilities, biomass facilities, enhanced enforcement measures, and targeted incentive programs for the installation of control technologies that may not be cost effective for deployment without additional funding. Committee member comments were as follows:

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Requirements for large new businesses permits/presentation
- Targets for industrial source strategies
- Best Available Control Technology
- Outreach taskforce – budgeting for upgrades
- Low-interest loans for industry
- Cost to public health
- Include leaf blower complaints regulation
- Presentation on new industrial CEQA/City planning/Permits
- Initial air pollution study before EIR is triggered
- Interconnection charge for solar
- Review tools used to determine funding/re-evaluate

Land Use and Urban Sources: Chay Thao, District Program Manager for Planning and Rule Development, reviewed the proposed measures to reduce emissions from urban sources, including commercial cooking, land use measures, dust reduction strategies, and incentives for lawn and garden equipment replacement in the community. Committee member questions and comments included the following:

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Urban Greening
- What does partnership between city and District mean /MOU
- City involved in World Cafe

Exposure Reduction Strategies: Heather returned to present on exposure reduction strategies for implementation in Shafter. Exposure reduction measures discussed included programs for schools, indoor weatherization measures, urban greening, vegetative barriers, and outreach strategies about air quality and air quality improvement programs.

Statewide Strategies: Finally, Brian Moore, Community Liaison from CARB, discussed the development of targets and metrics for the statewide strategies.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Leaf blowers/dust, vacuum instead of blowing
- Answer why certain ideas not used
- Timeline for draft of CERP
- List of all ideas
- Funding to build gyms for schools
- Talk to schools about installing air monitors
- Wildfire prevention/liability
- What do teachers do during poor air quality
- Bike lanes for E-bikes/mopeds
- Char broilers/barbequing

5. Wrap up and Next Steps

Reviewed the goals and takeaways from the meeting and discussed next steps.

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