August 28, 2019

Mr. David Warner
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

Re: AB 617 Shafter Draft Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP)

Dear Mr. Warner:

Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) appreciates the collaborative effort between the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and the Shafter Community Steering Committee in preparing the Draft Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP). WSPA is a trade organization whose members are stakeholders and interested parties in the San Joaquin Valley air basin. Considering those interests, WSPA and its members have monitored closely the AB 617 process in the City of Shafter and have reviewed the Draft CERP published on the SJVAPCD website. With members and staff living and working in Shafter and throughout the San Joaquin Valley, WSPA is committed to supporting clean air and quality of life in the valley.

WSPA supports the emission reduction measures presented in the CERP and commends the Steering Committee for its serious consideration and contribution in developing the document. WSPA further supports utilization of incentive-based measures to reduce emissions in Shafter while allowing for its residents to remain gainfully employed in a healthy thriving community.

In instances where the Steering Committee-recommended measures that fall outside the scope and intent of AB 617 and its blueprint, WSPA supports the existing land use and other applicable regulations in place.

Thank you for your continued efforts in AB 617 implementation. Should you have any questions or feedback, please contact me at (661) 343-5753 or via e-mail at czimmerman@wspa.org.

Sincerely,

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