

AB 617 Shafter Community Steering Committee - Meeting #11
August 5, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

1. Doors Open/ Meet and Greet/ Refreshments

2. Welcome and Introductions

Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer

Christal Love Lazard, Facilitator from Institute for Local Government

Jaime Holt provided a kick-off to the meeting, and introduced the new neutral facilitator for the Shafter Steering Committee, Christal Love Lazard from the Institute for Local Government. Christal reviewed the structure of the meeting and the topics to be discussed, and provided the introduction for the presentation speakers.

3. CERP Strategies:

Presentation of the CERP provided by District Staff Todd DeYoung, District Program Manager and Jessica Coria, Senior Air Quality Specialist

Jessica Coria provided an introduction to the presentation, discussing that updates had been made to the proposed Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) measures based off of feedback received from community members. This presentation provided a direct written and verbal response to suggestions received from various Steering Committee members and members of the public. The presentation also highlighted how the initial list of proposed measures had been updated to incorporate the suggestions, as feasible. Todd DeYoung and Jessica reviewed the comments and responses, and then answered questions from the Committee.

Specific Committee comments were as follows:

- For the intent of the CERP charter the Government CSC members should not have a voting right.
- Extend bus replacement to High Schools. Add Grimmway Academy to the school bus replacement.
- We need to do more outreach for no idling in public locations (Schools/Libraries/Restaurants)
- We are investing \$9 million in locomotives. We are not going to see a change in air quality in Shafter from this.
- We are investing \$2 million in Diaries. I want to see monitoring for all of these dairies. Track truck traffic to know where this goes.
- Electric units instead of gas to cool & warm people's homes to keep windows closed to protect them from dust. We need to place solar on homes, add more trees and improve quality of life in Shafter.

- What do you mean by low income? Are they people on welfare? How do you define low income?
- Fines generated in Shafter should be returned to Shafter.
- For this plan, I don't see a cost benefit.
- The Air District has been the first to hold AB 617 meetings. We need to measure the impact. Do we have a way of doing that?
- Have ISR funds stay in Shafter.
- For the installation of solar panels. Will the employees be from Shafter? Will they receive training?
- Low dust harvesters. Are we going to measure PM10 for the whole year? We need an answer tonight. Does it make a difference in Shafer? 12 members of the committee have signed a request for PM 10.
- Most of the incentives are steered for low income. Could you please consider middle class?
- Can we increase the funding for schools infiltration systems?
- We ask that the District analyze the proposed incentive funding before we start writing checks

Public comments included the following:

- Loaning people electric vehicles and adding charging stations. Who pays for the power? Who is responsible? And who covers liability?
- We need more no idling signs (schools/ drive thrus)
- Who pays for water for the new trees?
- Drive thrus in San Luis Obispo have been prohibited, but, what was discovered is that turning off the engine and making everyone park actually increase emissions, due to the certain temperature a vehicle needs to be to reduce emissions. We ask that the District investigate if this is truly beneficial for the Valley

Christal provided the wrap-up to the meeting, reviewing the dates for upcoming meetings and the next steps in the CERP development process.

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

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