

AB 617 Shafter Community Steering Committee-Meeting #16
November 4, 2019, 5:30 pm
Shafter Veterans Hall

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome and Introduction

Christal Love Lazard, Institute for Local Government, Facilitator
Skott Wall, Community Liasion, CARB

3. CARB: Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) Overview

What is CAPP? Why are we here? What are the next steps?

Skott Wall, Community Liasion, CARB; Jessica Coria, Program Manager, Valley Air District

Skott provided an overview of the Statewide Community Protection Program. There are many different components of the program including new statewide and regional emission reduction strategies, actions like regulations to limit emissions and funding for cleaner technologies, new databases and enhanced emissions reporting requirements to support these emissions reduction efforts, community focused plans to reduce local air pollution issues and finally new local efforts to measure exposure to air pollution known as Community Air Monitoring. All of these elements combined are designed to bring cleaner air to communities most affected by air pollution in California.

Jessica Coria thanked the committee and members of the public for their ongoing participation in the development of the CERP. Jessica discussed the measures in the CERP such as reducing the emissions from: heavy duty sources; targeting heavy duty trucks; automobiles; agriculture; industry (oil & gas); residential sources; indoor air filtration in 10 schools; urban greenery as well as vegetative barriers in the community. Jessica also discussed the implementation phase and the 5 year milestone report.

4. CARB: Community Emissions Reduction Program Discussion

Christal Love Lazard, Institute for Local Government, Facilitator

Christal provided instruction for the prioritization exercise. The committee and members of the public were given a few minutes to answer 3 questions. 1. What are the key strengths of the CERP? 2. What do you want CARB's Governing Board to know about the CERP? 3. What things have you learned through this process that you would like us to share with other communities or CARB's Governing Board? After the group exercise CARB summarized the answers for each of the questions and provided answers to question from members of the Committee and the public.

Committee and Members of the Public Comments

- These questions do not answer the local air pollution inventory.
- We never received JP data or how many farmers are using internal combustion engines. We need adequate information to make decisions.
- I would like to see more consideration given to the community not industry.

- I am not in agreement with providing any incentives to industry and farmers. The community is receiving the least of the funds. Companies gain money, what does the community gain?
- Community burnout suggesting more strategic meetings.

5. **District: Strategy Prioritization Results and Initial Progress**

Christal Love Lazard, Institute for Local Government, Facilitator; Jessica Olson, Program Manager, Valley Air District; Cristina Padilla, Outreach and Communications Representative; Todd DeYoung, Director of Strategies and Incentives

Cristina Padilla from the Valley Air District provided a brief overview of the Burn Cleaner program and discussed the new amendments to Rule 4901 Check Before You Burn Program. She also provided information on a press event that occurred in Wasco for Míocar an electric rideshare program.

Todd DeYoung discussed the results of the prioritization exercise the committee completed at the October meeting. Todd mentioned the District will begin immediate implementation for items the District already has existing guidelines and funding, especially with the high priority items such as the low dust harvesters, heavy duty trucks, agricultural heavy duty equipment, and the big emission reduction programs. Some items will need to wait until the CERP is approved by CARB in February. Other items will need approval by the Air District's Governing Board or CARB.

Comments and Questions

- Why is the District regulating residents more than industry? Many residents do not have access to natural gas? They should be allowed to burn.
- Why is the District providing funds to switch to natural gas? Natural gas is also a pollutant. We should be moving to all electric not natural gas.
- I am glad to hear the curtailment level for fireplace burning has been lowered. Does this apply to Ag Burn?
- What are you going to do special in Shafter with the extra money for the replacement of old diesel tractors?
- Do the replacements include the 7 mile radius?
- Can we get clarification on LU3?

6. **Wrap-up and Next Steps**

Christal Love Lazard, Institute for Local Government, Facilitator

- Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, January 13, 2020
- February 13, 2020 CARB Board Hearing in Shafter

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

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