

December 7, 2020

California Air Resources Board
Attn: Richard Corey
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Dear Mr. Corey,

Since 2018, CARB has selected thirteen (13) communities for AB 617 implementation, including the San Joaquin Valley communities of South Central Fresno and Shafter in Year One. More recently, CARB approved Stockton as a Year Two community for both community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs. The District has been working closely with community residents, community-based organizations, and other community stakeholders to develop a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) and Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for the selected Stockton community. Under AB 617, the CAMP is required to be initiated, and the CERP is required to be prepared, by January 1, 2021.

While the District was the first in the state to transition to virtual meetings in response to the Governor's COVID-19 shelter-in-place order in March 2020, at least 2 months of progress was delayed while this transition took place. To the credit of the CSC members, once meetings began taking place in a virtual environment, the meetings have been well-attended and have included a wide-range of agenda topics necessary for advancing towards development of a completed CERP. While the CSC has shared an appreciation for virtual meetings because of the ability to continue to move the process forward, CSC members have also shared challenges and limitations of holding meetings in a virtual environment. These two factors have had a significant impact on the District and CSC's ability to complete the development of CERP to date.

Despite COVID-19 challenges, the District anticipates initiating community monitoring under the CAMP by the required January 1, 2021 timeframe. However, while significant progress has been made on development of the CERP, during the Stockton CSC meeting on December 2nd, 2020, the CSC reached consensus on the need for a brief extension to finalize the CERP. District staff concurs that additional time is needed, and in accordance with CARB guidance and support, the District hereby requests an extension through March 30, 2021. Below are the responses to CARB's guidance:

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1. All elements of a CERP that have already been adopted by the air district board, if any;

The District and Community Steering Committee (CSC) worked closely on developing a suite of air pollution and emission exposure reduction measures for possible inclusion in the CERP and are currently in the process of finalizing the list.

2. The anticipated date that the local Board will consider approval of a complete CERP;

District's Governing Board Public Hearing scheduled on March 18, 2021.

3. A summary of decisions the steering committee and district staff have made to date and topics the steering committee has discussed;

To date, the Community Steering Committee has held 13 meetings, covering a wide range of topics, as summarized below:

- January/February: Kick-off meetings, solicited steering committee members
- March: Adopted charter, including expanded boundary with the inclusion Conway Homes and Sierra Vista communities
- April: Transitioned to virtual meetings and provided training to CSC members on the new platform used for the meetings. Continued community air quality discussions.
- May: Introduced concepts of community air monitoring and discussed community sources of concern using online tools to receive community feedback
- June: Discussed CARB and District-developed community emissions inventory and reviewed feedback received on sources of concern to assist in community air monitoring and emission reduction program development
- July: Community air monitoring discussion and identifying potential air monitoring locations and proposed types of air monitoring equipment to be used based on CSC feedback on sources of concern
- August: Presented draft Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) proposal and took CSC feedback advised CSC of need to move forward with the purchase of air monitoring equipment due to the need to start deploying equipment and begin community air monitoring by January
- August: Discussed development process for CERP measures, surveyed CSC members regarding CERP measure identification and prioritization
- September: Discussed results from CSC member CERP measure prioritization online surveys and worksheets

- October: Continued CERP discussion, discussed Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) and how the CSC might leverage those funds
 - October: Continued CERP measure discussion, learned more about Port of Stockton
 - November: Continued CERP measure discussion
 - November: Discuss CAMP proposal and approved the CAMP monitoring map
 - December: Ongoing discussions of individual incentive CERP measures
4. A listing of emissions reduction actions the steering committee and district staff have agreed on and a listing of the actions still under discussion, including, to the extent available, emissions reduction targets, implementation schedule, and enforcement plan:

See attached list of proposed CSC prioritized incentive and implementation measures.

5. Initial community air monitoring priorities and any air monitoring that has been deployed (if applicable):

Through a consensus-building exercise, the District worked with the community to develop a community air monitoring plan that is scalable, portable, and provides real-time data to ensure that the District can constantly adapt to community concerns, capture sources that may be impacting the community within the geographic boundary, and rapidly react to unanticipated pollution impacts. The fully implemented community air monitoring network will provide an understanding of the potential impacts of various community identified pollution sources of concern on Stockton's local air quality, including heavy duty trucks, passenger vehicles, idling vehicles, industrial processes, trains/railroads, and illegal trash burning .

While the District is continuing to work with the CSC on finalizing the community air monitoring plan, the CSC approved a map of general locations to install air monitoring equipment. The District is working with the CSC to finalize specific locations. The District anticipates initiating community monitoring under the CAMP by the required January 1, 2021 timeframe, including performing early community air monitoring, as feasible, in CSC-identified priority areas using the mobile air monitoring van.

6. An overview of ongoing and planned community engagement efforts; and

The District and committee will continue meeting 1 to 2 times per month to finalize the CERP. These meetings will continue to be supported by professional facilitation, translation, interpretation, and District staff, along with support from CARB staff and other community partners. Community engagement efforts will be focused on soliciting the final input needed from community residents and other stakeholders to develop a proposed CERP for District Governing Board consideration by March 2021.

7. A summary of next steps including, key, measurable interim milestones to track progress and a clear schedule for finalizing the emissions reduction program and/or community air monitoring plan.

The District and CSC will meet on a frequent basis as necessary to develop a draft CERP for District and CARB Board consideration. The following summarizes anticipated upcoming meetings in support of this effort:

- January 6, 2021 (standing meeting): Selection of measures for inclusion in CERP January 20, 2021 (*proposed if needed, date subject to change*): Selection of measures for inclusion in CERP
- February 3, 2021 (standing meeting): Provide a draft CERP to CSC
- February 17, 2021 (*proposed if needed, date subject to change*): Review draft CERP
- March 3, 2021 (standing meeting): Final review of draft CERP
- March 18, 2021 (District Governing Board meeting): CERP presented to District Board

Sincerely,



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Attachment:

Proposed Community Steering Committee Prioritized Incentives and Implementation Measures (4 pages)