

## **Meeting Highlights\***

### **AB 617 Stockton Community Steering Committee Meeting #7**

*September 2, 2020 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm*

*Virtual Zoom Meeting*

#### **Action items for the Stockton Community Steering Committee (CSC):**

- CSC members should review and prioritize the draft list of CERP measures based on instructions provided by District
- CSC members should contact District staff if interested in being a community co-host at a future meeting

#### **Action items for San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District):**

- District will send out specific instructions for review and prioritization of CERP measures
- For future meetings, District will denote who is a CSC member and who is a CSC resident member

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

*Hanna Stelmakhovych, Facilitator, Institute for Local Government (ILG)*

*Jessica Olsen, Program Manager, District*

*Gloria Alonso Cruz, Community Co-host, Stockton Community Resident*

*Glenabel Toreno, Community Co-host, Stockton Community Resident*

Hanna welcomed the Stockton CSC participants, went over Zoom etiquette, and thanked everyone for attending. She gave an overview of the agenda and thanked the community co-hosts.

Hanna then turned it over to Jessica for a host welcome on behalf of the District and then Gloria Alonso Cruz and Glenabel Toreno provided co-host remarks.

#### **Icebreaker Activity**

*Hanna Stelmakhovych, Facilitator, ILG*

Hanna explained the breakout group icebreaker activity for CSC members to get to know each other better. Committee members met in breakout groups until 5:30pm.

#### **Technology Update**

*Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, District*

Upon return, Jaime announced that the other two AB 617 communities have technology support programs to ensure the CSC residents have access to the tools that allow them to participate in meetings virtually. Jaime asked committee members to email District staff if additional technology help is needed.

#### **Southside Stockton Youth Air Quality Presentation**

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*Gloria Alonso Cruz, Community Co-host, Stockton Community Resident*  
*Glenabel Toreno, Community Co-host, Stockton Community Resident*

Gloria and Glenabel presented on the air quality in South Stockton. Presentation highlights:

- 1 in 4 children have asthma in the San Joaquin Valley
- Knife River has the highest percentiles for pollution burden, according to CalEnviroScreen
- Charter Way and Fresno Avenue are within the 95-100% percentile for pollution burden, according to CalEnviroScreen
- Several truck companies are situated along Charter Way and Fresno Avenue, idling often
- DTE Energy produces 428,743 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, making it the largest greenhouse gas producer in Stockton

**Question:** Do you have plans to get this information out to the youth of Stockton?

**Southside Stockton Youth Answer:** We are planning to host workshops with Little Manila Rising, so please follow our work and share with anybody who might be interested in getting involved with us.

**Question:** Where did you get this information?

**Southside Stockton Youth Answer:** We researched the information through software on our phone, and with tools like CalEnviroScreen, which can be found online.

**Question:** You expressed a concern about unscheduled monitoring. One of the things that's important is real time monitoring of pollution sources and issues. Would records from the unscheduled monitoring you propose be available publicly in real time?

**Southside Stockton Youth Answer:** The importance of having an unscheduled monitor is to get access to more data that is not manipulated.

**Comment:** The data can't be argued. Our responsibility is to empower our communities to advocate. I want to thank you and our leaders and recommend going outside the box; not just talking to youth, but to everybody.

### **Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Measures**

*Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, District*

*Jessica Olsen, Program Manager, District*

Todd and Jessica presented on the CERP measure development and discussed strategy funding. Presentation highlights included:

- There is a significant interest and focus on using funding to support the measures that are proposed by AB 617 communities like Stockton
- District received \$50 million in funding to be spent towards grant funding in disadvantaged
- Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) guidelines have expanded on base programs and include additional elements that are not included in the normal state-wide programs
- Funding has to be liquidated by June 30, 2025
- The CSC will have the opportunity to prioritize emission reduction measures, based on which are most important to the community and which are most health protective

- Shafter’s CERP was allocated \$36 million for the incentive measures they prioritized; Fresno’s was \$42 million—Stockton can expect funding to be within that range

**Question:** Projects are expensive, are you looking for non-profit partners or government agency partners to share costs or leverage funding?

**Air District Response:** When using the term “partners” the Air District is usually thinking about residents or businesses, city, county, and other agencies that can take advantage of grants made available to reduce air pollution and resident exposure to it.

**Question:** I looked at some of the projects in the other two communities and trees have been a big topic of conversation. Stockton is worried about maintenance of trees. Can we put money into the CERP that will fund future care of trees?

**Air District Response:** Possibly. It depends on the design of the project plan required by CARB for community identified projects and approval by CARB. Projects could potentially cover this provided the money is spent by the legislative deadline, the work can potentially be continue past the five-year period.

**Question:** The city has plans to do things like bike paths, but there has always been a funding issue. You mentioned residents and businesses are eligible for partnerships and funding. Would bike paths projects be eligible?

**Air District Response:** Yes. Actually, the District has an existing grant program for bike paths outside of this process.

Jessica presented the draft list of CERP incentive measures. Presentation highlights:

- The list of incentive measures is based on the sources of concern raised by the CSC members during meetings, comments provided, and suggestions made in the chat boxes
- District will send out a formal request and instructions for how to review and prioritize all of the measures
- The measures are numbered and any quantifiable emissions reductions are denoted

**Question:** Can one of the projects be the installation of new CARB-quality monitoring equipment downwind of the Port? From what we understand, CARB is hesitant to put the site air monitoring there because it doesn’t represent regional air quality. The AB 617 monitoring is supposed to be very short term. We need to discuss and identify a permanent station that drives down emissions for the next 5-10 years.

**Air District Response:** The monitoring measures are actually separate from these measures. However, District has suggested that we place a trailer in Boggs Tract directly south to southeast of the Port to capture that local emissions source. The air monitoring campaign for AB 617 is a minimum of five years.

**Question:** Have any studies yet revealed any change in the pollution or air factors around Boggs Tract now that the elevated freeway has been in effect for approximately 2-3 years? It carries the majority of truck traffic to and from the Port.

**Air District Response:** District is not aware of a specific campaign that has studied that. We will start to understand a lot more about the community impacts with some of our monitoring campaigns.

**Question:** What is the maximum budget allocation amount for major categories?

**Air District Response:** At this point, there is no cap. But budgeting will be a big part of this exercise.

**Question:** How much of the budget do we need to keep in mind as we're going through this prioritization exercise?

**Air District Response:** It is about \$38-\$42 million range. The committee gets to provide comment and to help develop the budget.

### **Other Updates**

Karen Buckley from California Air Resources Board (CARB) summarized a recent monitoring meeting the CSC had with CARB.

She explained that CARB staff understood the concerns and frustration expressed during the meeting. She thanked the CSC for their assistance and patience in helping to develop a list of potential sites for the monitoring team to research. CARB understands the CSC's interest in monitoring at the Port. The team is working on a list now and will report back ASAP.

Erica Manuel (ILG) gave an update about stipends for CSC resident members. She announced that the program has been launched. The CSC residents should have received an email with instructions and an application. If there are any questions about how the program works or whether you can apply, please email at any time. ILG will issue the first round of checks for everything retroactive from January-August this week.

### **Wrap Up/Next Steps**

*Hanna Stelmakhovych, Facilitator, ILG*

Gloria and Glenabel thanked everyone for listening to their presentation and participating in the meeting. Hanna thanked the CSC members and District staff and adjourned the meeting.

### **Reminders**

Next CSC meeting is Oct. 7 via Zoom. All the presentations, meetings highlights, transcripts and the Zoom meeting recording will be posted online.

### **Public Comment**

**Facebook comment:** My friend wants to know how many students have portable air monitors and what kind. She says that TemTop air monitors are good. Thank you.