

Meeting Highlights*

AB 617 Stockton Community Steering Committee Meeting #8

October 7, 2020 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

- Provide feedback on the incentive and implementation measures worksheets by Friday, Oct. 16
- Contact the Air District if interested in joining the leadership group for the CSC, which helps plan meetings and discuss progress
- Reply to Air District email asking whether CSC members would like their email addresses shared publicly on the website

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

- Email two worksheets (incentives and implementation) after the meeting
- Send out a Doodle poll with dates for an additional October CSC meeting to go over incentive and implementation measures
- Add time to a future meeting agenda so CARB can present on upcoming legislation
- Provide more details about incentive measures costs and budgets at a future CSC meeting
- Provide a draft of the Stockton Community Air Monitoring Plan
- Email all CSC members about the leadership and logistics planning meeting
- Explore possibility of adding agenda items that include presentations from the city, county, COG and Port of Stockton

Welcome and Introductions

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

Ryan Hayashi, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, District

Regina Griffin, Community Co-host

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-host for her volunteer service.

Hanna then turned it over to Ryan Hayashi for a host welcome on behalf of the District and Regina Griffin for community co-host remarks.

Transformative Climate Communities

Grant Kirkpatrick, Fellow, Stockton City Manager's Office

Grant presented on the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) work in Stockton. Presentation highlights:

- TCC supports community-led development and infrastructure projects to achieve environmental, health, and economic benefits in California’s most disadvantaged communities
- Stockton’s project area is five square miles
- The three overall program objectives are:
 - GHG reduction
 - Public health and environmental benefits, and
 - Economic opportunity and shared prosperity
- Stockton came up with a vision of transformation that explains how it will achieve all three of the program objectives

Question: Will the proposed strategies be incorporated into the Stockton General Plan Update so there is long-term implementation?

City of Stockton Response: We aren’t sure which strategies will be incorporated in the General Plan; they broadly speak to climate change, so there may be some similar goals in mind.

Question: What is the weighting for each of the objectives? Is it an even split? What is the time horizon for each?

City of Stockton Response: The scoring was based on different criteria. GHG was 30 points out of 200. Stockton originally applied for a 5-year grant period, but we are now looking at a 2.5-year timeline for implementation. The benefits will continue to be measured for one year after that.

Question: Could TCC projects and our AB 617 projects overlap?

City of Stockton Response: There are opportunities to make sure we are being mindful of where TCC is going and where AB 617 is going. There is a lot happening in the city around climate, so we want to make sure those efforts are coordinated.

Question: Do the three objectives determine what kind of projects can be bid on?

City of Stockton Response: Those are the objectives of the program overall. It is not necessarily that projects descend directly from there, as much as projects are supposed to show GHG reduction. For example, if we switch to a green source of energy, reducing those GHG emissions also has a public health benefit.

Pollution Concerns and Urban Greening

Regina Griffin, Community Co-host

Regina presented on the air pollution concerns and urban greening efforts in Stockton.

Presentation highlights:

- In 2012, Stockton cut its Tree Maintenance Program to maintain budget spending.
- To date, it has been difficult for Stockton to acquire sustainable funding for tree maintenance and tree planting
- South Stockton has been hit incredibly hard; one way to help the area recover is community gardens

- Stockton’s Urban Agriculture Ordinance was passed in September 2020 and allows residents to have ducks, chickens, hives for bee keeping, and allows residents to sell their own produce from their private food garden

Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Strategies

Ryan Hayashi, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, District

Todd DeYoung, Director of Grants and Incentives, District

Jaime Holt, Chief Communications Officer, District

Ryan thanked Stockton CSC members for responding to the CERP prioritization surveys. CSC responses were used to develop the worksheets for the CSC to develop the CERP. Next steps in the CERP development process are as follows:

- District will use the survey responses to identify the measures the CSC feels most strongly about and will add more detail to those measures
- District will add more descriptions to each measure and identify the agencies and organizations necessary to partner with
- District will present the draft CERP to the CSC before taking it to the governing board for adoption
- There will be opportunity for CSC input until the CERP is taken to the District’s Governing Board for approval
- The CSC has expressed interest in knowing what measures may cost; District will provide that information
- District has begun having conversations with agencies that may play some role in funding, and has also looked at how much budget may be available to fund incentive measures
- District is developing a draft budget for the CERP and will share with the CSC at an upcoming meeting

Todd outlined the CERP measure development process. Presentation highlights:

- Funding must be liquidated by June 2025
- The Stockton CERP should include incentive measures will address community members sources of concern; many of which will be unique to Stockton do to their unique circumstances and challenges, which differ from the AB 617 communities in the Valley
- District can prioritize these measures based on multiple factors, like cost-effectiveness (amount of emission reductions vs cost), exposure reductions, availability of potential projects, willingness of partners to participate and provide cost-share, timeframe for project completion, and overall project cost
- The overall allocation of funding for incentive measures is dependent on CSC evaluation and prioritization, demonstrated air quality, District and CARB board approval, identification of sufficient projects, and expected timeframe for completion.
- Based on surveys, Stockton CSC has already begun prioritizing several measures for inclusion in the CERP, like heavy duty mobile sources, transportation sources, Port of Stockton sources, and community-level sources

- District has developed a worksheet table with measures listed by committee ranking, number of units and the total necessary funding to implement it; this worksheet will be the starting document for the CERP

Jaime presented on the CERP implementation strategies worksheets. Presentation highlights:

- Non-incentive based strategies do not impact the incentive-based strategy funding amount
- District is giving the CSC two air quality improvement strategy worksheets; one a list of incentive based strategies and the other focused on non-incentive based strategies
- Both worksheets list the strategies in order of the priority provided by the CSC
- The cost-effectiveness column is not quantifiable yet
- Once District receives CSC feedback on the spreadsheets, the CSC will be given an updated document reflecting all suggestions
- District is proposing to host another official CSC meeting near the end of October to give the CSC more opportunity to refine these worksheets in a group setting
- CSC members should provide written feedback on the first draft of worksheets by Friday, Oct. 16 if they want their input reflected in the worksheet drafts discussed at the 2nd CSC meeting in October.

Question: If the CSC needs more time to look over the CERP, can we extend the deadline for submission?

CARB Response: There is a statutory deadline in December, but if District and the CSC determine that they need some additional flexibility, CARB can certainly discuss options. This Stockton CERP is actually much closer to being complete than the CSC may realize. If you can make the deadline, that would be great. If not, we have options.

District Response: The CSC should know that the CERP that gets taken to the District Governing Board is not the last opportunity this CSC has to provide feedback on the CERP. We are going to have five years to refine these strategies during the implementation phase. The goal is to ensure that the CSC is satisfied with the CERP. The document can be changed and adjusted within reason to reflect CSC priorities and goals.

Air Monitoring Plan Update

Jon Klassen, Director of Strategies and Incentives, District

Jon provided an update on Stockton air monitoring. Presentation highlights:

- Throughout the summer, District received great feedback about where the CSC thinks monitoring should happen and what pollutants should be measured
- Based on this feedback, staff drafted the Stockton Community Air Monitoring Plan, which included a map, developed based on the guidance provided by CSC members regarding locations and sources of concern. Based on this information, the District developed the map that shows approximate locations where air monitoring is proposed to take place. The map also included the type of air monitoring equipment recommended to

be used and the type of pollutants will be monitored, which were based on the sources of concern identified by the CSC members

- District will share this draft to get CSC feedback and comments, then will work with the CSC to identify specific locations to look to get lease agreements set up, so the program can be deployed quickly

Question: Is this CSC going to last one year or two years? Will there be other leadership committees?

District Response: The schedule is determined by the CSC, but we anticipate at least 1-2 years of meetings after the CERP is approved. The leadership team is an ad hoc group, so anyone can participate at any time. It is a small subsection of the full CSC made up of people willing to meet and help set the agenda and chat about meeting logistics.

District Response: District is still meeting with Year One communities monthly in Fresno and Shafter, whereas some Year One steering committees in other air districts across the state have transitioned to quarterly meetings. Once the CERP is approved by the District's Governing Board, we can discuss the frequency of meetings.

Wrap Up/Next Steps

Hanna Stelmakhovych, Facilitator, ILG

Erica Manuel, CEO & Executive Director of ILG, presented major takeaways from the CERP measures discussion.

- District will share the two worksheets with the CSC members later this week. They will email it or mail the Excel spreadsheet, or provide a PDF if Excel is not preferred
- The worksheets can be edited; CSC members can add notes, change amounts, etc. The budget will change automatically when you change quantities
- These worksheets reflect the current ranking of the measures based on the committee feedback as indicated by the survey responses from last month
- There will be an additional working meeting in late October where the CSC can talk as a group, share ideas, and explain reasoning for your prioritization
- District will send out a Doodle poll to determine a date that works for most CSC members.
- There is still PLENTY OF TIME TO WORK ON THE CERP!
- The goal is to make sure the CSC feels comfortable with the approach and the progress
- If additional time is needed to complete the CERP beyond the deadline, CARB may be able to help with an extension

Erica then reminded residents about the stipend program and encouraged eligible CSC members to sign up for the stipend program.

Hanna noted that Catherine and Noehmi volunteered to be future community co-hosts. Hanna thanked the CSC members and District staff and adjourned the meeting.

Reminders

Next regularly scheduled CSC meeting is Nov. 4 via Zoom, though a special meeting will be scheduled in late October. All the presentations, meetings highlights, transcripts and the Zoom meeting recording will be posted online.

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

Public Comment

No public comment.