

Stockton AB 617 CSC Meeting - Chat Transcript
April 7, 2021 5:00-7:00 p.m.

00:23:46 Albert Rivas - GOV: Good afternoon All! Albert Rivas, City of Stockton

00:24:58 Alisa Horiike - CARB Intern: Good afternoon everybody!

00:25:57 V-R - Mary Elizabeth: Good afternoon. Here is a link for the SUSD Covid modifications including filters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLK-CIFY2FI>

00:33:47 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: San Joaquin County Public Health will likely join, still figuring out staffing

00:33:55 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Hi Jeff. Restore the Delta has received nothing about this committee and we would like to join. Thank you.

00:34:08 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Nothing beside what has been discussed here, rather.

00:36:05 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Mariah, will resend!

00:37:13 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Thanks Jeff!

00:37:56 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: I realized that Jeff's emails are automatically placed in SPAM for me. Not sure if others had that issue. Check your SPAM folders!

00:39:17 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Thanks for that, Jonathan. Looks like that is where the emails were for me too.

00:39:24 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Shoot, no wonder the response has been low!

00:40:04 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Mariah, just resent! Let me know if you don't get it!

00:40:38 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Just got it, Jeff. Thank you!

00:47:11 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: I'm concerned about the implications of voting coming down to whoever is left on the call and would request a future agenda item to be reviewing whether that language should be amended, especially since last meeting we voted after the official end of the meeting.

00:48:23 V-CSC - Noehmi Jauregui: Standard meeting practices typically list voting items as ACTION ITEMS on the agenda

00:49:23 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: I would echo Catherine and Noehmi.

00:50:52 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: ^ Yes. These agenda items are critical not just to follow brown act but also to receive adequate and strong community input!!

00:54:41 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: I also echo Catherine and Noehmi's point. This will help for future occurrences.
It would be helpful if the title of the invite could indicate [Nonmandatory] or something along those lines

01:08:07 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: totally agree, Robyn!

01:09:30 V-CSC - Noehmi Jauregui: The port expansion projects are concerning to me. I already have a large group of students who suffer from asthma and other respiratory problems. The expansion is going to make it worse.

01:10:52 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: Agree with Anthony!

01:12:44 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: If we don't respect the vote we're just perpetuating the port's negative impact on our already vulnerable communities by accepting its expansion

01:12:55 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: Agree with Stacey!

01:14:54 V-CSC - Noehmi Jauregui: Agree with Dillon.

01:15:00 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: Yes Dillon!

01:15:29 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: January 2020, July 2020, and August 2020

01:15:50 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Those are the letters from CARB to the Port of Stockton.

01:16:44 Hanjiro Ambrose - CARB: Hello Everyone, here is a link to CEQA comment letters CARB staff have composed in relation to the port of stockton:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/california-environmental-quality-act-letters-freight-facilities>

01:17:10 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: lehigh and NuStar

01:17:33 Hanjiro Ambrose - CARB: Hola a todos, aquí hay un enlace a las cartas de comentarios de CEQA que el personal de CARB ha redactado en relación con el puerto de Stockton:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/california-environmental-quality-act-letters-freight-facilities>

01:17:50 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: The letter includes the following: Thank you for providing California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Lehigh Southwest Stockton Terminal Project (Project), State Clearinghouse No. 2019100510. The Project involves redeveloping the existing bulk cementitious material receiving and distribution terminal, located at Berth 2, to support larger bulk marine vessels. If approved, the number of bulk vessels calling to the terminal would increase from 9 in the baseline year of 2018 to an expected maximum of 48 per year, and the number of barges would increase from zero to 40. Annual truck calls would increase from the 2018 baseline of 18,720 to an expected maximum of 42,500, annual rail cars would increase from 587 to an expected maximum of 4,762, and annual rail trips would increase from 117 to 238.

01:18:24 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Those numbers are directly from the Draft EIR which is available here on the Port's website: https://www.portofstockton.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/LehighSWStocktonTerminal_2019100510_DEIR_small.pdf

01:18:51 V-R - Regina Griffin: What about Jobs for residents?

01:19:16 CSC Alt. - Dillon Delvo: Sorry, I'll clarify, the Port and its tenants.

01:21:22 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: While I can appreciate the sentiment that you want to do the right thing by the port, Jeff, unless there are binding commitments on how emissions will be reduced, those are just words. Future efforts for truck and air quality management plans don't address those concerns.

01:21:56 V-R - Douglas Vigil: i have question to jeffery

01:22:12 Kim Danko - ILG: @Douglas we will absolutely get to you :)

01:23:21 V-R - Nate Knodt: I very much appreciate Jeffrey's participation in these meetings and applaud his patience in bringing information and dialogue to both AB617 CSC and the Port Staff and Board.

01:24:40 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: By the way, in the recording of the hearing Air District staff explicitly stated that this CSC is just advisory and the Governing Board themselves can simply vote themselves to add in these port measures. I appreciate that the board wanted to give the CSC the chance to reconsider based on the testimony they heard and I don't think the conversations of this CSC were accurately characterized.

01:25:52 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: This is not a Brown Act committee.

01:26:22 CSC Alt. - Dillon Delvo: Can someone verify that we are not a Brown Act committee?

01:27:09 V-CSC - Kenda Templeton: I think it is more likely that many of the non-profits have common goals.

01:27:16 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Regina, I am currently working on an incentive program for tenants to hire immediate residents! I believe it will go live in the next couple of months.

01:27:26 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: ^Yesss agree with kenda

01:30:06 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Nonprofits also meet regularly for other community issues: COVID, sustainability plans, future event planning, etc.

01:30:30 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: community building! making sure everyone is surviving!

01:30:48 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: agree with Robyn!

01:31:11 V-CSC - Kenda Templeton: Agree with Robyn

01:31:24 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Robyn is correct. We are a part of many local coalitions focused on a myriad of environmental issues.

01:31:32 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: It's sad that we've devolved to the point that we are questioning groups' intentions. Ground rules and transparency should have been collectively established from the beginning.

01:31:50 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: Yes Catherine!

01:31:55 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: And to be transparent, I put myself in that group that has lost trust in groups we used to work with.

01:31:57 V-CSC - Kenda Templeton: ^^

01:31:58 V-CSC - Noehmi Jauregui: Agree with Robyn, Gloria, and Kenda. Part of what makes this community so wonderful is the collaboration. We want to collaborate with the Port but have not had a meaningful opportunity.

01:32:05 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Agreed Catherine!

01:33:48 V-R - Nate Knodt: Jeffrey what is the relationship of the CCT railroad operations in relation to rail pollution at the Port. Is not the CCT jointly owned by the UP and BNSF Railroads?

01:36:28 V-R - Ned Leiba: The SJVAPCD and presumably CARB have included potential incentive funds of 5m for Port activities. At this point, our CSC should form a subcommittee to determine if any of these incentive funds should actually be spent of specific activities that would result in the Port reducing emissions below those levels required under current rules. The Port is a source of significant emissions. Perhaps the subcommittee will determine that incentive funds will result in significant lower emissions. In any event, we have the 5 million for our AB 617 project. Form a subcommittee.

01:40:05 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Just an FYI: The Port is not getting rid of HABs. They are working with the regional water board and RTD on a mitigation test. Much work must be done to clean up discharge upstream, from the Port and other local sources.

01:41:21 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Mariah, what are HABs?

01:41:38 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: HABs are harmful algal blooms. Thanks for pointing that out, Robyn.

01:42:09 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: Thanks Mariah! I think the projects the Port is claiming to be part of should've been disclosed in more detail and earlier in the process. Claiming to be part of these efforts without more background info. just makes things more confusing

01:42:12 V-R - Deby Provost: Thank you Mary Elizabeth for speaking for many of us! You are a light !!

01:42:17 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Thank you - I remember that was a HUGE air pollution problem last year!

01:43:00 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: We already voted on this issue. That should be honored.

01:43:03 V-R - Deby Provost: I would like to see another vote.

01:43:57 V-CSC - Irene Calimlim: I think we should honor the vote or at least listen to the perspectives of resident voices who might not have been able to make that meeting due it being during work hours.

01:44:24 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: +++++

01:45:49 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: +++++

01:45:52 V-R - Margo Praus: I think we should reassess and vote again. I think we should keep an open mind on this issue. This is our air and this is an opportunity to start some work in the community that hasn't been there before. They may not be as transparent as we'd like, but the effort ought to be happening. Why would we not want to utilize the extra money to diminish some pollution in our community?

01:46:00 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: We have spent ample time discussing and vetting these port items and key questions are not answered. My vote has not changed. How many times will we vote on the same items? Until they pass?

01:46:01 V-R - Ned Leiba: A revote gets us no where. Act to form a subcommittee to focus on the Port. IF a project will reduce emissions below current rules, the subcommittee will consider recommending allocation some of those funds. Let's move forward.

01:46:25 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Mariah, I didn't mean to imply that we are going to fix the HABs program, I was trying to let people realize that we routinely go out of way to participate in projects that benefit Stockton outside of our own operations and concern.

01:47:02 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: I understand, Jeff. I just want people to know that HABs are a complicated issue.

01:47:29 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Why should we revote on something that the majority of us already voted on? What does a vote even mean if we are forced to revote when the outcome isn't ideal for some people?

01:47:34 V-R - Florence Quilantang: I agree with Ned's suggestion.

01:48:55 V-R - Stacey Panyasee: Honor the vote. We already discussed the Port Measures even dedicated a meeting to discuss the Port Measures. Let us move forward.

01:49:02 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: +++++

01:51:39 CSC Alt. - Dillon Delvo: Can someone from the Air District clarify that comment that money will be lost and not able to be reallocated?

01:51:55 Ryan Hayashi - AD: That's correct Dillon

01:51:57 V-R - Douglas Vigil: let move to revote port more grace

01:52:08 V-R - Taylor Williams: Agree with Stacey and many of the other steering committee members: Honor the vote.

01:52:31 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Can we clarify that the \$5 million truly cannot be re-allocated?

01:52:36 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: I believe that there were many reasons given at the past few meetings as to why folks voted no

01:53:08 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Without any accountability, what assurances do we have that giving incentive money doesn't make the expansion easier? Do we really have to give money to the port for them to be accountable to the community? Sounds like Jeff is willing to participate even absent of the funds.

01:54:42 V-R - Nate Knodt: I voted with the "10" votes to provide possibility of funding to clean air around the Port. I also am OK with not funding this amount, but NOT TO PUNISH PORT, but rather due to the lack of measures that are agreed upon to be cost-effective. The Port is not a Pork Barrel Subsidized business. It deals with International shipping and business partners that are a challenge for AB617 and CSC measures to implement and enforce. There are MANY other large polluters in San Joaquin County that are have more control over their operations that are not held to task in this way. I am OK with a real consensus to revote or not to revote. I am not participating to assess blame on any operation or individual.

01:55:53 Kyle Goff - CARB: I can say from the sort of "traditional" Carl Moyer Program perspective that the program very explicitly cannot pay for fleet expansion or fleet transformation -- we've got a lot of requirements in our guidelines designed to prevent that as much as possible.

01:56:38 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Thanks Kyle. Can you elaborate on how CARB ensures that is the case?

01:56:44 Kyle Goff - CARB: The main reason for that is that EPA doesn't generally consider emission reductions linked to fleet expansion to be creditable to our State Implementation Plan -- and all Moyer Program emission reductions very much need to be creditable to the State Implementation Plan

01:57:06 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Can it be shared in an official document if the Lehigh plan is being pulled back? Because as of now, it's still on paper.

01:57:09 V-R - Stacey Panyasee: Can we use the \$5 million for other purposes?

01:57:48 Ryan Hayashi - AD: @Stacey, we can not

01:58:10 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: So this \$5million is Moyer funding, not ab 617 incentive dollars?

01:58:34 V-CSC - Arlene Galindo: Point of clarification to CARB and Air District tonight: If the money does not go to the Stockton Port does it go back to the larger state pot? Because it doesn't go back to Stockton correct?

01:59:38 Todd DeYoung - AD: @Catherine: this is AB 617 funding.

01:59:44 V-R - Stacey Panyasee: @Ryan, can you help me understand why not?

01:59:57 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: I am unclear why \$5 million was brought to the table if it cannot be reallocated. That does not seem to be the case with the other measures.

02:00:23 V-CSC - Silvia Cantu: What happens to the \$5 millions if not used for the Port?

02:00:34 V-R - Nate Knodt: The Port of Stockton is largely self-funded through ship arrivals, departures, and cargo revenues. It is not a major publicly funded district such as many of the huge container ports. This is a relatively small "break-bulk" port.

02:01:34 Kyle Goff - CARB: No problem Catherine, I can list a few of the major things here. Would probably be a bit more involved discussion to dig into the weeds though. At any rate, the main thing is that Moyer requires scrappage for its projects -- which means a piece of existing and operational and currently in-use piece of equipment needs to be permanently destroyed -- and the new piece of equipment funded specifically needs to be able to do the work of that removed vehicle. Beyond that we also have some specific requirements on how usage is calculated for the equipment to be destroyed, which factors into the total grant amount (more usage = more \$, basically), and then the applicant needs to annually update the district on the usage of the new vehicle to demonstrate its being used at least as much as the thing it replaced.

02:01:38 Todd DeYoung - AD: Arlene/Silvia: funding will be used to reduce emissions in disadvantaged communities throughout the District.

02:01:57 Kyle Goff - CARB: Like I said lots of other requirements feed into it but I've already put up two big walls of text! :)

02:02:35 V-CSC - Arlene Galindo: @Todd ...in the district away from Stockton?

02:02:43 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Thanks Kyle. I understand that for the trucks, and maybe that applies to off road equipment? Also to tug boats and the bonnet, or are those different? The funding is very hard to follow.

02:03:18 Todd DeYoung - AD: @Arlene, throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

02:03:34 V-CSC - Arlene Galindo: @Todd. Thanks for the clarification

02:05:20 Kyle Goff - CARB: There are a lot of common requirements shared by all the various project types available in Moyer, but yeah there are particulars that differ from category to category -- marine vessels for example are generally repowered instead of replaced, which is to say that a vessel's engines would be scrapped and new clean engines installed.

02:05:41 V-R - Gloria Alonso Cruz: Thank you Dillon

02:06:03 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Dillon, your point is so important and necessary for everyone in this group to hear.

02:06:29 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Restore the Delta holds the same sentiments.

02:06:34 V-R - Taylor Williams: Never stopped preaching, Dillon. Thanks for sharing

02:07:07 V-R - Deby Provost: I live right next to I-5 and on the polluted water is almost in my back yard. I am in the 617 district. They are going to build up anyway. I have asthma, but I would still like to see more emissions controlled at the Port.

02:07:28 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Dillon, I fully understand your position and respect it!

02:07:38 V-R - Margo Praus: well said, Dillon. Thanks.

02:07:42 V-R - Nate Knodt: Most air pollution is created by individuals driving their cars. We can all start by reducing our auto trips. We are not "sacrificing funds! We are allocating them the best way that we know!

02:08:12 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: We have work to do and I look forward to continuing the discussion!

02:09:01 V-R - Regina Griffin: Thanks Jeff.

02:09:04 V-CSC - Irene Calimlim: Thank you Jeff

02:11:59 Kyle Goff - CARB: Arlene: in response to your earlier question about the \$5M possibly reverting to CARB, the only real barrier we're up against on our end of things is the legislative deadline to have funds liquidated (in other words, spent). For the pot of funds the \$5M comes from, the liquidation deadline is actually a little looser than the pots that came before -- they need to be spent by June 30, 2025. I want to be fair to the air district though that this is just our perspective at the State level - there's a lot of "boots on the grounds" logistical and planning considerations that the air districts need to worry about, and implementing projects from beginning to end can take quite a bit of time for them. They could speak to those kinds of considerations far better than I could, certainly!

02:12:32 V-R - Margo Praus: Brilliant—focusing air monitors at schools. And they look well distributed.

02:12:38 V-R - Ned Leiba: Will we have paired monitors, to measure inside and outside pollutants.

02:12:56 V-CSC - Noehmi Jauregui: Thank you for your work on the CAMP!

02:13:11 V-R - Stacey Panyasee: Can we get clarification on why the \$5mil is use it or lose it?

02:14:11 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Yes, I would like to know more about why Port measures seem to be treated differently than the other measures

02:14:30 V-CSC - Arlene Galindo: @Kyle Thank you.

02:14:55 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Yes, thanks Kyle.

02:14:58 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: CAMP looks good~ Thanks everyone for working on this

02:17:35 V-R - Douglas Vigil: the board give will the money to the port

02:18:09 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Why couldn't the funding shift to already passed measures, like EV mechanics training? Or electric trucks? I previously expressed interest in raising the dollar amounts for several of the existing measures.

02:18:40 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Yes, Douglas, that is likely given the conversation from the board meeting.

02:19:06 V-R - Douglas Vigil: thank you

02:19:21 V-R - Stacey Panyasee: Yes, why couldn't the funding shift to already passed measures?

02:20:56 V-R - Nate Knodt: Will CSC Meetings be optional for in-person attendance later this summer?

02:21:28 Jeffrey Wingfield - Port of Stockton: Nate CCT is co-owned by UP and BNSF.

02:21:30 V-CSC - Maria Mendez: Thank you for all of the important information

02:21:42 V-CSC - Catherine Garoupa White: Thank you, Jeff, for listening.

02:22:27 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: Can we highlight Catherine and Stacey's question?

02:23:41 V-CSC - Espe Vielma: CARB and SVAPCD maybe get information back to the members who still have questions about the money . Maybe send out an email as follow up to the entire group in detail about the process , rules and regulations as it pertains to AB617

02:24:34 V-CSC - Mariah Looney: Wouldn't adding money to other measures help make sure that they get done?

02:24:37 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: And I know we'll make sure we use all of it!

02:25:03 V-R - Stacey Panyasee: I still don't understand why we can't reallocate the \$5mil to already passed measures to improve air quality in Stockton AB 617.

02:26:33 Robyn DeGuzman - GOV: Please also put in writing the Lehigh project's change of plans.

02:26:37 V-R - Douglas Vigil: covid funds community ??

02:26:58 Hanna St. - ILG: Thank you Robyn

02:26:58 V-CSC - Jonathan Pruitt: Thanks everyone! Have a good night!