

AB 617 Shafter Community Steering Committee-Meeting # 14

September 9, 2019, 5:30 pm

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome and Introductions

Christal Love Lazard, Facilitator

Christal Love Lazard, Institute for Local Government, Facilitator provided a welcome and reviewed that the goal for the meeting would be to present the finalized version of the Shafter Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) for Committee support. Christal introduced Jessica Coria, Senior Air Quality Specialist, and Jessica Olsen, Program Manager, from the Air District to present Agenda Item #3.

3. Ongoing Community Emission Reduction Plan Development

Jessica Olsen, District Program Manager

Steering Committee Final Recommendations Jessica Olsen provided the introduction to this item, and reviewed the process for updating the draft CERP based on Steering Committee and public comments received. Jessica Coria reviewed the updates to District measures, which included funding adjustments, the elimination of measures that lacked full Committee support, and the addition of funding for strategies including road improvement and sidewalk installations, and funding for electric vehicles. Edgar Vidrio from the Department for Pesticide Regulations (DPRs) provided a review of DPR's commitments for the CERP. Jessica Olsen provided a summary of the additional measures included in the CERP, and the next steps for CERP development. Karen Magliano from CARB discussed the next steps for Steering Committee meetings involving CARB, and discussed the planned CARB Governing Board meeting in Shafter, to be held in February, 2020. Committee members asked questions and provided comments about the proposed CERP, with Christal Lazard facilitated the discussion.

Specific Committee comments were as follows:

- Are school buses going to be available at other centers like after school programs or senior centers?
- This is going to take a lot of work, are we going to be the facilitator?
- Just to clarify: \$1.5 million in District funding, that's out of the \$35 Million?
- Again saying this is a lot of work, it's critical the District takes a lead.
- How long do we have to implement the program?
- So this amount of money has to be spent in the next five years?
- What are we replacing trucks with? CNG?

- We are a very big export area with all the farming. I understand the Electric Tech isn't there yet but I suggest we support funding for CNG trucks.
- Where do we get the biggest bang for our buck?
- How do we ensure that Shafter gets more money than the valley wide \$4million?
- The money that was removed from these programs and allocated to others, will reduce the same amount of emissions? What was the biggest emissions reductions from these programs?
- Concerned that the dairy Digesters are going away
- Clarify, DPR didn't get any AB617 funding
- Committed to working with the Committee with the \$250,000 for the Notification System
- Proposed update measure about the expanded monitoring system. Is this going to be a notification system for spraying incidents or spraying that is going to happen?
- DPR has adopted new rules for drift to nearby schools. Growers are required to provide schools with a list of pesticides. How does DPR know this rule is being compliant?
- It would be good to know what the report cards are on these sites, if they could provide that info to the committee/public
- Comment on how the lists provided by the growers annually sucks, it doesn't provide anything. Mentioned daycares start as early as 5am. Mentioned if DPR doesn't enforce this notification, the AG commissioner is not going to implement it.
- Thanks for the bike lane funding
- If it's possible for District/Committee can begin some of these measures before it goes in front of CARB
- Road paving/sidewalks, we need to be committed with this and thanked the District
- All funding/measures need to include the air pollution reductions
- Most recent proposals, you responded but it's not adequate. Taking money from solar to new measure, they're not okay with that. Tree planting, we suggested \$250, you're committing \$50 and that's not satisfactory.
- Road improvements like roundabouts. The COG is already working on Los Angeles w/43.

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

Christal Love Lazard, Facilitator

- Meeting takeaways and next steps
- District Governing Board Meeting: September 19, 2019
- Next Steering Committee meeting: October 21, 2019

Christal wrapped up the meeting by reviewing the next steps for CERP development, emphasizing that Steering Committee meetings will be ongoing after the District Governing Board meeting on September 19, 2019, and encouraging community members to continue their involvement through the AB 617 implementation process.

5. Public Comment

- Will these be through an RFP? Or some other method?
- Will those \$500,000 include installing chargers in low income communities?
- Suggest we keep the funding together. Car share and infrastructure to support it.
- Strongly want to continue to help support this community.
- Thought, almost end of the year, and no school districts have attended. There's no way to know if the school districts have been notified whether or not they have been sprayed. The state of CA has great information to implement if we turn in the schools that are affected. It's a partnership between the school and the applicator/farmer. It would be great if you can share this info with schools.
- Thank you for the Urban Greening measure, suggest they go to schools or veterans places.
- Funding for roads, get a roundabout or two lanes on Los Angeles to Toledo hwy? Homes on Tulare?
- Oleander shrubs next to ag fields to help with dust control

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

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