What is the "Community Engagement and Air Protection Program" under AB 617?

Southwest Stockton
AB 617 Community Kick-off Meeting
January 22, 2020



Valley Faces Unique Air Quality Challenges

- Surrounding mountains and meteorology help create and trap air pollution
- High poverty, unemployment
- High rate of population growth
- I-5 and Hwy 99 (major transportation arteries) run through Valley
- Summer challenge: Ozone
- Winter challenge: Fine Particulates



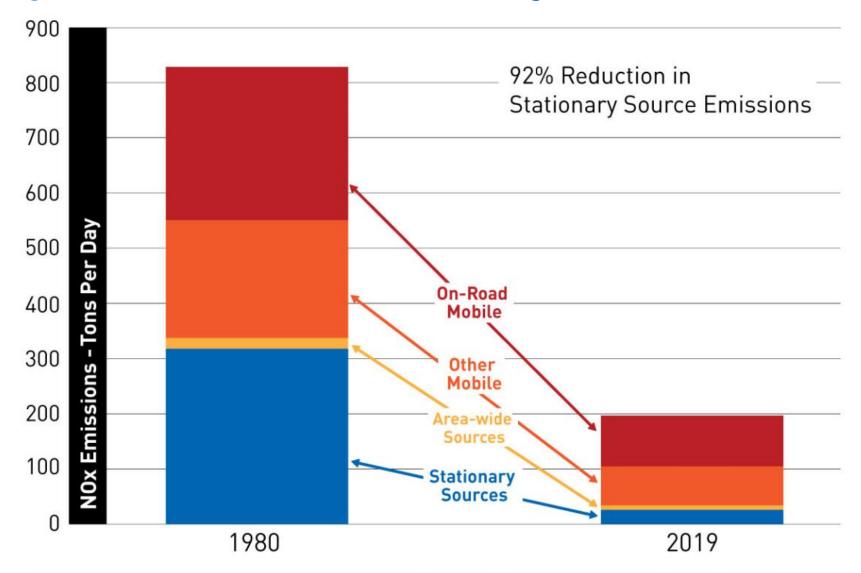


Clean Air Efforts in the San Joaquin Valley

- Toughest air regulations on businesses, cars and trucks, consumer products, and Valley residents
- Reduction of health risk from existing and new businesses through District's permitting and air toxics hot spots programs
- \$40 billion spent by businesses on clean air
- Grant programs: \$2.6 billion public/private investment in clean air projects
- Air quality throughout the Valley has improved significantly
- Clean air efforts must continue Valley's new clean air plan will establish a range of new measures to further reduce air pollution from businesses, mobile sources, and residents



Major Reductions in Valley NOx Emissions





Assembly Bill 617 Overview

- AB 617 passed by state legislature in 2017 to address potentially high burdens from air toxics and criteria pollutants in identified impacted communities
- Through robust public engagement process, CARB and air districts must develop and implement community specific:
 - Community air monitoring networks
 - Community emission reduction plans



AB 617 Brings New Resources and Attention to Valley Communities

- AB 617 established to further address community-level air quality issues beyond regional clean air efforts
 - Provides opportunity for investment in impacted communities to reduce air pollution
 - Valley successful in bringing significant new funding to our communities
- State (CARB) tasked with selecting communities for action every year
- Upon CARB's selection of communities, air districts must develop and implement any necessary air quality monitoring and Community Emissions Reduction Programs (CERPs) for each community
- Only successful through strong partnerships with local and state agencies, and community stakeholders (residents, businesses, community organizations, and others)



Clean Air Grants to Improve Air Quality

- Incentive grants reduce pollution by providing funding to help replace older, dirtier equipment with newer, cleaner models
- Over \$2.8 billion clean air grant public/private investment to date by Valley residents, businesses, schools, cities, counties, and others
- AB 617 creates new opportunities for making clean air investments in impacted communities











Available Clean Air Grants

- Funding currently available for a variety of grant programs for Valley businesses, residents, and public agencies
- Grant opportunities for businesses:
 - Heavy Duty Truck Replacement
 - Agricultural Equipment Replacement
 - Off-Road Equipment Replacement
 - Cargo Handling Equipment
 - Locomotive Replacement
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

- Alternatives to agricultural burning
- Low dust nut harvesting equipment
- Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Replacement
- Ag Truck Replacement
- Alternative Fuel Infrastructure



Available Clean Air Grants (cont'd)

- Grant programs for Valley Residents:
 - Passenger vehicle repair
 - Passenger vehicle replacement
 - Woodstove/fireplace replacement
 - Electric lawn mowers
 - Vanpool Vouchers

- Grant programs for Public Agencies:
 - Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
 - Emergency Vehicle Replacement
 - Alternative fuel infrastructure
 - Transit and School Bus Replacement
 - Alternative Fuel Vehicles
 - Bike Path and Park and Ride Lot Infrastructure



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AB 617 Community Selection Process

Through an extensive public outreach process, the District has now undergone two rounds of AB 617 community identification and nomination for CARB consideration

July 2018: District submitted Year 1 recommendations to CARB Sept 2018: CARB selected 10 communities statewide

Year 1 Valley
Communities:
South Central
Fresno & Shafter

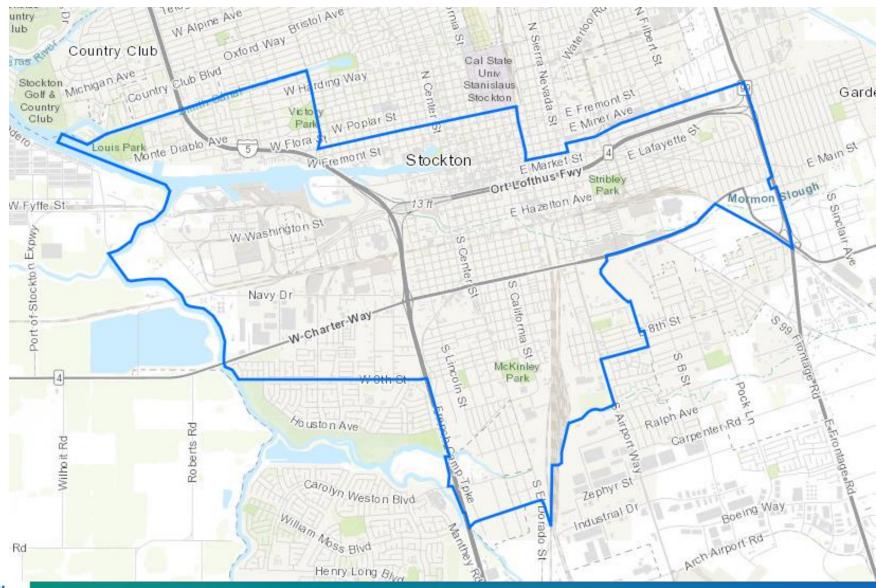
Sept 2019: District submitted Year 2 recommendations to CARB

Dec 2019: CARB selected 3 *new* communities statewide

Year 2 Valley
Community:
Southwest
Stockton



CARB-Selected Southwest Stockton Community





Southwest Stockton Community Characteristics

- Stockton is the largest metro area in District's northern region
- Southwest Stockton is densely populated community impacted by large freeways, Port of Stockton, industry, and upwind emissions
 - -12.2 square miles
 - Estimated population of 51,000
 - -Interstate 5 and Highways 99 and 4
- Entire Southwest Stockton community ranks in the top 5% most disadvantaged communities in state (CES 3.0)
 - Highest ranked northern region community for PM2.5 impacts
- Mostly within "Rise Stockton" Transformative Climate Community boundaries – leverages resources to maximize benefits of AB 617



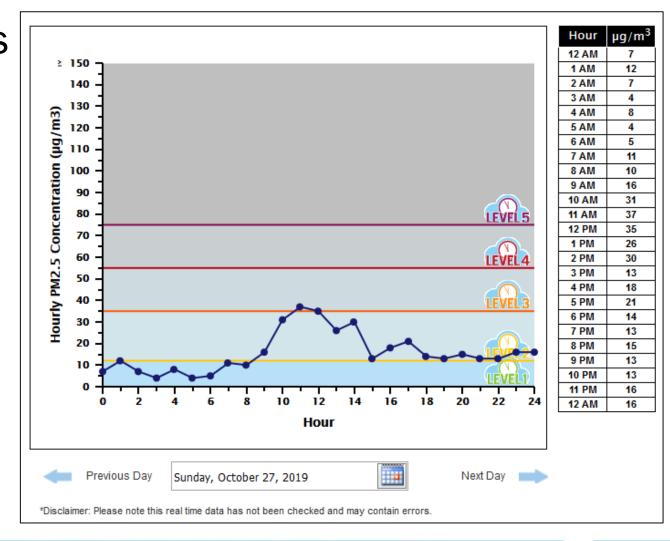
Various Source Types Contribute to Emissions

- Mobile On-Road Sources (State and Federal Jurisdiction)
 - -Cars and trucks
 - -Main roadways (Highways: 99 / 5/ 4)
- Mobile Off-Road Sources (State and Federal Jurisdiction)
 - Forklifts, construction equipment, railyard equipment, Port of Stockton
- Stationary Sources (Regulated by the District)
 - Gas stations, auto body shops, woodworking operations, backup diesel generators, industrial sources
- Areawide Sources (Regulated by Various Agencies)
 - Residential fuel combustion, cooking, consumer products, architectural coating



Community Air Monitoring Plan

- AB 617 includes requirements for air districts to deploy air monitoring in communities selected by CARB
 - -Plan in place by 2021
 - Supplements existing monitoring in/near selected community
- Community access to monitoring information















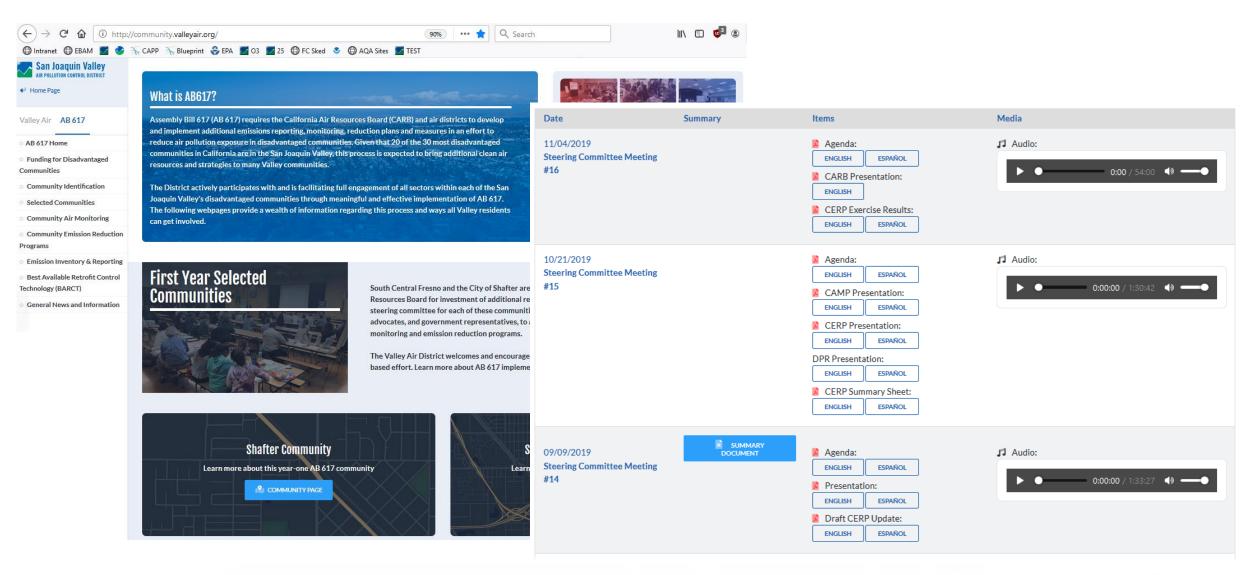


Community Emission Reduction Programs

- Developing an effective community emissions reduction program (CERP) requires:
 - -Identifying and evaluating sources that may impact community
 - -Assessment of measures further reducing air pollution
- By January 1, 2021, District must adopt community emissions reduction programs for Stockton
 - -Work in consultation with Community Steering Committee
 - Measures for reducing air pollution
 - Air pollution reduction goals
 - Metrics for tracking progress



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Community Steering Committee

- In next few weeks, District to establish Community Steering Committee
 - All interested stakeholders not appointed to the steering committee will be encouraged to participate at all public meetings
- Majority of steering committee members to be residents of community
- Other core members to include businesses in community, community advocates, locally-based business associations, school representatives, health care representatives, and other community-based stakeholders
- Committee will also include representatives from city, county, and other local public agencies
- Success requires strong community participation
- 1st Steering Committee meeting in February, with frequent meetings thereafter
- Steering Committee applications due January 30



Community Steering Committee Role

- The steering committee's consultative role can take many forms, including the following:
 - Help the District understand community concerns, including socioeconomic burdens, location of sensitive receptors, etc.
 - Identification of local mobile and stationary sources
 - Assist in developing any community monitoring plans necessary to determine whether local sources are impacting community air quality
 - Assist in developing the community-specific webpage
 - Assist with the public engagement process
 - Assist in identifying and evaluating emission reduction opportunities, including socioeconomic considerations of actions identified
- Membership is voluntary and will require regular participation in meetings and ongoing commitment to ensure meaningful steering committee process

