

Comments on revised CERP of 8/26/19

We are pleased to see a small movement in the most recent air district proposed CERP towards the CERP proposed in past weeks and months by a majority of the steering committee. Seeing free electric lawnmowers for residents, a couple more electric school buses, \$70,000 extra for electric vehicles and \$1.5 million for solar panels are all positive improvements. But these changes are not near enough to get Shafter residents moving to the future with a just transition to electric homes and vehicles based on locally produced renewable energy which will all provide clear and evident air quality improvements.

First, please explain why the draft CERP has been decreased from 44.7 million to 38.4 million. Second, assuming \$38.4 million is the maximum available we need to see the following changes in the proposed CERP of 8/26/19.

A1 No dairy feed mixers! The dairies are among the biggest polluters in the area but they are installing their own solar panels because they know it will save them money. They can electrify their feed mixers and make money as well. We are also waiting for dairy monitoring to be part of the CAMP. Here we additionally request that \$250,000 dollars be allocated from the 3.9 proposed million to support the development and implementation of the Pesticides Notification System.

\$3.9 million removed from the proposed CERP.

A6 Replacing Ag tractors is already an ongoing program valley-wide for many years. It is impossible to spend \$5 million extra in the 7-mile radius. This amount should be reduced to \$2 million.

\$3 million removed from the proposed CERP.

A.10 For the Pesticides Measure we request that a notification process builds and deployed in Shafter.

250,000 dollars be allocated from the A.1 to this project.

HD6 No money should be spent on train locomotives for Shafter. It cannot be justified. BNSF trains and locomotives travel through Shafter but also to Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, and Seattle.

\$5.2 million removed from proposed CERP.

HD7 1 electric train yard switcher locomotive is supported by the committee but only if located within the 7-mile radius and it has to be electric, not natural gas or diesel.

\$2.8 million removed from the proposed CERP.

HD8 Eliminate the alternative fueling station. We do not support natural gas infrastructure.

\$1 million removed from proposed CERP

SD 1 Solar Panels \$1.5 million should be increased to \$8.5 million This includes community solar for renters which the City of Shafter may be able to oversee. We also stated that Energy Storage should be something saved for the future.

Increase of \$7 million.

SD2 Electrify homes and buildings for heating, hot water, and cooking. \$2.5 million for 200 homes. A 75% subsidy is recommended for most but more for low-income residents.

Increase of \$2.5 million.

C2 For Electric Vehicles increase the proposal from \$2.02 million to \$6 million.

Increase of \$4 million.

C3 EV Chargers \$100,000 to \$850,000 for incentives and subsidies for chargers at homes. There should be several level 3 chargers installed in Shafter for public use and 4 or more level 2 chargers at each school site for employees to use while at work.

Increase of \$750,000.

C5 Car shares \$300,000 to \$500,000 to make it very affordable for a trial period of at least three years.

Increase of \$200,000.

UG1 Trees \$0 to \$250,000 \$50 per tree x 5 years x 1000

Increase of \$250,000

RD.2 Road Dust/Improvements/Sidewalks. There needs to be substantial AB 617 money to reduce PM 10 and dust via paved roads and sidewalks. The amount should be above 10 million Dollars.

RB1 Specify in writing there will be no replacements of fireplaces or wood stoves with EPA certified wood stoves in Shafter. Electric and gas only. This is the only place we reluctantly say gas can replace wood but electricity is preferred.

Pesticides: \$250,000 for notification system.

Increase of \$250,000

U1 Bicycle lanes separated and protected from traffic connecting all school locations in Shafter including Grimmway Academy. This will connect parks as well as schools to each other and to the downtown commercial area. Money goes to the City of Shafter for implementation.

Increase of \$1 million for the initial phase

We also make the following requests:

The city of Shafter should mandate all-electric new homes after 2020 when solar installation on new homes becomes state mandated.

The Air District must quit saying in print and orally that dairy digesters improve air quality. That is a lie. It was in the presentation of 8/26/19 and also heard or seen previously.

Note: The total increases proposed above are approximately equal to the total proposed cuts. This is the CERP we are taking to CARB in February unless there is significant further acceptance and incorporation of this community-based CERP by the air district.

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