

AB 617 Shafter Community Steering Committee - Meeting #10
July 22, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

1. Doors Open/ Meet and Greet/ Refreshments

2. Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Olsen, Program Manager

Jessica Olsen provided the introduction and explained that she will be acting as the facilitator for the evening. Jessica provided an overview of the meeting goals, and reviewed information included in the Steering Committee informational packets. Jessica also reviewed methods for the Steering Committee and members of the public to submit comments to the District.

3. Enforcement Presentation:

Ryan Hayashi, Valley Air District Director of Compliance and Justin Shields, CARB Enforcement staff

The first presentation was given by Ryan Hayashi. Ryan discussed the District's enforcement program, including information about Valley-wide compliance programs, as well as specific information about inspections, complaints, and violations in the community of Shafter. Finally, he discussed possible enforcement measures for inclusion in the Shafter Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP).

Following Ryan's presentation, Justin Shields, CARB Enforcement staff, discussed CARB enforcement of mobile sources in and around the community of Shafter. Justin discussed inspections conducted in and around the community, as well as potential measures that could be implemented in Shafter.

Following the two enforcement presentations, Ryan and Justin answered several Committee member questions.

- How do you know the person burning is registered?
- Are we allowed to burn dry wood?
- Do you have inspectors driving looking around for illegal burning?
- Do you get most of your complaints from violations or surveillance?
- Do you inspect farms and check their CMP's?
- Do you allow farmers to burn while it's raining? Other Districts do not allow burning during or after a rain.

4. CERP Strategies:

Presentation of the CERP provided by District Staff: Todd DeYoung, District Program Manager; Brian Dodds, District Program Manager; Errol Villegas, Program Manager for Permit Services; Heather Heinks, Program Manager for Outreach and Communications; and Chay Thao, District Program Manager for Planning and Rule Development.

Jessica Olsen introduced the Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) development discussion. Jessica asked the Committee members if they were interested in holding an Open House to further discuss CERP measures. There was general interest, and so a meeting was scheduled for 5:30pm on July 30, 2019, at the District Bakersfield office.

Todd, was the first speaker to discuss District measures. Todd discussed measures to reduce emissions from agricultural operations. Todd and Brian discussed measures to reduce emissions from mobile sources, including heavy duty trucks, buses, locomotives, and high polluting passenger cars. Errol Villegas discussed measures targeted for industrial sources. Heather Heinks discussed targeted measures to reduce residential burning in the community of Shafter, including incentives, outreach and enforcement measures. Chay Thao reviewed the proposed measures to reduce emissions from urban sources, including commercial cooking, land use measures, fugitive dust reduction strategies, and incentives for lawn and garden equipment replacement in the community. Heather returned to present on exposure reduction strategies for implementation in Shafter. Exposure reduction measures discussed included programs for schools, indoor weatherization measures, urban greening, vegetative barriers, and outreach strategies about air quality and air quality improvement programs. Finally, Skott Wall, Community Liason from CARB, briefly discussed the development of targets and metrics for the statewide strategies.

Jessica Olsen responded to Committee member questions following the presentation. The District will set an additional meeting in response to the Committee request for an additional meeting to further discuss community emission reduction strategies for inclusion in the CERP. Specific questions from the Committee included the following:

- Will you be offering Incentives to replace inserts?
- Does Shafter get the left overs of funding? We don't have city buses here. We only have one bus that travels from Bakersfield to Shafter. We don't have school buses. Why are we giving money to trains, this money should go to the Shafter community. Other alternatives for the community instead of industry. We have more need for the community, not industry.
- This CERP was not written by the community, it was developed by the District.
- Why did the District add Dairy Digesters? This increases air pollution. Glad to see school buses. The state is moving away from natural gas. We want to electrify all homes especially low income residents.
- We want solar for our community. We want to electrify all vehicles.
- This CERP is a wish list for the District not what the committee is proposing.
- To focus on new or beyond regional programs not included in the CERP. Land use, Enforcement, Facility Audits
- Six different strategies for the CERP, missing the Facility Risk Reduction Audits
- 10 million is going into Low-NOx Harvesting, Alt-Ag Burns, Heavy Duty, and Wood Burning. Theoretically this would place the Valley into the PM2.5 attainment. Allocate the funds to work for the best reductions.
- Whatever violations are found that equal fees need to be redirected to Shafter. This should be written clear in the CERP
- Is there going to be a pre/post pollution effect for Dairy Digesters?
- We want to leave here with new measures. We need sidewalks, we need light posts, and we need to improve our city.
- A lot goes to industry. We are not being considered, especially on the pesticides and the air toxic impacts and the 7 mile radius. This is not a CERP consensus from the committee. We want to have meetings until we finalize the CERP from the community input. Concrete ideas from the committee not from the District.

- We want a mandatory meeting to talk about the CERP.
- The Fresno committee knows what they are doing with the air monitoring. Could we have a representative from that committee join us?
- PM10 was not included in the presentation
- We need a PM10 monitor outside the DMV, ARB can help pay for this. Aug 10 is your deadline.
- Can you show the emissions sources? What the emissions are in Shafter?
- Can we see the current number of replaced vehicles?
- What is the plan to reduce pesticides?

Public Comment:

During the public comment period, three members of the public shared the following comments:

- Decisions made here will have statewide impacts.
- The one CERP that you have for pesticides has nothing to do with AB 617.
- Notifications of what types of pesticides are being sprayed need to happen. People need to know to protect their health.
- None of the 8 recommendations from the committee are included in the CERP due to lack of authority. This needs to be added to the CERP. Do not exclude items from the CERP due to lack of authority.
- We are all frustrated by the way things are being prioritized or the lack of not being included in the CERP.
- All incentives going to industry.
- Suggestions are not being taken and those are the concerns the community is telling you. We don't want to talk about oil & gas, notifications and the 2,500 feet buffer zone because it will hurt industry.
- You are making decision on behalf of low income people. They need real solutions that impact them now. Use your resources from the Shafter City Manager and City Mayor, get their input. What do they think?

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