

Shafter Community Steering Committee - Meeting Number 1
December 17, 2018, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Shafter Veterans Hall

1. **Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments**
2. **Welcome – Samir Sheikh, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer**

Samir Sheikh provided a welcome to the audience and outlined his goals for the District's AB 617 implementation.

3. **Steering Committee Facilitator and Member Introductions**
Dave Warner, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

Dave Warner introduced facilitator Jimmy Yee and then went around the room allowing all committee members to introduce themselves.

4. **What can AB 617 do for your Community?**
 - a. **AB 617 Goals**
Sheraz Gill, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

Sheraz Gill outlined the District's regional clean air efforts and emphasized that despite significant progress, much more needs to be done. He explained that the AB 617 effort was established to address community-level air quality issues. He provided an overview of the District's current air monitoring efforts and described the process the committee would go through in advising the district on the creation of a Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) for Shafter.

- b. **Community Incentive Efforts and Opportunities**
Todd DeYoung, Strategies and Incentives Program Manager

Todd described the District's successful grants program and highlighted the 2.1 billion dollars of successful clean-air projects that have been implemented and the noted 144,000 tons of emissions that have been reduced. He described the high demand for funding and the need AB 617 will serve to provide incentive funding for low income and disadvantaged communities.

5. **Steering Committee Air Quality Interests and Concerns**
 - a. **Start Living List on Easel - Jimmy Yee, Facilitator**

The steering committee was divided into working groups to discuss air quality issues, and report back to the entire group.

As a result of the break-out, the following list was created and members then individually placed sticky notes next to the topics that most concerned them. Each sticky note is captured below with an asterisk (*).

- Dairy emissions* * *
- Diesel vehicles/warehouses
- Oil pumping/distribution
- Electrifying diesel vehicles and equipment
- Pesticides*
- Fracking
- Factory emissions / roofing manufacturer
- Track out from landfill and landfill emissions* * * *
- Increase sidewalks, street lighting and street paving*
- Decreasing idling*
- Expand repair facilities for EV and job skills
- Equipment alternatives to almond harvesting
- Wood chipping on-site instead of burning
- Better education about health impacts
- How programs will improve economic growth and social changes* * *
- Road safety and infrastructure
- Outreach for incentives especially EV
- Air quality baseline info
- Ag dust, mold and secondary pollutants* *
- Renewable energy/landfill waste
- Electrification of buses for school system
- Train pollution
- Verify and expand community boundaries* * * * *
- Identify sources of pollution as soon as possible* * * * * *
- Encourage economic development and business use of incentives

Following the group presentations, the floor was opened to public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Should monitor for a year, not just short term.
- Industry that receives incentives (like to buy new tractor) should have to commit to creating buffer zones near schools or reduce pesticide use in order to get the tractor.
- Interested in hearing about potential new regulations that might apply to businesses in Shafter that might come out of AB 617 process.
- Wants to better understand how committee process will work without voting, or will there be voting?
- Everything the Committee does should benefit the residents of Shafter, make Shafter a better place to live.
- Committee should consider disclosing affiliations in order to give appropriate weight to the various opinions presented.
- Will the committee be taking on new members?

6. Steering Committee Charter

Dave Warner, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

Presentation and discussion was tabled to next meeting.

7. Topics for Next Meeting

The committee identified the following topics:

- Community boundaries
- Baseline air quality info and sources of pollution
- Finalize charter

8. Public Comment

Following public comment, Jimmy adjourned the meeting.

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