

AB 617 Fresno Community Steering Committee - Meeting #9
July 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Shafter Veterans Hall

1. Doors Open/Meet and Greet/Refreshments

2. Welcome and Introductions

Jaime Holt, Valley Air District Director of Communications, provided an introduction to the meeting goals for the evening. As a part of the Community Emission Reduction Program development, this meeting will focus on updating the Committee about strategies under development in partnership with other agencies. The Valley Air District does not have jurisdiction over air pollution sources such as mobile sources or land use. Therefore, this meeting will give the public and the Steering Committee the opportunity to hear about local strategies and plans that can be developed through partnerships with agencies such as the California Air Resources Board, Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the City of Shafter. Jaime also noted that she will be acting as the facilitator for the evening, due to a transition in facilitation service providers.

3. California Air Resources Board: Update on State and Community-Specific Strategies and Discussion

Skott Wall, CARB Staff
Steering Committee

Skott gave a presentation outlining the CARB State-wide strategies that may be applicable for implementation through the Shafter Community Emission Reduction Program. Skott reviewed state-wide strategies that addressed community concerns, as expressed at prior Steering Committee meetings, as well as other state-wide strategies approved by the CARB Governing Board for development as a part of the AB 617 program. Skott and Vernon Hughes from CARB provided answers to questions from Committee members, including discussing the status of the regulatory process at the state level for different measures.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- What do Heavy-Duty strategies mean for residents at a local level?
- Are these strategies designed for Shafter?
- How will increasing inspections benefit Shafter?
- What is making it cleaner?
- What direction are we headed with the Heavy-Duty strategies?
- The air pollution is around Shafter. What are we doing to increase inspections around here?
- When are we going to get answers from our comments?
- To what extent will these strategies impact our community?
- Are the new strategies better than previous strategies?
- What happens if we select one of these items?
- How do we achieve meeting these items?
- Would the regulation affect statewide?
- This process is very confusing to all of us.

- Whatever we do, we want to have a positive impact to our community and local businesses.
- We don't know how either of the strategies will help us? What percentage is it affecting Shafter? We think the tight deadline is affecting all of us.
- I would like to see the details of each of the strategies.

4. Department of Pesticide Regulation: Update on State and Community-Specific Strategies and Discussion

Edgar Vidrio, DPR Staff
Steering Committee

Edgar Vidrio from the Department of Pesticide Regulation gave a presentation providing a response to the "Special Pesticide Program" request received from several committee members in June, 2019. Edgar provided a specific response to each of the Committee comments submitted about pesticides, including providing an overview of the process for developing new regulations, and the current status of regulation for different pesticide classes. In response to the Committee member request for advanced notification, Edgar reviewed the pesticides that are required to have advanced notification. Edgar explained that the existing "NOI" process has limitations for providing advanced notification to residents. An advanced notification system would need to be limited to restricted materials. Edgar also mentioned that DPR has launched an application for the public to submit pesticide questions or concerns via a free mobile app. The free app is available on the department's website, www.cdpr.ca.gov, and can be downloaded from Google Play and the Apple iTunes store.

Summary of Feedback from Posters:

- Confused on the 7 measures? What do we need to do?
- Is the NOIS regulated? Are you waiting to get more from us to see what you can do?
- On Prop 65 we saw the side effects. What about the others ones?
- Mineral Oil is #1 in several criteria. How is the Air District handling that?
- Do we have a way to notify residents of exposure to contaminants? (Pesticides)
- Are homes next to fields being monitored?
- Out of the top 8 contaminants how many of them have been monitored?
- Do you track the permit process for each application?

5. Shafter Update on Preparation of Environmental Justice Program for General Plan

Lloyd Zola, Consultant for City of Shafter
Metis Environmental Group

Lloyd Zola gave a verbal update for the City of Shafter. The City has jurisdiction over land use, including where development occurs, where roads and truck routes are located, and where industry is located in relation to residences, and the Committee was encouraged to become involved with City planning processes. The City of Shafter held a meeting three weeks ago focusing on environmental justice issues and public health issues as a part of the development of the City's General Plan. The City of Shafter will be adopting an Environmental Justice element for their General Plan to reduce pollution exposure and to promote public facilities in disadvantaged areas of Shafter. The Environmental Justice element of the

General Plan will include measures to address improving public facility location; advancing access to safe housing; advancing public activity (and reducing air pollution from vehicles) through active transport measures like biking, greenbelts, and walkable neighborhoods; as well as increasing public input into City planning processes.

The City of Shafter will hold a public meeting September 19, 2019 at 5:30 in Shafter Veteran's Hall to ask the community for input and guidance on how to achieve the goals of the Environmental Justice element of the General Plan, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. A draft element will be released in early September for public review.

6. Wrap-up and Next Steps

Jaime thanked the Steering Committee and the public for their participation in the meeting, and noted that the next meeting will be held on July 22, 2019.

7. Public Comment

- Michelle-We need to keep a balance with our environment and our businesses. This is all of us together.
- Rob (Southern California Gas)-Zero emission vehicle. How do you define ZERO emissions? A lot of the public does not understand.

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

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