

# APPENDIX G

## **Comment Letters from Community Steering Committee Members**

Arvin/Lamont CERP

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

#### 4.27.22 Arvin/Lamont In-person Meeting Poster Summary

<b>1.a HD Truck Replacement</b> <b>Reemplazo de Camiones de Servicio Pesados</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 23, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 2, NO = 4</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	Can we get information about charging infrastructure for ZE HDT?  <i>¿Podemos obtener información sobre la infraestructura de carga para camiones de servicio pesado de cero emisiones?</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>  <b>Comentario #2</b>	How much does ZE or near ZE HDT cost?  <i>¿Cuánto cuestan los camiones de servicio pesado de cero emisiones o casi cero?</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>  <b>Comentario #3</b>	We should do more outreach to local truck drivers in Arvin/Lamont communities before we do outreach to large companies  <i>Deberíamos hacer más alcance a los camioneros locales en las comunidades de Arvin/Lamont antes de hacer alcance a las grandes empresas.</i>
<b>Comment #4</b>  <b>Comentario #4</b>	It is very necessary because they transport the food  <i>Es muy necesario porque ellos llevan la comida</i>
<b>1.b School Bus Replacement</b> <b>Reemplazo del Autobuses Escolares</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 26, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 4, NO = 2</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	Just 4 buses is not enough; need more per school  <i>Solamente 4 autobuses no es suficiente; se necesitan más por escuela</i>
<b>1.c Ag Eq Replacement</b> <b>Reemplazo de Equipos Agrícolas</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 31, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 0</b>	
	<b>No comments Sin comentarios</b>
<b>1.d Alt Ag Burn</b> <b>Alternativas a la Quema Agrícola</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 30, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 0</b>	
	<b>No comments Sin comentarios</b>
<b>2.a Residential L&amp;G</b> <b>Equipo de Jardín/Césped Residencial</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 31, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 1</b>	

	No comments <i>Sin comentarios</i>
<b>2.b Commercial L&amp;G</b> <b><i>Equipo de Jardín/Césped Comercial</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 16, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 10</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>I'm reading the detailed description of 2b there was difference in understanding who would benefit. City &amp; County or smaller operators</p> <p><i>Estoy leyendo la descripción detallada de 2b, hubo una diferencia en la comprensión de quién se beneficiaría. Operadores de ciudad y condado u operadores más pequeños</i></p>
<b>2.c Incentives for Vehicle Repair</b> <b><i>Reparación de Vehículos Residenciales</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 17, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 11, NO = 0</b>	
	No comments <i>Sin comentarios</i>
<b>2.d Incentives for Vehicle Replacement</b> <b><i>Reemplazo de Vehículos Residenciales</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 17, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 4, NO = 10</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>20k total = state already has 12k~, AB617 add on is 7k~; the addition is 7k per car not 20k; yes, but only 7k on top of the 12k</p> <p><i>20k total = el estado ya tiene 12k~, el complemento AB617 es 7k~; la adición es de 7k por auto, no de 20k; si, pero solo 7k encima de los 12k</i></p>
<b>Comment #2</b>  <b>Comentario #2</b>	<p>The state have the program already</p> <p><i>El estado ya tiene el programa</i></p>
<b>Comment #3</b>  <b>Comentario #3</b>	<p>Can this incentive be combined w/ other available incentives for vehicle? replacement (like stacking incentives)</p> <p><i>¿Se puede combinar este incentivo con otros incentivos disponibles para vehículos? reemplazo (como apilar incentivos)</i></p>
<b>Comment #4</b>  <b>Comentario #4</b>	<p>Incentive should be increased by \$20,000 = \$40,000 per vehicle</p> <p><i>El incentivo debe incrementarse en \$20,000 = \$40,000 por vehículo</i></p>
<b>Comment #5</b>  <b>Comentario #5</b>	<p>Do we know how many residents in Arvin/Lamont are already taking advantage of the state incentives? If not, should we reduce this funding amount and put it towards Channel 1: Incentives HD Trucks &amp; Equipment?</p> <p><i>¿Sabemos cuántos residentes en Arvin/Lamont ya están</i></p>

	<i>aprovechando los incentivos estatales? De no ser así, ¿deberíamos reducir este monto de financiamiento y destinarlo al Canal 1: Incentivos para camiones y equipos HD?</i>
<b>2.e Car Share Program</b> <b>Programa de Vehículos Compartidos</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 14, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 16, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	Would this be for extension or expansion of an existing program (i.e. mio car) or is it for a new program?
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>¿Sería esto para la extensión o expansión de un programa existente (es decir, mio car) o es para un nuevo programa?</i>
<b>3.a Urban Greening</b> <b>Ecologización Urbana</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 15, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 12</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	1 project is not enough; one per school to protect our kids (1 post-it pointed at 3.a & 3.b)
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>1 proyecto no es suficiente; uno por escuela para proteger a nuestros niños (1 post-it apuntando a 3.a y 3.b)</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	The amount of spent is not justified given the minimal emissions reduction. This has more "feel good" value than actual benefit to emissions.
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>La cantidad gastada no se justifica dada la mínima reducción de emisiones. Esto tiene más valor para "sentirse bien" que el beneficio real para las emisiones.</i>
<b>3.b Vegetative Barriers</b> <b>Barreras Vegetativas</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 25, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 6</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	1 project is not enough; one per school to protect our kids (1 post-it pointed at 3.a & 3.b)
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>1 proyecto no es suficiente; uno por escuela para proteger a nuestros niños (1 post-it apuntando a 3.a y 3.b)</i>
<b>3.c Road Improvements, Sidewalk Installation and Bike Paths</b> <b>Mejoramiento de Carreteras, Aceras y Carriles de Bicicletas</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 23, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 7, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	Need 3 more crosswalk in Lamont main street between Hall Rd & Panama Rd
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>Se necesitan 3 cruces peatonales más en la calle principal de Lamont entre Hall Rd y Panama Rd</i>

<b>Comment #2</b>	Bike paths in Fuller Acres
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>Carriles de bicicletas en Fuller Acres</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>	In the incentive for improvements to streets, sidewalks and bike paths...isn't the county responsible for this?
<b>Comentario #3</b>	<i>En el incentivo para mejoras en calles, aceras y carriles de bicicletas... ¿no es el condado el responsable de esto?</i>
<b>3.d EV Charging Stations</b> <b>Estaciones De Carga Para Vehículos Eléctricos</b>	
YES/SÍ = 10, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 17	
<b>Comment #1</b>	More data/info needs to be circulated in support of the need for chargers. How many electric cars are owned in the target area?
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>Es necesario distribuir más datos/información en apoyo de la necesidad de cargadores. ¿Cuántos autos eléctricos se poseen en el área objetivo?</i>
<b>3.e Public Fleet Vehicles</b> <b>Vehículos de Flotillas Públicas</b>	
YES/SÍ = 14, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 13	
<b>Comment #1</b>	Is this not captured in electric buses? If not, can this be combined?
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>¿Esto no se captura en los autobuses eléctricos? Si no, ¿se puede combinar?</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	Yes, but add \$20,000 additional incentive
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>Sí, pero agregue un incentivo adicional de \$20,000</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>	Yes, but add \$20,000 additional incentive. Electric work trucks are twice the cost.
<b>Comentario #3</b>	<i>Sí, pero agregue un incentivo adicional de \$20,000. Los camiones de trabajo eléctricos cuestan el doble.</i>
<b>3.f New Street Sweeper</b> <b>Nueva Barredora De Calles</b>	
YES/SÍ = 3, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 4, NO = 24	
<b>Comment #1</b>	Street sweeper is currently only once a month. The street sweeper breaks down. A new street sweeper would reduce pollution and dust. More street is needed.
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>La barredora de calles es actualmente solo una vez al mes. La barredora de calles se descompone. Una nueva barredora de calles reduciría la contaminación y el polvo. Hace falta más calle.</i>

<b>Comment #2</b>	More information needed on actual emissions reductions to be achieved
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>Se necesita más información sobre las reducciones de emisiones actuales que se lograrán</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>	I consider it an unnecessary expense
<b>Comentario #3</b>	<i>Lo considero un gasto inesesario</i>
<b>4.a Enhanced Inspection Frequency</b> <b>Frecuencia de Inspección Mejorada</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 29, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	No advance notice to refinery or any industry. Yes, but with this addition
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>Sin previo aviso a la refinería o cualquier industria. Sí, pero con esta adición.</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	No Exemptions for Refinery
<b>Comentario #2</b>	-Monitor All 18 recommended Contaminants Rule 4460 Rule 3200  <i>Sin excepciones para refinerías</i>  <i>-Monitorear los 18 contaminantes recomendados</i> <i>Regla 4460 Regla 3200</i>
<b>4.b Stationary Source Rulemaking</b> <b>Regulaciones de Fuentes Estacionarias</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 28, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	APCD's own material tonight states the issue areas in these communities are dominantly mobile sources- mobile sources initiatives are better use of resources.
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>El propio material del Distrito esta noche establece que las áreas problemáticas en estas comunidades son predominantemente fuentes móviles; las iniciativas de fuentes móviles son un mejor uso de los recursos.</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	No Exemptions for Refinery -Monitor All 18 recommended Contaminants Rule 4460 Rule 3200  (this comment was pointing to 4a and 4b)
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>Sin Exenciones para Refinería - Monitorear los 18 Contaminantes recomendados Regla 4460 Regla 3200</i>  <i>(este comentario apuntaba a 4a y 4b)</i>

<b>4.c Expedited AB 2588 Assessment</b> <b>Evaluación Acelerada de AB 2588</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 24, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 6, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>I put maybe because I feel like the paperwork should be revised Regardless &amp; we can put the funds towards a different cause.</p> <p><i>Puse tal vez porque siento que el papeleo debe revisarse de todos modos y podemos destinar los fondos a una causa diferente.</i></p>
<b>Comment #2</b>  <b>Comentario #2</b>	<p>AB 2588 timing and regulation needs updated. Target years are out of date even if reassessments are fast-tracked.</p> <p><i>AB 2588 temporización y regulación necesita actualización. Los años objetivo están desactualizados incluso si las reevaluaciones se aceleran.</i></p>
<b>Comment #3</b>  <b>Comentario #3</b>	<p>Are we already prioritizing "hot spot" high polluters? Aren't AB 617 communities prioritized to the top of the list? If so, this is not needed and more of a "highlight" or "nice to list."</p> <p><i>¿Estamos ya dando prioridad a las "zonas conflictivas" de alta contaminación? ¿Acaso las comunidades AB 617 no tienen prioridad en la parte superior de la lista? Si es así, esto no es necesario y es más un "punto a resaltar" o "agradable para incluir en la lista".</i></p>
<b>4.d Fugitive Dust Enforcement</b> <b>Cumplimiento de Polvo Fugitivo</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 28, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 0</b>	
	<b>No comments Sin comentarios</b>
<b>4.e HD Idling Enforcement</b> <b>Cumplimiento de Motores Encendidos Mientras Estacionados de Servicio Pesado</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 30, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 1</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>This funding would be best used in adding an EV semi-truck than enforcement. More impact.</p> <p><i>Esta financiación se utilizaría mejor para agregar un camión semirremolque EV que para hacer cumplir la ley. Más impacto.</i></p>
<b>Comment #2</b>  <b>Comentario #2</b>	<p>Make people aware, especially those who drive heavy vehicles, since in the fields, especially during the harvest season, the trucks are idling for long periods of time</p> <p><i>Consientizar a las personas, especialmente a los que manejan vehículos pesados ya que en los filed especialmente en la temporada de pesca están los camiones prendidos por un periodo prolongado de tiempo aunque no están haciendo nada</i></p>

**5.a Pesticide Measures**  
**Medidas de Pesticidas**

**YES/SÍ = 3, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 26, NO = 0**

<b>Comment #1</b>	Add - buffer zones 1 mile all pesticides -pesticide notifications
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>Agregar - zonas de contención 1 milla todos los pesticidas -notificaciones de pesticidas</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	In a meeting a resident of Arvin and I suggested on pesticides that protection zones and notifications be implemented and I don't see it here and I think that is important for the communities and here I don't think we can vote for this
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>En una junta una residente de Arvin y yo sugerimos sobre los pesticidas que se implementaran zonas de proteccion y notificaciones y no lo veo aqui y creo que eso es importante para las comunidades y aqui no creo que podemos votar por esto</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>	We want Arvin and Lamont to have Notifications when fumigating, thank you.
<b>Comentario #3</b>	<i>Queremos que en Arvin y Lamont tengan Notificaciones a la hora de fumigar, gracias.</i>
<b>Comment #4</b>	Pesticide notifications near communities similar to 617 measure in Shafter.  Establish a pesticide zone within one mile of residential areas for all communities.
<b>Comentario #4</b>	<i>Notificaciones de pesticidas cerca de comunidades similares a la medida 617 en Shafter.  Establecer una zona de pesticidas dentro de una milla de las áreas residenciales para todas las comunidades.</i>
<b>Comment #5</b>	That the farmers notify when they are going to fumigate, especially when they are near schools
<b>Comentario #5</b>	<i>Que los rancheros avisen cuando van a fumigar espialmente cuando estan serca de escuelas</i>
<b>Comment #6</b>	notify before pesticides are sprayed on fields near schools
<b>Comentario #6</b>	<i>avisar antes que hechen los pesticidas a los fields cerca de las escuelas</i>
<b>Comment #7</b>	I like it but I want stronger laws on pesticides and to keep a certain distance when spraying near schools and communities



<b>Comentario #7</b>	<p>Fuller Acres</p> <p><i>me gusta pero quiero leyes mas fuertes sobre los pesticidas y marcar cierta distancia cuando se fumiga cerca de escuelas y comunidades</i></p> <p><i>Fuller Acres</i></p>
<b>Comment #8</b>          <b>Comentario #8</b>	<p>That the community be notified in advance before spraying and warning notices after having sprayed.</p> <p>Make regulations not to fumigate while the personnel are in the fields working</p> <p><i>Que se notifique a la comunidad con anticipacion antes de fumiagar y avisos de advertencia despues de haber fumigado.</i></p> <p><i>Hacer regulaciones de no fumigar mientras estan las personas en los files trabajando</i></p>
<b>Comment #9</b>          <b>Comentario #9</b>	<p>Look for natural fumigation methods, try to eliminate harmful chemical pesticides.</p> <p><i>Buscar metodos de fumigación naturales, tratar de eliminar pesticidas qumicos dañinos.</i></p>
<b>Comment #10</b>          <b>Comentario #10</b>	<p>Add language to the measure stating that there will be a notification system that is actually shared &amp; used in the community</p> <p><i>Agregue lenguaje a la medida que indique que habrá un sistema de notificación que en realidad se comparte y usa en la comunidad</i></p>
<b>Comment #11</b>          <b>Comentario #11</b>	<p>It's fine but to notify us when they are spraying pesticides, especially near schools/residences.</p> <p><i>Esta bien pero que nos notifiquen cuando estan hechando pesticidas, especialmente cerca de las escuelas/residencias.</i></p>
<b>5.b Support Land Use Agencies</b> <b>Apoyar a las Agencias de Uso de Suelo</b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 10, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 18, NO = 2</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>          <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>Yes! But without AB 617 funding</p> <p><i>¡Sí! Pero sin financiación de AB 617</i></p>
<b>Comment #2</b>          <b>Comentario #2</b>	<p>Do not use AB 617 funds</p> <p>me too</p> <p>Me too</p> <p><i>No usen fondos de la AB 617</i></p>

	<p><i>Yo tambien</i></p> <p><i>Yo tambien</i></p>
<p><b>Comment #3</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #3</b></p>	<p>This is not AB617. These conversations should already be happening &amp; encouraged this is not a city planning issue, not AB 617.</p> <p><i>Esto no es AB617. Estas conversaciones ya deberían estar sucediendo y se recomienda que esto no sea un problema de planificación de la ciudad, no AB 617.</i></p>
<p><b>Comment #4</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #4</b></p>	<p>Kern county planning department MOU to share notices of projects that related to locally unwanted land uses with the CSC.</p> <p><i>MOU del departamento de planificación del Condado de Kern para compartir avisos de proyectos relacionados con uso de suelo localmente no deseados con el Comité.</i></p>
<p><b>Comment #5</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #5</b></p>	<p>As dedicated community residents we have the right to decide we don't want to have more sources of pollution in our communities.</p> <p>We want you to take us into account when deciding on land use.</p> <p><i>Como residentes de la comunidad dedicados, tenemos derecho a decidir no queremos tener mas fuentes de contaminacion en nuestras comunidades.</i></p> <p><i>Queremos que nos tomen en cuenta cuando decidan el uso de suelo.</i></p>
<p><b>Comment #6</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #6</b></p>	<p>Needs to include input &amp; participation from community leadership in Fuller Acres, Weedpatch, Lamont &amp; Arvin.</p> <p><i>Debe incluir aportes y participación del liderazgo comunitario en Fuller Acres, Weedpatch, Lamont y Arvin.</i></p>
<p><b>5.c HD Truck Rerouting</b>  <b>Desviación de Camiones de Servicio Pesado</b></p>	
<p><b>YES/SÍ = 7, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 21, NO = 4</b></p>	
<p><b>Comment #1</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #1</b></p>	<p>Collaborate no 617 \$ funds</p> <p><i>Colaborar no 617 \$ fondos</i></p>
<p><b>Comment #2</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #2</b></p>	<p>Already happening?</p> <p><i>¿Ya está pasando?</i></p>
<p><b>Comment #3</b></p> <p><b>Comentario #3</b></p>	<p>Cargo Study already doing this - w/out AB617 Funding</p> <p><i>Estudio de Cargo ya está haciendo esto, sin financiación de AB617</i></p>

<b>Comment #4</b>	Work w/ measure for ZE truck replacement to create rules that include ZE truck charging infrastructure
<b>Comentario #4</b>	<i>Trabajar con medidas para el reemplazo de camiones de cero emisiones para crear reglas que incluyan la infraestructura de carga de camiones de cero emisiones</i>
<b>Comment #5</b>	Collaborate + pressure Kern COG + Cal Trans to implement a truck rerouting + provide updates to the CSC regularly
<b>Comentario #5</b>	<i>Colaborar + presionar a Kern COG + Cal Trans para implementar una desviación de camiones + proporcionar actualizaciones al Comité regularmente</i>
<b>Comment #6</b>	Okay, but don't use AB617 funds.
<b>Comentario #6</b>	<i>Esta bien, pero no usar los fondos de AB617.</i>
<b>5.d Incentives for ebikes</b> <b><i>Incentivos para Bicicletas Eléctricas</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 9, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 14</b>	
	<b>No comments Sin comentarios</b>
<b>6.a Community Awareness and Knowledge of Air Quality</b> <b><i>Conciencia y Conocimiento de la Comunidad Sobre la Calidad del Aire</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 27, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 1, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	What is the budget for this measure?
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>¿Cuál es el presupuesto para esta medida?</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	Outreach programs need to target broad variety of education and programs/incentives available to residents, AND tools/resources to help apply for and navigate the process.
<b>Comentario #2</b>	Education should not solely target ill-behaviors.
	All inclusive approach.
	<i>Los programas de alcance deben enfocarse en una amplia variedad de educación y programas/incentivos disponibles para los residentes, Y herramientas/recursos para ayudar a solicitar y navegar el proceso.</i>
	<i>La educación no debe centrarse únicamente en las malas conductas.</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>	<i>Enfoque todo incluido.</i>
	Outreach, education, + enforcement policies to industry

<b>Comentario #3</b>	<p>Information sharing from industry to community</p> <p>Add restrictions to industry</p> <p>education must come w/enforcement to Industry</p> <p><i>Alcance, educación, + políticas de cumplimiento a la industria</i></p> <p><i>Intercambio de información de la industria a la comunidad</i></p> <p><i>Agregar restricciones a la industria</i></p> <p><i>la educación debe llegar con la aplicación a la industria</i></p>
<b>Comment #4</b>  <b>Comentario #4</b>	<p>Is there any specific amount allocated to this measure (this one beneath one of the posted notes)</p> <p>¿Hay alguna cantidad específica asignada a esta medida (esta debajo de las notas publicadas)?</p>
<b>Comment #5</b>  <b>Comentario #5</b>	<p>This is very good because we can all benefit, and it is for the good of all of us.</p> <p><i>Esto esta muy bien porque todos podemos benficiar, y es para el bien estar de todos nosotros.</i></p>
<b>6.b Illegal Burning Outreach</b> <b><i>Alcance de Quema Illegal</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 28, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>And also educate about fireplaces, and we should replace fireplaces with electric ones.</p> <p><i>Y tambien educar sobre las chimeneas, y deberiamos reemplazar las chimeneas con eléctricas.</i></p>
<b>6.c HAL Schools Program &amp; Emissions Free Zones</b> <b><i>Programa de Escuelas Healthy Air Living y Zona Libre de Emisiones</i></b>	
<b>YES/SÍ = 30, MAYBE/TAL VEZ = 0, NO = 0</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>  <b>Comentario #1</b>	<p>Educate the kids on air quality in all school districts</p> <p><i>Educar a los niños sobre la calidad del aire en todos los distritos escolares.</i></p>
<b>Comment #2</b>  <b>Comentario #2</b>	<p>Connect RAAN to schools parent square app so that parents can get air updates</p> <p><i>Conecte RAAN a la aplicación "parent square" de padres de las escuelas para que los padres puedan recibir actualizaciones de aire</i></p>
<b>New Measures</b>	

<b>Nuevas Medidas</b>	
<b>Comment #1</b>	Abandoned oil wells
<b>Comentario #1</b>	<i>Pozos petroleros abandonados</i>
<b>Comment #2</b>	Agricultural irrigation pump engines
<b>Comentario #2</b>	<i>Motores para bombas de riego agrícola</i>
<b>Comment #3</b>	Replace wood burning fireplaces with electric fireplaces.
<b>Comentario #3</b>	Reemplazar chimeneas de leña con chimeneas eléctricas.



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RE: Arvin/Lamont Emissions Reduction Program

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Staff,

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability works with residents of Fuller Acres and Lamont, two communities burdened by multiple sources of air pollution. Residents live and work in a sea of contaminants without respite. Participating in the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program is an opportunity for residents to identify sustainable long term solutions toward improving air quality and most importantly improving health outcomes.

The Community Air Protection Program is meant to drive community involvement in identifying community concerns and identifying community solutions. As such we write this letter to raise concerns regarding the AB 617 process in the Arvin/Lamont boundary and provide recommendations and edits to the community air reduction emission plan (CERP).

### **AB 617 Process**

The Arvin/Lamont Community Steering Committee (CSC) is one of the largest committees in AB 617. We acknowledge the efforts provided by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) staff to ensure active participation of the CSC members. As a community driven process, adequate time to review documents and ask questions is critical for a meaningful community participation. Unfortunately, residents of the CSC were not provided adequate time to review the draft community air reduction plan (CERP). Most residents received the CERP in the mail on May 20th, with the expectation for a vote on May 25th. While the Air District provided a one week extension for a CERP vote, the additional time provided was not enough for residents to review the revised CERP before voting for the CERP on June 6th.

## **Community Emissions Reduction Plan**

According to the Arvin/Lamont charter, the CSC is meant to, “Suggest and inform final strategies to be incorporated into the CAMP and/or CERP, including specific measures, enforcement strategies, and clear metrics to track progress.” Thus, the CERP must reflect recommendations provided by the CSC. We provide the following recommendations based on feedback provided by the community during the CSC meetings and conversations with residents.

### **Measure 4.A Enhanced Inspection Frequency**

The Air District promises to increase inspections for emissions violations based on facilities who have violated emission permits in the last three years. We recommend that the Air District conduct inspection to facilities with violations within the last 5 years, to make sure more facilities are following permits. The CERP also states, “Compliance inspections are unannounced whenever possible,”. Residents have raised that announced inspections are not productive as facility staff are able to rectify violations prior to the inspections. The CSC also asks to be informed when facilities are in violation of emission standards.

### **Measure 4.B Stationary Source Rulemaking**

The current CERP language states, “Community Steering Committee members, members of the AB 617-selected community, and the general public are encouraged to be involved in the upcoming rulemaking process for these rules.” AB 617 requires collaboration amongst the Air District and the community to develop more stringent rulemaking of stationary sources. As such, the Air District must commit to engaging the CSC in the development of more stringent rulemaking to ensure a regulatory reduction of emissions. The Air District can provide space during the CSC meetings to discuss the purpose of the stationary source rulemaking, and create space for residents to provide their feedback and inform more stringent rules. Engaging the CSC in these processes must transcend solely sharing meeting information. We recommend editing this measure to reflect strategies that the Air District will take to actively engage the CSC in the rulemaking. Furthermore, we urge the Air District to provide enforceable timelines for the review and adoption of these rules. Lastly, we urge the Air District to prioritize rules that can result in emissions reductions from the Kern Oil Refinery.

In addition to the edits on the measures stated above, we recommend including a measure to work with the Kern Oil Refinery to provide notification of emissions utilizing the fence line monitoring system. In addition to information and notification of emissions, the Kern Oil Refinery must commit to working with the CSC to reduce emissions based on community feedback.

### **Measure 5.A Reducing Exposure to Pesticides in the Community**

The regulation of pesticides has been an immense concern for the community. The measure surrounding pesticides was debated deeply within the community. During the last CSC

Regular Meeting, members voted 18-18 in support of the pesticides measure, with the addition of buffer zones and notifications which were not added into the final CERP. Being that pesticides are a big issue for the community, below we have added a few additions to the CERP.

<b>Work with the Kern County Agricultural Commissioner &amp; the CSC to identify pesticide use &amp; agricultural practices common to the community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify pesticides used in Arvin/Lamont</li> <li>● Communicate <b>during each monthly meeting</b> <b>the</b> to CSC the frequency, amount, and ingredients of pesticide use in community</li> <li>● <b>Communicate which harvests are associated with the pesticides that are discussed</b></li> </ul>	<b>DPR &amp; Kern County Ag Commissioner</b>
<b>Assist in the identification of pesticides of concern by the CSC &amp; provide technical expertise to aid the CSC in prioritizing pesticide monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop a screening approach for agricultural pesticides commonly used in community</li> <li>● Support prioritization of pesticides for potential air monitoring based on screening criteria, <b>including health impacts, proximity to sensitive land uses, application methods,</b> and other relevant information</li> </ul>	OEHHA
<b>Engage with the CSC and the community on ongoing statewide pesticide notification development efforts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regular updates to CSC on the temporary pilot notification efforts</li> <li>● Regular updates to CSC on timeline for notification in Kern county through statewide regulation</li> <li>● Provide opportunities for public engagement &amp; feedback on regulatory development</li> <li>● <b>Identify recommendations from the CSC to inform the Statewide Notification System</b></li> </ul>	DPR
<b>Engage with the CSC and the community on ongoing Sustainable Pest Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regular updates to the CSC on the recommendations from the workgroup</li> <li>● Provide opportunities for engagement in the workgroup and development of recommendations</li> <li>● Provide education on the benefits of sustainable pest management</li> </ul>	DPR



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the County Ag Commissioner to implement Sustainable Pest Management in the CSC Boundary by next year</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with the CSC and the Community on enforcement procedures including complaints</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clear steps and processes on how to report illegal application of pesticides</li> <li>• Provide updates to the CSC on violation reports</li> <li>• Provide education of processes on how DPR handles illegal application of pesticides</li> <li>• Provide engagement opportunities the CSC to provide recommendations on how to improve current enforcement mechanisms</li> <li>• Implement recommendations provide by the CSC</li> </ul>	DPR
Engage the School Districts in the 617 boundary to notify parent/guardians about restricted materials applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School districts must provide a yearly notice to parents/guardians about the restricted materials growers ¼ mile from the school intend to apply</li> <li>• Schools must provide notice of any changes to the list of pesticides used, as provided by the growers</li> <li>• Schools must provide information on the health impacts associated with pesticide exposure, specific to the pesticides that are used ¼ mile from the school</li> </ul>	<p>Kern High School District</p> <p>Lamont Elementary School Districts</p> <p>Arvin Union School Districts</p>
Engage with the County Ag Commissioner and local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) to identify land to repurpose as buffer zones between ag and community, particularly, sensitive land uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Ag Commissioner to identify land for potential buffer zones</li> <li>• Prioritize land adjacent to sensitive land uses</li> <li>• Develop relationships with the local GSA to help identify land for buffer zones</li> <li>• Develop and execute plan for buffer zones near sensitive land uses</li> </ul>	<p>Kern Ag Commissioner</p> <p>Groundwater Sustainability Agencies</p>

## Agriculture - Dairy Digesters

The CERP identifies dairy digesters as a means of addressing air quality impacts from dairies. Dairy digesters do not effectively remedy the massive air quality impacts from dairy operations and in fact threaten to exacerbate and further entrench air and water pollution incentivizing and rewarding large dairy operations and manure management processes that pollute water with nitrates and air with vocs and ammonia, among other contaminants. Moreover, the incorporation of dairy digesters increases the risk of biogas facilities, consequently increasing emissions in the community. We request that digesters be removed from the list of strategies and be replaced by programs and policies that do in fact effectively reduce pollution from dairies.

## **Land Use**

Multiple sources of pollution in the Arvin/Lamont CSC boundary is a result of historically locally unwanted land uses in the community. Zoning for industry near sensitive land uses increases the risk for additional industry to be built in the community, which will result in exacerbating air quality impacts. As such, we recommend a measure for collaboration amongst the Kern Planning Commission and the CSC to ensure notification of CEQA reviews, public hearings, and permit requests, for any industrial projects or transportation projects within the CSC. The Kern County Planning Commission, or County representative must provide an update about this projects in a timely manner or as the zoning ordinance requires.

## **Measure 5.D Address Potential Impacts From Idle Oil Wells in the Community**

Residents have expressed concern about the lack of information available to the community regarding idle wells. This measure must have a commitment from CalGEM to the local community to identify the number of idle wells in the community, assess and monitor emissions from idle wells, and work with the CSC to develop a plan to address leaking wells. The current language in the measure does not show a strong commitment and it must be edited to reflect a strong commitment from CalGEM and a strong commitment from the Air District to ensure implementation of this measure.

The CERP does not mention the small communities within the 617 boundary, including Fuller Acres and Weedpatch. The CERP must mention these communities as part of the boundary and as eligible communities to benefit from the CERP.

The Community Air Protection Program is a trailblazing program as it shifts power to residents impacted by pollution to inform strategies to reduce emissions. As such, we urge the Air District staff to incorporate these recommendations in the CERP to reflect community priorities in the final adopted CERP. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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