

## AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

5/18/2021

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**NOTES**

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### Meeting Objectives

- Discuss Metrics for Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)
- Discuss priorities for Community Identified Incentive Projects
- Provide California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff feedback on Toxic Risk Modeling for CERP

### Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 4/20/2021 Meeting Notes and 5/18/21 Agenda
- Received SC and public input on CERP metrics and priorities for Incentive Projects

### Agenda

- I. Welcoming Remarks (Chuy Flores and Daniela Simunovic, Co-facilitators) 6:00 pm**
- a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
  - b. Roll call SC members
  - c. General Updates
    - i. SDAPCD's CERP Workshops from April are now available on YouTube
    - ii. There will be no CERP implementation update this month  
(A) **Domingo Vigil** will be sending updates via email
    - iii. On Friday, May 21, 2021 SDAPCD will be giving staff update on the CERP at 1:30PM to the SDAPCD Board
    - iv. On the upcoming June meeting, the SDAPCD staff will be asking the Steering Committee (SC) for a formal vote on the final CERP
- II. Approval of 4/20/2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda (Chuy Flores, Co-facilitator) 6:10 pm**
- a. Motion to approve April 2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by **Ted Godshalk**
    - i. Seconded by **Sandy Naranjo**
  - b. **MOTION PASSED unanimously**
- III. Discussion: CERP Metrics to Measure Progress (Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD) 6:15 pm**
- a. [Link to presentation](#)
  - b. Comments and Questions
    - i. **Janice Luna Reynoso:** Will community garden space be a part of the Land Use strategies for the CERP?
      - (A) **Domingo Vigil:** Yes, gardens are still part of the CERP. The bullet points listed in the presentation are titles of the action, not specific acknowledgement of what those actions will be.
      - (B) **Janice Luna Reynoso:** Regarding the Advocacy strategies, can local orgs ask Steering Committee to sign on to support letters for urban greening opportunities?
      - (C) **Domingo Vigil:** Yes. Many of the actions are already being planned as a separate planning effort. In those instances, the agencies responsible for those programs have their own processes and that is when the SC can step in to advocate in support of those projects like urban greening programs.
      - (D) **Janice Luna Reynoso:** Suggested SC add a new metric to F3 Urban Greening

- to include tracking the number of supported ongoing projects. Stressed the importance to continue to promote successful projects that have already been granted because it will assist future efforts to secure additional grants.
- (E) **Janice Luna Reynoso:** Recommended adding language to include indigenous stakeholders to the table when making decisions regarding development or the environment for Strategy A2.
- ii. **Ted Godshalk:** Suggested implementing and development of a Scope of Work for the Office of EJ action for Strategy A4.
- (A) **Domingo Vigil:** Agreed with Ted's suggestion and amended it to "Development of a framework for the Office of Environmental Justice."
- iii. **Jack Monger:** Can you elaborate what the public participation will look like in Strategy A2? Will that be for the CERP or other items as well?
- (A) **Domingo Vigil:** This public participation plan is for the entire APCD region. The goal is to increase public participation in the community, especially in disadvantaged communities, in the APCD decision making process.
- (B) **Jack Monger:** For Strategy C4, how would this action result in emission reductions?
- (C) **Rob Reider:** Strategy C4 refers to ozone pollution which is a regional plume. The intent is to lower the threshold to require lower emitting stationary sources to get a federal permit. While the permit itself does not result in emission reductions, it does increase outreach and engagement because the federal permitting process includes public notice and comment periods.
- (D) **Daniela Simunovic:** Amended Strategy C4 to include "Number of self-reported violations," "Number of facilities not triggering the Federal Permit (Emissions)," and "number of notifications to the community" as additional metrics
- iv. **Larry Hofreiter:** Regarding Strategy B1, the metrics may not be hitting the mark. Tenants working with cargo handling equipment have expressed the current program does not provide them with enough funds to swap out their equipment. Roughly 5% of the total cost for targeted new cargo equipment outlined in 2020 was eligible for grant funding. One suggestion for a new metric could include the percentage of funding for projects that are identified in the CERP. Suggested "Target 80% of of grant awards to projects included in the CERP.
- v. **Sandy Naranjo:** Regarding A2, SC should provide benchmark percentage increase of how many community members they want to have participate. Regarding A4, SC should provide language that recognizes Vice Chair Norah Vargas introducing a county-wide Office of Environment and Climate Justice to provide framework for further collaboration.
- (A) **Domingo Vigil:** Recommended amending Strategy A2 to include "Alignment of framework with regional county office" as a new metric.
- vi. **Joy Williams:** Recommended adding a metric for Strategy B2 to address quantifying flexibility regarding grants. "Number of projects that were previously ineligible/eligible thanks to the CERPs Flexibility.
- vii. **Jack Monger:** Recommended adding metrics to illustrate percentage changes of reduced emissions at Portside AB 617 communities based on monitoring station data.
- viii. **Joy Williams:** Reminded SC that Draft CERP does include overall goals in beginning of chapter seven. SC will need to develop metrics to track those as well.
- ix. **Silvia Calzada:** Recommended adding "Incorporating trauma informed staff and/or training for trauma informed outreach for veterans" as a metric from Strategy A2.
- c. **Next Steps**
- i. **Domingo Vigil:** SDAPCD will work with SC memebrs to develop metrics for overall CERP goals. SDAPDC will develop and refine new metrics discussed at SC and include into CERP.

IV. **Action Item: Incentives- Community Identified Projects Priority Exercise**  
(Kathleen Keehan, SDAPCD)

6:55 pm

- a. Review types of projects outlined in CERP and identify priorities
- b. [Link to presentation](#)
- c. [Mentimeter Polling Exercise \(Link to results\)](#)
  - i. Word Cloud Exercise: Important things SC and members of the public want to see with the incentive funds
    - (A) Electric trucks
    - (B) Equity
    - (C) Clean air
    - (D) Zero emissions
    - (E) Science
  - ii. Comments and questions
    - (A) **Josephine Talamantez**: I picked “clean air” because my mother had difficulty breathing towards the end of her life, and now I am personally experiencing allergies.
    - (B) **Margarita Moreno**: I agree with Josephine about clean air; it’s important to reduce emissions and have more greenery in our neighborhood. I have a children that suffers from asthma due to the pollution. It’s important for everyone to have clean air.
    - (C) **Silvia Calzada**: I also agree with Ms. Talamantez when she said she is dripping (allergies). Shared experience with asthma and allergies. I picked “clean air” because it’s affecting my family and children in the neighborhood.
    - (D) **Alicia Sanchez**: I added “zero toxics” because there is lots of pollution in my neighborhood due to our proximity to the ships and trucks. It’s important to have clean air to keep my husband healthy, who suffers from cancer.
    - (E) **Ted Godshalk**: I put the word “beautification” because a lot of these things are covered. If we had a space for trucks to park, they would be out of the street near our homes. Urban greening would beautify our community. Clean air and water are important for a healthy, beautiful place to live. Beautification requires our work.
    - (F) **Josephine Talamantez**: I also added electrification of the Port, which is what we’re moving towards, as well as enforcement. Important to enforce truck route around our neighborhood and not through it.
  - iii. Ranking Exercise: Top priority potential projects based on SC and public input from most important to least important
    - (A) Air Filtration at schools and homes
    - (B) Electric Truck Pilot
    - (C) Zero Emission Port Equipment
    - (D) Truck parking, staging, and charging
    - (E) Urban Greening
    - (F) Modifying existing incentives programs
    - (G) Clean cars or other transportation
    - (H) Fueling infrastructure
    - (I) Other CERP projects
  - iv. Comments and Questions:
    - (A) **Joy Williams**: Does the Port Equipment option include harbor craft or just cargo handling equipment?
      - a. **Kathleen Keehan**: Good question. For this exercise, consider marine vessels under Port equipment. Will make note to be more specific for marine vessels.
    - (B) Question from chat: What does fueling infrastructure include?
      - a. **Kathleen Keehan**: Specifically refers to charging infrastructure or natural gas/hydrogen fueling infrastructure for trucks or cars. As we transition away from fuel vehicles, important to have infrastructure to charge new

vehicles.

d. **Next Steps**

- i. **Kathy Keehan:** SDAPCD will take committee priorities and develop proposed Community Identified Project outlines, review over next few months, and send proposed projects that reflect community input to CARB for approval after CERP is adopted.

V. **Discussion: Air Toxics Risk Modeling (Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD and CARB Staff)**

7:25 pm

- a. [Link to presentation](#)
- b. Comments and questions
  - i. **Jack Monger:** Asked for clarification on modeling objectives F & G.
    - (A) **Domingo Vigil:** Objective F will essentially help fill in data gaps. The monitoring sites can only provide so much coverage for the community so the models can assist in looking at the area as a whole and identify gaps in coverage where data is not being collected. Objective G will use baselines created from modeling data to further inform cancer risk reduction goals.
  - ii. **Akshita Sivakumar, public member:** Is there any consideration for purple air monitors in addition the regulatory monitors that APCD is deploying?
    - (A) **Domingo Vigil:** I don't have a lot of information on those monitors; however, I believe they are not included in the data inputs for the modeling.
    - (B) **Vernon Hughes (CARB):** Added that determining objectives as to why a sensor may be used instead of a regulatory grade monitor is something that still needs to be considered.
  - iii. **Larry Hofreiter:** Regarding Objective B, the port has already spoken to you both about providing port related emission data from their inventory from marine terminals. To the fullest extent possible, we should try and create a realistic estimate of the other sources such as freeway emissions and federal sources such as Navy base emissions.
    - (A) **Vernon Hughes:** Yes. The support plan includes updating the inventory as time allows based on conversations with the Port. The CERP subcommittee also met with **Elisa Arias** and other SANDAG staff to discuss the availability of data for mobile sources and more accurate approaches to collecting that data.

VI. **Public Comments (Daniela Simunovic, Co-Facilitator)**

7:45 pm

- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
- b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
- c. **Liliana Nunez (CARB):** CARB is considering potential dates for the CARB Board to consider the CERP's approval. There is a tentative date set for Thursday, October 14, 2021. The final submittal will be in August which is when CARB staff will begin the review process. This will include evaluating the CERP against AB 617 requirements and the blueprint criteria, a CARB workshop to understand the community's thoughts on the CERP, and developing a staff report to present to the board with staff recommendations.
  - i. **Josephine Talamantez:** Will that meeting be taking place over Zoom or in-person in San Diego?
  - ii. **Liliana Nunez:** Before COVID, CARB would conduct these CERP approval meetings in the communities where the CERP was being drafted. However, this meeting will most likely be taking place over Zoom
- d. **Janice Luna Reynoso:** Raised awareness of disruptive and harmful the mining activities in indigenous communities for the lithium to support mass electrification. There should be efforts in the near future to protect EJ communities not just from harmful emissions but from displacement and other negative social impacts.
  - i. **Josephine Talamantez:** Could we create a goal in the CERP that specifically calls out protecting indigenous folks from mining impacts if that is taking place in the AB 617 region?
  - ii. **Janice Luna Reynoso:** Clarified that her point was to raise awareness to the negative disruptive impacts electrification is having in other regions of the world and to call SC to

- be cognizant of how they can harm less in electrification efforts here in San Diego
- e. **Sandy Naranjo:** Thanked those who came out to the board meeting and provided comment on MCAS. An updated timeline will be shared with SC soon and for folks on the email list.
  - f. **Sara Giobi:** What are the next steps in reviewing the final CERP product? When will document be ready for final review?
    - i. **Domingo Vigil:** The draft that was just sent out for public comment was the last opportunity to provide comment. There were a few comments from members of the public and a handful of comment letters. We are currently in the process of extracting anything that needs to be edited and/or incorporated into the CERP. As we identify any additional impacts to the implementing entities, we will have discussions directly with those entities to resolve any issues. The final document will be ready for the SC to approve in the next meeting in June. The goal is to have the final document ready and released by June 4 to allow folks to have an opportunity to review it.
  - g. **Jack Monger:** Will there a large portion of the June SC meeting be dedicated to the CERP approval or will there be a full agenda?
    - i. **Domingo Vigil:** The main item will be the CERP; however, most of that time will be walking through the final document and highlighting any changes that were incorporated into the document. While this is not planned to take up the majority of the meeting time, this will be the main item on the June SC meeting agenda.
  - h. **Hilary Medina:** Are there other resources to share with the community about the CERP and the MCAS?
    - i. **Daniela Simunovic:** Provided [link](#) to CERP website for additional resources
    - ii. **Sandy Naranjo:** Provided [link](#) to MCAS website for additional resources
    - iii. **Domingo Vigil:** Shared that the CERP website also includes full recordings of public workshops for those that could not attend

## VII. Closing Remarks

7:50 pm

- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
- b. **Domingo Vigil:** We will be reaching out to members of the public that are part of the SC to see if folks are interested in participating in the board meeting where the final CERP will be presented and hopefully approved. It would be helpful to have community members share their perspective on why the CERP is important to them and their neighbors. Those interested or wanting to volunteer should contact Domingo directly.

## VIII. Adjourn

8:00 pm

Next scheduled meeting is 6/15/2021 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom