

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

8/25/2020

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

NOTES

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Meeting Objectives

- Review Draft Community Emissions Reduction Program and provide SC feedback (CERP)
- Vote on letter of support for the creation of Office of Environmental Justice
- Vote on letter to support SANDAG + Port Grant Application to CEC for EV infrastructure

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 7/21/2020 Meeting Notes and 8/25/2020 Agenda
- Received and collected comments regarding Draft CERP Strategies and Actions
- By majority vote, Portside SC signed onto letter of support for creation of Office of Environmental Justice and letter of support for SANDAG + Port of San Diego CA Energy Commission Grant Application

Agenda

I. Welcoming Remarks (Daniela Simunovic, Facilitator and Bill Brick, APCD)

- a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
- b. Roll call SC members
- c. Updates
 - i. Two (2) public workshops will take place on Monday, Sept 21st and Wednesday, Sept 23rd
 - ii. SDAPCD is sending 45,000 notices by mail to businesses and residents
 - iii. Next SC meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, 2020
 - iv. **Rob Reider** offered thanks to community participants and SC members for the work put into getting CERP to this point despite COVID-19 setbacks

II. Approval of 7/21/2020 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda (Chuy Flores, Facilitator)

- a. Motion to Approve the minutes and agenda with no changes made by **Sandy Naranjo**
 - i. Seconded by **Ted Godshalk**
- b. **MOTION PASSED unanimously**

III. Update: Incentive Funding Projects (Kathy Keehan, SD APCD)

- a. **Kathy Keehan** - A project APCD was funding with AB 617 funding that will likely result in significant emissions reductions does not meet the requirements of AB 617 Funding. Since APCD cannot use AB617 funding to do this, the District is proposing a fund swap. The project is for a company applied for funding to repower three reach stackers and two heavy duty forklifts used for cargo handling at the port. The original equipment is diesel powered, and the company is proposing to repower them with electric motors and batteries. The company has already repowered one reach stacker, proving the technology works for their current business purpose.
 - i. Project Highlight for SC Input – Invest \$469,604 Funds in Portside
(A) When CARB reviewed, it was found to be a pilot project and therefore we cannot use AB 617 funding for it
 - ii. Revised Plan - \$469,604 DMV Funds in Portside
(A) Fund Swap would allow Port equipment to be funded
- b. **SC Feedback:**
 - i. **Joy Williams** confirmed that the application was submitted correctly and offered her support.
 - ii. Motion to support funding swap by **Jack Monger**.
(A) Seconded by **Ted Godshalk**.

iii. **Larry Hofreiter** thanked APCD staff and supports fund swap.

IV. **Presentation: Draft CERP (District Staff + Subcommittee Representatives)**

1) **CERP Overview (Mahiany Luther, APCD)**

- a. [CERP Presentation link](#)
- b. CARB has been receptive to 6-month extension
- c. Two phase approach for CERP Approval
 - i. **Phase 1:** Propose initial strategies to APCD board in November 2020 and to CARB Board January 2021 to begin air quality improvement projects
 - ii. **Phase 2:** Final CERP Approval with APCD Board and CARB Board
- d. [AB 617 Website for more information](#) + [CERP Documents](#) shared in Presentation
- e. **Comments/Feedback:**
 - i. **Comments from SC Survey** - How can we be clearer on determining decision making & provide clarity on what is included in Phase 1 vs Phase 2?

2) **Heavy Duty Truck Strategies (Joy Williams)**

- a. [Truck Subcommittee Presentation Link](#)
- b. Subcommittee began meeting a year ago and became a formal subcommittee in the Spring of 2020
- c. Overview of Presentation Topics:
 - i. Promote Zero Emission Trucks
 - ii. Develop Infrastructure
 1. SANDAG has already by 2021 complete a needs assessment for EV Charging Stations
 - iii. Identify Funding
 - iv. Enforcement
 1. Conversations with Cal Trans to include signage on Freeways
 - v. Fair Outcomes for Truckers
 1. Focused on being proactive to avoid the exploitation of truckers

3) **Port Strategies (Larry Hofreiter)**

- a. [Port Subcommittee Presentation Link](#)
- b. Overview of Presentation Topics
 - i. Vessels
 - ii. Deploy Zero and Near Zero Emission Equipment
 1. Goal is to work closely with equipment owners to transition to
 2. Shipyards will require tier 4 air compressors and pursuing 0 emission and near 0 emission off road equipment
 - iii. Outreach, Education, and Training
 - iv. On-Road Vehicular Transportation
- c. Recommendations in lieu of the Port Section:
 - i. Working waterfront activities
 - ii. Regional Actions

4) **Land Use (Elisa Arias)**

- a. [Land Use Presentation Link](#)
- b. Overview of Presentation Topics
 - i. Promote Buffer Zones/Increased Setbacks
 - ii. Reduce Exposures to Sensitive Receptors
 - iii. Support Urban Greening
 - iv. Enforcement
 - v. Neighborhood Resiliency and Housing
 - vi. Improve Transportation Efficiencies

a. **SC Feedback:**

- i. **Ted Godshalk** shared that APCD does not assume primary command for emergencies, that the role of other agencies. He supports Office of Environmental Justice. Suggests to follow model from Bay Area AQMD. Supports satellite office proposal. In the Land Use and Port strategies, he suggests more truck route specifics for the National City area.
- ii. **Mahiany Luther** clarified that APCD has to publish these chapters asking SC to send any comments by Sept 8th, 2020.
- iii. **Jack Monger** – Great recommendations. Believes EJ Office would be best served if it was not located in the Air District. Suggest that the team be placed within the County jurisdiction. Land Use, buffer zones are a welcomed recommendation. Do not rely too much on virtual surveys. Were there any conversations about housing being built near freeways to protect occupants from the freeways?
- iv. **Elisa Arias** - Once CERP is adopted, will there be additional funding to APCD? Some of the timelines seem pretty aggressive, so is it possible to break those into phases?
(A) **Rob Reider, APCD** - \$18M in incentive funding for the current fiscal year. The plan itself will not include additional funding but will be seeking more.
- v. **Joy Williams** - Suggested that there should also be a set of advocacy strategies included in the CERP, which could look like supporting CARB adopting stronger rules to move away from diesel.
- vi. **AC Dumaual** – Navy team has put together a draft proposal of what Navy Base can do for the CERP. It is similar to what the Port is proposing, but still need to receive approval from Senior staff in Environmental Office and Legal Counsel followed by approval from the Regional Commander and her senior staff. They are currently in the first round of comments with Senior staff in the Environmental Office. We are working diligently to get this done on time.
- vii. **Daniela Simunovic, Facilitator** – Reminded SC that SC members and the public have opportunity to provide additional input in the upcoming September CERP workshops.
- viii. **Rob Reider, APCD** – The County Board of Supervisors just approved \$550,000 for up to 1,000 residences in the Portside Community to receive a residential air filtration and a residential air monitoring unit. This is a great opportunity to implement the air filtration strategy in the CERP very soon.

V. Vote: Letter of Support for Office of Environmental Justice (Sandy Naranjo)

- a. Daniela, Facilitator introduced item for SC to vote on letter of support to the Board of Supervisors in favor of establishment of Office of Environmental Justice within the SDAPCD.
- b. Sandy Naranjo, presented letter and expressed her support for the EJ office being included in the CERP. In response to earlier comment by Jack Monger, she shared they are focusing on APCD because it will be an independent agency, giving the opportunity on what the EJ office does and looks like from the beginning. She also shared that the EJ office can act as a blueprint for the County when it considers its own EJ office.
- c. Vote to submit letter of support to the County Board of Supervisors for their September 30th meeting.
- d. Comments from SC
 - i. **Sara Giobbi** – Shared concern about signing individual names vs. organizations. Further shared there are some folks will need permission to get those approvals.
(A) **Daniela** – SC members have two options when a motion is brought up: 1) sign as SC as a whole, or 2) Members can sign individually.
 - ii. **Jack Monger** shared he could not confirm the statistic in the reference in letter comparing Barrio Logan and La Jolla asthma rates.
(A) **Sandy Naranjo** – responded that data is taken from asthma from CalEnviroScreen but will update the reference for clarity.
(B) **Jack Monger** emphasized the importance that the statement is accurate. He further shared that he will be abstaining on the item.
 - iii. **Janice Luna Reynoso (Public Attendee)** – Expressed disappointment that validity of children’s respiratory health was questioned. Raised that the lived experiences of families living in communities exposed to poor air quality are important to acknowledge

- when discussing the health concerns of vulnerable communities.
- iv. **Joy Williams** shared that there is data about disproportionate asthma emergency room visits **in the** 92113 zip code.
 - v. **Monseratt Hernandez** shared via chat box that she also supports the letter.
 - vi. Motion to Approve Support Letter as is by **Joy Williams**.
 - (A) **Larry Hofreiter** asked if it would it be better if letter came from SC rather than identifying individuals and organizations and be signed by SC Chair?
 - (B) **Sara Giobbi** responded that this is not specific to industry representatives, also applicable to agency representatives.
 - (C) **Jack Monger**– shared that it would be inappropriate to have list of SC members because it would insinuate everyone was in agreement unless all votes are recorded. Suggests that the letter should say “supported by majority of SC” instead.
 - (D) **Stephanie Yoon** – Offered to assist Sandy review and make revisions where/if necessary regarding respiratory health figures referenced in letter.
 - (E) **Daniela Simunovic** – Clarified that letter will be signed on the SC members. Asked for confirmation with Joy whether the motion is to approve the letter with revisions.
 - (F) **Joy Williams** clarified that her motion was to support the letter as is.
 - a. Motion seconded by Roman Partida-Lopez and Ted Godschalk.
 - e. **MOTION PASSED** with 10 approving and 7 abstentions.

VI. **CARB Response to Navy Ship Fire (Steven Theantanoo, CARB)**

- a. In late July, CARB received a letter from EHC to review APCD response to Navy fire. In response, CARB and SD APCD agreed to conduct an incidence review to improve preparedness and action for future air quality incidents.
- b. Currently, CARB is in the early stages of developing the incident report, and will keep community updated on expected timeline and progress. CARB collected comments from last month’s Steering Committee meeting about the Navy Ship Fire response.
- c. They plan to conduct additional outreach, but how to collect input is currently being planned.
 - i. CARB is leaning towards virtual meeting rather than survey.
- d. Final report will describe recommendations for improving preparedness, coordination, operations, and communications during an anticipated air quality emergency. The final report will be shared with the community.
- e. **SC Comments**
 - i. **Ted Godshalk** shared concerns about virtual surveys.
 - ii. **Charles Pearson, CARB** further shared that CARB will be looking at is analyzing the response problems, how prepared the District was, how they could have coordinated some of their responses, the operations, communications with data, exposure tracking. Overall trying to create a great improvement plan for next time. Will be bringing in a lot of State agencies in the process.
 - iii. **Lianna Rios** – in the chat asked: When can we expect the final report? More transparency around this issue and the actions being taken is essential on a regular basis with this group and the community.
 - (A) **Charles Pearson, CARB** responded something will be out by end of the year.
- iv. **Akshita Sivakumar (Public member)** wanted to know what the existing protocol for APCD is.
 - (A) **Rob Reider, APCD** shared that from his perspective, that there is a fair amount of protocol. Initial communications is an area of improvement. They have a whole chain in command when something happens based on Federal Guidelines. This incident report will be holistic, specify which other agency they should be in touch with during a similar incident.

VII. **Vote: Letter of Support SANDAG + Port SD CEC Grant Application (Elisa)**

- a. SANDAG and the Port of SD is applying to a grant to the California Energy Commission and

- requested support from the Steering Committee.
- b. Letter of Support is asking for Medium and Heavy-duty truck infrastructure grant.
 - c. Motion to approve Letter of Support with no individual names by **Sandy Naranjo**:
 - i. Seconded by **Larry Hofreiter**.
 - d. **MOTION PASSED** with 14 approving and 3 abstentions

VIII. Public Comments

- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
- b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
 - i. **Jack Monger** – Expressed disappointment that Letter of Support for Office of EJ was approved despite his concern about need to confirm references included. Expressed concern of potential precedent set and potential negative consequences regarding the SC's integrity if Board of Supervisors were to find data errors in the letter.
 - ii. **Daniela Simunovic, Facilitator** – Raised point that the data in question would be reviewed by SC medical expert, Stephanie Yoon, and edits would be made before final submittal to CARB. Thanked everyone for their time and commitment to improving air quality in the Portside Community.

IX. Closing Remarks

- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
 - i. **Rob Reider** thanked SC members and virtual attendees for their candor at tonight's meeting

X. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting is 9/29/20 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom