

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting

10/19/2021

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

NOTES

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Meeting Objectives

- Hold public workshop on San Diego Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) draft Incidence Response Plan

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 9/21/21 Meeting Notes and October meeting agenda

Agenda

- I. **Welcoming Remarks (Chuy Flores & Joanny Leyva Co-Facilitators)** 5:00 pm
 - a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
 - b. Roll call Steering Committee (SC) members
 - c. General Updates
 - i. **Domingo Vigil (SDAPCD):**
 - (A) The California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved the Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP).
 - (B) The UC San Diego Scripps Institute of Oceanography letter from last month's SC meeting will be sent this week with modified language approved by the SC.
 - ii. **Sandy Naranjo (Port of San Diego)** shared that on October 12th, the San Diego Board of Port Commissioners voted to adopt the Port's Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS).
 - iii. **Chuy Flores** welcomed Dr. Alejandro Diaz, who joined the SC as the new medical expert alternate.
- II. **Approval of 9/21/2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda** 5:10 pm
 - a. Motion to approve September 2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by **Jack Monger**.
 - i. Seconded by **Silvia Calzada**.
 - b. MOTION PASSED unanimously
- III. **Workshop: Incident Response Plan (David Sodeman, SDAPCD)** 5:15 pm
 - a. Presentation Overview
 - i. [Link to Presentation](#)
 - b. Polling Exercise
 - i. [Mentimeter Results](#)
 - c. Questions and Discussion
 - i. **Vanessa Forsythe:** How are ambient air sampling devices powered during an incident?
 - (A) **David Sodeman:** All ambient sampling devices are powered through a power outlet.
 - a. **Vanessa:** I'm concerned that you need a power outlet to plug them in. Are none of them solar powered or battery run that can be charged ahead of time?
 - b. **David:** That is correct. This is why we'd like to get your feedback. We've had this technology for 10 plus years and would like to hear from you about how it can be improved.
 - ii. **Mariano Munoz:** Are multiple measurement units combined with wind direction to

- triangulate the location of the sources of pollution?
- (A) **David:** At this time, we don't multi-measurement units to determine the source of pollution.
- iii. **Joy Williams:** Is there equipment on hand that can be quickly deployed? Will this draft be one chapter in a longer document?
- (A) **David:** This document will be a stand alone document that focuses on SDAPCD's response. The County of San Diego's Office of Emergency Services has a plan that is currently being revised.
- (B) **Domingo:** Although the SDAPCD plan is not part of this larger response plan, it is something SDAPCD would follow.
- (C) **David:** SDAPCD's canister samples can be easily deployed because they do not require power, but they do not provide real-time results.
- iv. **Silvia Calzada:** What's the necessary steps to cut the gap of time between deployment in an emergency?
- (A) **David:** It will be based off the equipment.
- v. **Jack Monger:** Have you had a chance to put any of this emergency response plan into practice?
- (A) **David:** When the plane crashed two weeks ago in Santee, we did not deploy any resources. We decided that incident does not rise to level that we would deploy resources for.
- (B) **Domingo:** We monitor situations to determine if they will require the deployment of equipment. Every incident will be different, but we have specific guidelines in our incident response plan to determine our response.
- (C) **Jack:** Any thoughts on an automatic alert at least as a warning that air quality is not safe for residents?
- a. **Domingo:** This is something we're trying to accomplish as part of our public participation plan to get ahead of these incidents. We currently have a lot of general info on our website and will try to increase outreach to let members of the public know what they can do to protect themselves.
- vi. **Mariano Munoz:** How do you select placement of the unit after an incident? Since location from and around the source can effect the accuracy of the measurement.
- (A) **David:** Before we deploy equipment we look at where is the incident located, where is smoke from the incident moving to, and what are the suitable locations we can use for samples. We have a team of meteorologists and have a varied set of tools.
- vii. **Vanessa Forsythe:** Is there monitoring after events? As Jack is referencing. My other question is your data sampling shared with public in terms of health impact?
- (A) **David:** Once the incident is over, our sampling cease. We try to share data and make it easy to understand.
- (B) **Domingo:** When we're talking about multiagency response incidents, you would typically have the County's health department that would help make those connections to the health effects.
- viii. **Mariano Munoz:** What would be an example of the shortest-lived incident that would likely trigger the response plan?
- (A) **Domingo:** Every incident is going to be different, but something that requires a multiagency response would engage us, regardless of the duration of the incident.
- (B) **David:** Our response also isn't only sampling, we can respond with a smoke advisory.
- ix. **John Alvarado:** What happens in the case of a real disaster in regards to escape routes from affected areas?
- (A) **Domingo:** This question is out of the purview of APCD and should be referred to

the Office of Emergency Services.

- x. **Dr. David Diaz:** What is the largest source of air pollution locally? Have there been substances of particular concern in any recent incidents?
 - (A) **David:** In San Diego County, cars are the largest source of pollutants. In terms of chronic health concerns, it comes from the high ozone values we see in the summer and the high PM 2.5 (fine particles) values we see in the winter time. From a toxic point it's formaldehyde. The vast majority of PM 2.5 is man made.
- xi. **Mariano:** Are detailed incident response reports and sampling data going to be made available publicly on the APCD website for review and archival purposes?
 - (A) **David:** Yes. We try to set up a dedicated web page for each incident and we usually put the data we collect on it.
- xii. **Philomena Marino (chat):** Leverage from the Navy's Speaker system in cases of emergency.
- xiii. **Domingo:** The draft incident response plan is currently available and we are taking any feedback now and after the meeting via email.
- xiv. **Sara Giobi** suggested bringing in a speaker from the OES to talk to the group in general about what they do and resources they have. They have an app to get updated from them
 - (A) **Domingo:** Absolutely. We'll reach out and invite them to a future meeting.
- xv. **Chuy Flores:** Given the portside community has its monitoring network in place, what is the role of those monitors once an incident happens?
 - (A) **David:** We would definitely consider those sites when figuring out where to sample.
 - (B) **Domingo:** In recent incidents, we used data from those sites.
- xvi. **Silvia Calzada:** Would a fire in the Chula Vista area near the freeway and sweet water river be considered part of the port?
 - (A) **Domingo:** I'm not sure.
 - (B) **Jack Monger:** As a rule of thumb, port land does not extend east of the I-5.

IV. Public Comments (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator)

6:45 pm

- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
- b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
 - i. **Kathy Keehan (SDAPCD)** announced that SDAPCD will be asking for feedback on scenarios for the community-identified projects in the next week or two. SDAPCD is also getting ready to open their yearly incentive program solicitation period on November 8 and will accept applications through January 7th. There will be a lot of money available, so they encourage everyone to sign-up for emails and invite people interested in participating.
 - (A) **Roman Partida-Lopez:** For the general funds Kathy mentioned, will there be prioritization for projects that are part of the Portside Community?
 - (B) **Kathy Keehan:** Yes, SDAPCD will prioritize projects that will benefit the AB 617 Portside Community.
 - ii. **Mariano Munoz:** Is there any aggregation of data, reports, or study results from the various AB 617 community air monitoring programs around the county?
 - (A) **Domingo:** The only San Diego community currently part of the AB617 program is the Portside Community, but SDAPCD is looking to expand to other communities around the county, such as the border region.

V. Closing Remarks

6:55 pm

- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
 - i. **Domingo** thanked everyone for their participation and reminded members to provide comments and questions on the draft Incident Response Plan.

VI. Adjourn

7:00 pm

Next scheduled meeting is 11/16/2021 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Portside Community Steering Committee Attendance and Vote Sheet

Date: October 19, 2021

Name	Affiliation	Present	Primary/ Alternate	N/A	
1. Keith Corry	City of San Diego	X	P		
a. Ashley L. Rosia-Tremonti	City of San Diego		A		
2. Jack Monger	Industry (IEA)	X	P		
a. Massie Hatch	Industry (Hatch Consulting)	X	A		
3. Sara Giobbi	Industry (NASSCO)	X	P		
a. Dennis DuBard	Industry (NASSCO)		A		
4. Sandy Naranjo	Port of San Diego	X	P		
a. Larry Hofreiter	Port of San Diego	X	A		
5. Elisa Arias	SANDAG	X	P		
a. Keri Robinson	SANDAG		A		
6. Joy Williams	Other Agencies (EHC)	X	P		
7. Martin Reeder	Other Agencies (National City)		P		
a. David Welch	Other Agencies (National City)		A		
8. Roman Partida-Lopez	Other Agencies (The Greenlining Institute)	X	P		
9. Stephanie Yoon	Medical Expert	X	P		
a. Alejandro Z. Diaz	Medical Expert	X	A		
10. Jose I. Marquez-Chavez	Other Agencies (CALTRANS)	X	P		
a. Diane Vermeulen	Other Agencies (CALTRANS)	X	A		
11. AC Dumauval	U.S. Navy	X	P		
a. Helen K. Haase	US Navy	X	A		
12. Dinah Willier	SDG&E	X	P		
a. Joseph Gabaldon	SDG&E		A		
13. Philomena Marino	Community	X	P		
14. Janice Luna Reynoso	Mothers Out Front		P		
15. John Alvarado	Community	X	P		
16. Hilary Medina	Community	X	P		
17. Alicia Sanchez	Community	X	P		
18. Margarita Moreno	Community	X	P		

Name	Affiliation	Present	Primary/ Alternate	N/A	
19.Nahomi Sanchez	Community		P		
20.Vanessa Contreras	Community		P		
21.Salvador Razo Abrica	Union Representative	X	P		
22.Monserrat Hernandez	Community	X	P		
23.Silvia Calzada	Community	X	P		
24.Ashley Valentin Gonzalez	Community		P		
25.Josephine Talamantez	Community	X	P		
26. Maritza Garcia	Community	X	P		
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	Hand Vote Aye				
	Hand Vote Nay				
	Hand Vote Abstain				
	Roll Call Vote Aye				
	Roll Call Vote Nay				
	Roll Call Vote Abstain				