



San Diego County
**Air Pollution
Control District**

**AB 617 Portside Community Steering Committee
Meeting Agenda + **NOTES****

10/25/2022

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Meeting Objectives

- Learn about the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) 2022 Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS)
- Receive update on elemental carbon monitoring from SDAPCD

Meeting Action Items

- [Approval of 9/27/2022 meeting notes and October meeting agenda](#)

Agenda

- I. Welcoming Remarks (Ana Cuevas-Flores & Joanny Leyva, Co-Facilitators) 5:00 pm**
- a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
 - b. Roll call Community Steering Committee (CSC) members
 - c. General Updates
 - i. [San Diegans for Sustainable, Equitable & Quiet Equipment in Landscaping \(SD-SEQUEL\)](#) announced that there are \$30 million in California Air Resource Board funds available to transition gas-powered lawn equipment to electric. Funding will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis. SD-SEQUEL will begin outreach on November 7th and they can use all the support to conduct outreach to inform the community about the funding particularly small landscapers who have a business license. More information can be found here: <https://californiacore.org/>
 - ii. The Environmental Health Coalition announced that the Port of San Diego is entertaining bids for a new tenant at the Port. This involves the Mitsubishi Cement Corporation which plans to present to the CSC in the upcoming months. EHC flagged that this move can bring negative impacts to the community.
 - iii. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) highlighted that CARB is using its [EJ Blog](#) to share information that would be useful to CSC members and members of the public. For instance, CARB has a few posts announcing that on Thursday, October 27th the CARB Board will hear about a zero-emissions truck regulation called Clean Advanced Fleets. The proposed regulation would require medium and heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers to sell only zero-emission vehicles by 2040. Additionally, CARB is taking public comments through November 3rd on how to improve the solicitation of the Community Air Grants program.
- II. Approval of 9/27/2022 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda 5:10 pm**
- a. [Motion to approve September Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by Maritza Garcia.](#)
 - i. [Seconded by Sandy Naranjo.](#)
 - b. [MOTION PASSED unanimously](#)



III. Workshop: 2022 Regional Air Quality Strategy (Nick Cormier, SDAPCD)

5:15 pm

- a. [Link to presentation](#)
- b. **Nick Cormier** provided a brief overview of the 2022 Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS) for the committee to learn about the document and provide feedback. SDAPCD will be conducting a public workshop via Zoom to discuss the 2022 RAQS in greater detail on Wednesday, November 9th.
- c. Questions and comments
 - i. **John Alvarado** asked what regulation or permitted exposures would be allowed for any incoming industries coming to the bay front and what criteria they would have to meet whether present criteria or 2050 criteria.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** responded that in terms of air quality monitoring and inventorying, there must be some assumptions made in forecasting to 2050 which SANDAG plays a key role by providing regional growth data for predictions.
 - ii. **John Alvarado** asked how SDAPCD will track particulate matter given that there is a lot of uncertainty and insecurity as to whether particulate matter can be controlled.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** pointed out that the RAQS document is a document that focuses on looking at ozone levels over the next 30 to 40 years but there are other documents that track particulate matter at the local level around the port.
 - iii. **Joy Williams** asked where the big chunk of NOx emissions coming from ocean-going vessels start and if the team anticipates that this strategy will bring San Diego Air Basin into attainment and by when.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** responded that they expect the region to reach attainment by 2032 and meet the level of the current eight-hour ozone standard. The emission data is comprised of several different types of vessels which include cruise ships and tanker vessels.
 - iv. **Phil Gibbons** asked for clarification regarding the levels of ozone that have been detected within the Portside communities relative to the State standards.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** clarified that the mobile ozone air monitoring data was a one-time project to collect data in a very localized setting and it was only conducted over a nine-month period. In all the time frames the ozone levels never exceeded the State standards.
 - v. **Phil Gibbons** asked if alternatives to zero-emission technologies reduce PM and GHGs by the same amount as zero-emission technologies.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** responded that from a perspective of meeting all benchmarks in the region, zero-emission is the gold standard but you can also get a lot of reduction using alternatives depending on the strategy.
 - vi. **John Alvarado** asked how the team proposes to plan for ships traveling from international waters and stationing along the coast.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** responded that CARB is trying to figure out how to address emissions from those sources. From a local perspective, we can encourage ships to invest in cleaner technology.

IV. Update: Elemental Carbon Monitoring (Vahe Baboomian, SDAPCD)

5:55 pm

- a. [Link to presentation](#)
- b. **Vahe Baboomian** provided an update on the elemental carbon air monitoring data gathered through June 2022. SDPACD staff will gather data for Q3 and Q4 in the upcoming months.
- c. Questions and comments
 - i. **Joy Williams** asked if the team is also collecting elemental carbon (EC) data at the Boston Avenue site.



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(A) **Vahe Baboomian** responded that the next data set from EC will include data from the CalTrans and Boston Avenue sites.

- ii. **Joy Williams** asked if at some point the team anticipates all this data being public and downloadable.

(A) **David Sodeman** responded that they will ensure that all the data they collect is available to the public. The District is currently working with their information technology provider to revamp the way the data is presented and available.

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| V. Public Comments (Ana Cuevas-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 | |
| VI. Closing Remarks | 6:55 pm |
| a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics | |
| VII. Adjourn | 7:00 pm |

Next scheduled meeting is 11/15/2022 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom