

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

12/15/2020

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

NOTES

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Meeting Objectives

- Develop a plan and goals for Steering Committee in 2021
- Provide Steering Committee and members of the public information on health impacts of air pollution in the Portside Community
- Celebrate last meeting of 2020

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 11/17/2020 Meeting Notes and 12/15/2020 Agenda
- Reviewed timeline and set goals for Steering Committee in 2021

Agenda

- I. **Welcoming Remarks (Daniela Simunovic, Co-Facilitator and Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD)**
 - a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
 - b. Roll call SC members
 - c. Updates
 - i. **Raymond Pe** will be moving on from National City and a new representative will take his place on the Portside Steering Committee.
- II. **Approval of 11/17/2020 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator)**
 - a. Motion to approve November 2020 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by **Jack Monger**
 - i. Seconded by **Josephine Talamantez**
 - b. **MOTION PASSED unanimously**
- III. **Subcommittee Updates (Subcommittee Chairs)**
 - a. **Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS) Subcommittee – Larry Hofreiter**
 - i. The MCAS Subcommittee has had 5 meetings so far
 - ii. They recently discussed the Environmental Justice Element component of the Port Master Plan update
 - iii. They also reviewed cargo handling equipment and vehicle electrification
 - iv. MCAS Subcommittee meetings are available to join via AB617 website
 - b. **Land Use Subcommittee – David Flores**
 - i. They conducted research on identifying sites for electric charging infrastructure
 - (A) David reached out to Lianna Rios, who is helping identify electrification capacity for Portside Communities and provide the SC potential site locations for consideration
 - ii. Environmental Health Coalition (EHC) has been working to connect some of the land use recommendations with the City of San Diego through Barrio Logan Community Plan Update. This will help facilitate harbor drive and other land use strategies highlighted in the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP).
- IV. **Steering Committee Planning for 2021 (Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD)**
 - a. Full presentation can be accessed [here](#)
 - b. Review Goals and Milestones for 2021
 - i. **December 2020:**

- (A) CERP timeline update to Portside Communities
 - (B) Review and refine chapters as needed based on comments received
 - (C) Coordinate with subcommittee and agencies with an implementation role to finalize strategies
 - ii. **January 2021:**
 - (A) Phase 1 implementation update to Portside Steering Committee
 - (B) CERP development update to Steering Committee every other month
 - (C) Continue coordination with subcommittees and agencies with an implementation role to finalize strategies
 - iii. **February 2021:**
 - (A) Present final strategies to Steering Committee for discussion
 - iv. **March 2021:**
 - (A) Phase 1 implementation update to Steering Committee
 - (B) Open a three-week comment period to the public
 - (C) Conduct two Public Workshops
 - (D) Refine final draft as needed based on comments received
 - v. **April 2021:**
 - (A) Present final proposed CERP to Portside Steering Committee
 - vi. **May 2021:**
 - (A) Phase 1 implementation update to Steering Committee
 - (B) Present Final Proposed CERP to APCD Board for approval
 - vii. CARB provided guidance that the Steering Committee can continue updating the CERP as needed. The CERP is a living document, meaning that the work is not necessary over after the May deadline.
- c. **Steering Committee Feedback**
- i. **David Flores** – When will you have other strategies that were not in draft and when will they be presented? Will that happen soon, be ready by February?
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** – They will be done by February, but ideally aiming to have those strategies ready by January to allow for more discussion and input from subcommittees.
 - ii. **Larry Hofreiter** – MCAS is trying to stay as close to the AB 617 CERP as it can and will be looking to coordinate.
 - iii. **Domingo Vigil** – This is all hands-on deck. To streamline this process, we are really going to have the CERP subcommittee work to bring all the subcommittees together. CERP subcommittees is looking to expand to include and expand public engagement at the subcommittee level so that they can be engaged throughout the process. We encourage you to recruit the public to participate in the CERP subcommittees.
 - (A) **Ashley Rosia-Tremonti** – The next CERP Subcommittee meeting is on **Tuesday, 12/22 at 5:00 PM**. Anyone interested in receiving the invite to the CERP subcommittee please send me an email and I will add you: arosia@saniego.gov.
 - iv. **Larry Hofreiter** – There were folks at MCAS meeting asking for more learning opportunities on current policy/material and how it all works. Pitched an idea to make time for additional learnings for folks with questions during sub-committee meetings.
 - v. **Roman Partida-Lopez** – In meeting with CARB, they are going to check in with folks from the Air District and will look to see if they can provide supplementary educational resources to be able to process highly technical info that can better improve subcommittee recommendations.
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** – We want to promote presentations like the health presentation tonight, for our SC members, especially the new members.
 - vi. **Jack Monger** – Regarding the emission levels at the various sampling sites, will there be a presentation soon on what the potential health impacts are?
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** - Yes. Will have a follow-up presentation on how to approach the data collected from the sample sites sometime in January. We can start the

- conversation with the initial data we do have.
- vii. **Josephine Talamantez** – Flagged that Domingo’s timeline seems very ambitious due to continued and future COVID-19 impacts. Concerned that this may obstruct the goal of robust community engagement for upcoming workshops.
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** – I appreciate your comment. We want to be aggressive in the first few months so we can have more time for public comment and community engagement to receive feedback before we present to our Board. Another reason for the quick pace is to stay aligned with the CARB Timeline to approve the final CERP.
 - viii. **Montserrat Hernandez** – EHC has struggled to reach community members because they lack the ability to join Zoom meetings due to internet access. Hosting large phone conversation allows for folks to listen and absorb information.
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** – I would like to connect with you to collaborate on how to reach folks without reliable internet access. Some options could also include providing paper material to have folks follow along with PowerPoints.
 - ix. **David Flores** – One way to think differently about how to reach folks is to have some recorded sessions for educational purposes, broken down by strategy. Different elements of the CERP could be organized by links that can then be accessed by community members to listen. Then they could fill out a corresponding Google survey to provide any comment.
 - x. **Silvia Calzada** – Recommended that the Steering Committee could reach out to other agencies that already provide Zoom access tutorials to help folks access public workshops. This would help to avoid reinventing the wheel by tapping into existing community networks.
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** – That is a great suggestion. I will be reaching out to local county public libraries which have partners in the different cities. I believe they already have programs like that in place.
 - xi. **Larry Hofreiter** – Port Tenants will be presenting best practices at next month’s meeting that can be converted to an educational piece.
 - xii. **Daniela Simunovic** – Suggested adding parent centers and PTAs
 - xiii. **Silvia Calzada** – Suggested also exploring partnerships with agencies and grants that provide folks with internet access opportunities.
 - xiv. **Sandy Naranjo** – Suggested some degree of social media outreach as well
 - (A) **Domingo Vigil** – Internally working to hire a comms point person that could work on this
 - (B) **Josephine Talamantez** - The Logan Heights Community Development agency is working to help with internet connection south of the 8.
 - xv. **Daniela Simunovic** – Suggested creating a temporary outreach committee that could look into coordination efforts to use various methods to get the word out to community members, especially those with unreliable access to the internet.
 - xvi. **Domingo Vigil** – Provided email address for additional outreach solutions or any other general questions: domingo.vigil@sdcounty.ca.gov

V. Presentation: Air Quality & Health 101 (Dr. Stephanie Yoon)

- a. Basic overview of relationship between Air Pollution and Health Impacts
 - i. Full presentation can be accessed [here](#)
- b. Discussion
 - i. **Josephine Talamantez** – Are the data on Asthma measured by emergency room visits?
 - (A) **Dr. Stephanie Yoon** – Yes, they are measured in emergency room visits for asthma.
 - ii. **Joy Williams** - Asthma is not a reportable disease, so there is not prevalence data. Maybe it should be?
 - (A) **Sandy Naranjo** – Supported Joy’s comment.
 - iii. **Alicia Sanchez** – Raised concerns she has about her husband that relies on oxygen

machine when he sleeps and asked if it is possible to conduct any study on what his cancer risk is in his lungs related to the negative air quality in the community. Expressed specific concern due to soot that was captured by filter the evening of the Navy ship fire.

- (A) **Dr. Stephanie Yoon** – If he is having problems, I recommend he see a doctor about it. There is a lot that goes into determining an individual’s cancer risks. I have come across academic articles discussing a link between Obstructive Sleep Apnea (affects breathing at night) and air pollution. If you don’t have a doctor, there is a community clinic network in the area that will work with folks regardless of being insured or documentation status. These are doctors that will try and find an affordable solution to provide the care you need.
- iv. **Domingo Vigil** – Offered thanks to Dr. Yoon for her presentation. Reminded SC that this is an initial presentation that will be followed up by a more specific presentation focused on the initial data coming from the air quality monitoring sites.
- v. **Sandy Naranjo** – Recommended that this presentation available online to show the differenced between communities like Barrio Logan and National City.
- vi. **Jack Monger** – In the near future, after thoroughly evaluating what sampling stations are indicating, could the presentation be refined to focus on the pollutants impacting the public health of the portside communities?
 - (A) **Dr. Stephanie Yoon** - This is in the works. As Domingo alluded to earlier, we will be doing a follow-up health impact presentation on the initial data coming out of the sampling sites.

VI. Public Comments

- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
- b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
 - i. **Stephen Theantanoo (CARB)** – Update on internal working group that is addressing Navy Fire response:
 - (A) Internal working group is continuing to have weekly meetings and making progress on determining which agencies responded, when they responded, what operations occurred, and how groups coordinated and communicated.
 - (B) The working group is also developing recommendations on improving coordination and response.
 - (C) Working group id also putting together a thorough review of the data collected during the incident and will be included as an appendix in the final report.
 - (D) There will likely be a meeting sometime in the new year and CARB will be alerting the community when that will take place.
 - (E) Questions/comments can be sent to Stephen at stephen.theantanoo@arb.ca.gov

VII. Closing Remarks

- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
 - i. **David Flores** – Items to raise for January 2021 agenda:
 - (A) Land Use Subcommittee recently met with Navy and are discussing advancing further detail in the NAVY CERP strategies to set emission reduction targets.
 - a. The Navy regional director requested an ask for formal request letter which would need SC approval.
 - (B) Regarding electric infrastructure, I would like to see if working with SDGE could results in presenting a map of the grid’s capacity for Portside Communities and consider formation of a working group for supporting EV infrastructure strategies.
 - (C) In 2021, it is important that there be attention on a ZEV infrastructure plan to stay ahead of whatever the fleets are going to do for portside.
 - a. Looking specifically at the different commercial and/or port dredge truck fleets
 - ii. **Larry Hofreiter** – Port staff is working closely with SANDAG, CalTrans, and others to explore several grant opportunities. MCAS may be returning to Steering Committee

- meeting in January requesting a LOS in support of pursuing these grants.
- iii. **Roman Partida-Lopez** – As we think about 2021, I had made a request to folks on subcommittees to explore funding opportunities. It would be helpful to create a report of what funding sources are out there and build an inventory of those sources as an effort to expedite the implementation of different CERP elements.
 - iv. **Daniela Simunovic** – Reminded SC and attendees that all meetings are recorded and posted onto the AB 617 website.

VIII. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting is 1/19/2021 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom