

South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Steering Committee Meeting Summary
Monday, August 24, 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Location: Hybrid Meeting (online via Zoom, and in-person at Maple Neighborhood Center Multipurpose Room, 3301 37th Ave, Sacramento, CA)

SC Members	Member Application/Organization
Arturo Arroyo	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Barry Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Bishop Chris Baker	Resident
De Ajanaè Gunn	Resident
Jamallah Green	Resident
James Allison	Power Inn Alliance
Laurie Walker	Resident
Morgan Brown	Resident, Color the Block
Roberto Rizo (Co-Lead)	Resident
Richard Lincoln	Southgate Recreation and Park District
Stephanie Williams	Resident
Tido Thac Hoang (Co-Lead)	Vietnamese American Community of Sacramento (VACOS)
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)	
Sac Metro Air District staff	
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	
CARB staff	
Facilitators/Consultants/Interpreters	
Kearns & West staff	
Language World staff	
Public***	
Laurel Smith	Valley Vision
Kathy Saechou	Valley Vision
Celia Castro	
Jennifer Holden	
Vincent Valdez	
Carrie Whitlock	City of Elk Grove
Joyce Hribar	SMUD
Edward McMahon	SMUD

***This list shows only the affiliation of public members who provided verbal or written comments or introduced themselves verbally at the beginning. This list only includes some public members who attended the meeting because it was conducted in a hybrid format, and no sign-in sheet was available to online participants. Note: All presentations and meeting materials are available on the District website at <https://www.airquality.org/Air-Quality-Health/Community-Air-Protection/Community-Meetings>

Full meeting video recording available at:

- English Recording:
 - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YUmcE1g6ko>
- Spanish Recording:

- o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ucMhfnXI6c>

Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

- English PowerPoint:
 - o [https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/August%2024%202026%20Meeting%20Presentation%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/August%2024%202026%20Meeting%20Presentation%20(English).pdf)
- Spanish PowerPoint:
 - o [https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/August%2024%202026%20Meeting%20Presentation%20\(Espa%C3%B1ol\).pdf](https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/August%2024%202026%20Meeting%20Presentation%20(Espa%C3%B1ol).pdf)

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

A Co-Lead opened the meeting at 6:07 pm. The facilitator welcomed everyone and the interpreter provided interpretation instructions in English and in Spanish for both online and in-room participation. The facilitator reviewed the code of conduct and agenda. District staff announced that Vincent Valdez has resigned as a member of the Steering Committee. A Co-Lead conducted roll call for the Steering Committee. The facilitator invited the public to share any community events. These are listed below:

Community Events

- A member shared information about the South Sacramento Festival taking place that Saturday and noted that Steering Committee members would be volunteering.
- A member shared information about a community event taking place Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the South Sacramento Resource Center. The event would focus on water and offer free low-maintenance plants.

2. Administrative Items

2a. Approval of Meeting Summary

- Approved by Steering Committee vote.

2b. Visioning Session Recap

- The facilitator provided a brief recap of the Visioning Session held in July 2026. Steering Committee members who were unable to attend will be invited to complete a survey containing the questions used during the session activities. Responses from the Visioning Session and survey will be compiled and shared with the District. Potential implementation steps will then be identified and shared with the Steering Committee.

3. Updates

3a. District Updates

- District staff shared that a Co-Lead represented the Steering Committee at the July 23 CARB Board meeting. CARB subsequently approved the CERP, which will now move into the five-year implementation stage.
- District staff provided an update on the August 3 Clean Air, Clean Solutions event at the State Capitol, where the Steering Committee was represented. The event featured a variety of clean air technologies. A member who attended described it as a positive and inspiring experience.
- District staff shared that the Steering Committee participated in National Night Out on August 4, 2026.
- District staff invited Steering Committee members to participate in an electric vehicle caravan to the Los Angeles Auto Show on November 18. Sac Metro Air District will participate with

approximately 10 other organizations. Participants would receive a special government and VIP tour to the Auto Show. The District requested two to three Steering Committee volunteers who could participate using their own electric vehicles or ride with District staff. Several Steering Committee members expressed potential interest.

3b. CERP Subcommittee Updates

- A member provided an update from the most recent CERP Subcommittee meeting, including a presentation on SMUD's Neighborhood Electrification Program and a discussion of incentive guidelines.

3c. Outreach Subcommittee Updates

- The Outreach Subcommittee discussed an electrification workshop scheduled for September 23, including which languages should be available for interpretation.
- District staff provided an update on the Clean Air Day event planned for October 7 at Esther Park in collaboration with Valley Vision. The Outreach Subcommittee had approved \$500 for food; however, that amount may not cover the food and the necessary food permit. The Steering Committee was asked to approve an additional \$1,500, bringing the total food budget to \$2,000, to hire a food truck that holds its own permit. See action item 4a below.

4. Action Items

4a. Vote to Approve Funds for Clean Air Day Event

- Members discussed whether the City Council, County Board of Supervisors, and other partners could be asked to help fund the event.
- Members also asked about the Outreach Fund's budget cycle, whether the fund would be replenished, and the typical cost of hiring a food truck.
- District staff clarified that the Outreach Fund was established as a one-time allocation of \$25,000, does not expire, and currently has a balance of approximately \$10,400.
- Valley Vision clarified that the proposed food truck budget would provide more than 150 food vouchers for attendees.
- Members also discussed lower-cost alternatives, including offering a beverage station rather than a meal.
- District staff clarified that, under the bylaws, expenditures greater than \$500 must be approved by the full Steering Committee rather than by a subcommittee.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve a total of \$1,500 for food.
- A member of the public expressed opposition to the proposed expenditure due to the total percentage of the budget.
- Co-Leads agreed to work with a member to seek additional support from City, County, and other potential partners.
- The Steering Committee approved \$1,500 for food for the Clean Air Day event.

4b. Vote to Approve New Steering Committee Application

- Approved by Steering Committee vote.

5. Discussion Items

5a. Potential Grant Opportunity

- District staff shared information about a Strategic Growth Council: Transformative Climate

Communities Project Development grant opportunity. The Stockton Boulevard corridor project may be competitive for funding that could help implement elements of the CERP. The potential project area would be located along Stockton Boulevard, south of Florin Towne Centre.

- District staff explained that the grant could support both planning and community outreach and engagement to better understand the community's priorities for the area. Potential partners include Sacramento County and Valley Vision.
- A member asked whether the Steering Committee would be required to provide matching funds and District staff clarified that no matching funds would be required.
- Steering Committee members expressed interest in participating as a partner in the grant proposal. The Air District would lead the proposal; the Steering Committee would be included in the governance structure, and Sacramento County and Valley Vision would support implementation.
- District staff also reviewed the CERP implementation process

5b. SMUD Electrification Program

- SMUD presented information about the Neighborhood Electrification Program and asked Steering Committee members to help share information about the program with the community.
- District staff provided an update on the in-person electrification workshop scheduled for September 23 in collaboration with SMUD. The District identified several languages spoken in the community that may require interpretation, and Valley Vision and SMUD are helping to cover the interpretation costs.
- Steering Committee members suggested providing interpretation in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Lu Mien. SMUD noted that identifying a Lu Mien interpreter may be challenging and that it may be possible to work with someone from the community.
- A member emphasized that multilingual outreach before the workshop is as important as providing interpretation during the event. The member noted that conducting outreach in the community's primary languages had been helpful for previous events.

5c. Incentive Guidelines

- The presentation on incentive guidelines was moved to a future CERP Subcommittee meeting.

6. New Business and Upcoming Meeting Topics

- Virtual office hours remain available by appointment.
- The CERP Subcommittee meeting was rescheduled to September 14 due to a holiday.

7. Public Comments

- No public comments were provided.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.