

**South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Steering Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Monday, August 26, 2024**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Location: Hybrid Meeting (online via Zoom, and in-person at La Familia Maple Neighborhood Center, 3301 37th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95824)**

<b>SC Members</b>	<b>Member Application/Organization</b>
Vincent Valdez (Co-Lead)	United Latinos
Steven Street	Dignity Health Methodist Hospital
Michael Lampkin	Resident
Richard Lincoln	Southgate Recreation and Park District
Morgan Brown	Resident, Color the Block
Bishop Chris Baker	Resident
Rhonda Henderson	Resident, North Laguna Creek Valley Hi Community Association
Stephanie Williams (Co-lead)	Resident
Barry Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Richard Falcon (alt)	United Latinos
Robert Rizo	Resident
<b>Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)</b>	
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
David Yang	SMAQMD
Raef Porter	SMAQMD
Lia Kollen	SMAQMD
Jaime Lemus	SMAQMD
Amy Roberts	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Andrew Nguyen-Manh	SMAQMD
<b>California Air Resources Board (CARB)</b>	
Kevin Olp	CARB
Adriana Smith	CARB
Erika Trinidad	CARB
Kyle Goff	CARB
Dominique Smith	CARB
Deldi Reyes	CARB
Trish Johnston	CARB
<b>Facilitators/Consultants</b>	
Veronica Cummings	Kearns & West
Brita Romans	Kearns & West
<b>Public***</b>	
Jose Saldana	Resident
Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision
Theresa Riviera	<i>Not stated</i>
Tiffany Tran	IQAir Foundation

\*\*\*This list shows only the 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:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu40xc8SD1E>
- Spanish Recording:
  - Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqCT3KAZF-0>
  - Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7c3lOcl4M8>

#### **Meeting PowerPoint Presentation**

- English PowerPoint: [South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection \(airquality.org\)](https://www.airquality.org/South-Sacramento/Florin-Community-Air-Protection)
- Spanish PowerPoint: [South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection \(airquality.org\)](https://www.airquality.org/South-Sacramento/Florin-Community-Air-Protection)

### **Meeting Summary**

*This meeting had simultaneous Spanish interpretation for in-person and virtual attendees. Accommodating the language needs with simultaneous interpretation required all attendees to speak slowly and loudly to provide time for the interpreter to translate and ensure their speech was detected by the microphone. **Public Comments listed below are not intended to be complete; if included below, comments are paraphrased or summarized. For all comments and full context, please review the meeting video recording.***

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#### **Introductions**

#### **Announcements**

##### ***Announcements were moved to the introduction section of the meeting***

- Stephanie Williams - Janice Lam Snyder, Director of Community Air Protection, Sac Metro Air Quality Management District is out on leave until November, David Yang from the Air District will be filling in.
- Richard Falcon – Vehicle Emissions Project County of Sacramento hosting two Town Halls, Sept 18, 2024, in Spanish with English translation and September 25, in Vietnamese with English Translation.
- Richard Falcon - Initiative Tree Planting in South Sacramento, Saturday October 12.
- Morgan Brown - September 1, Family Day Event at Excelsior market.
- Morgan Brown - Sept 25, Rainbow Park – Community Resource Vendor Affair.
- Jaime Lemus - October 9, CA Mobility Center, Ride and Drive Public Event.
- Trish Johnston – CARB Community Air Grants for CBO and Tribes, Grant application opens September 3, closes November 1, Projects for air quality education, enhance air monitoring. \$16 million to award, \$300,000-\$500,000 per applicant. Website: [www.arb.ca.gov/capp-cag](http://www.arb.ca.gov/capp-cag)

#### **Administrative Items**

##### **Actions:**

- Approved July 2024 meeting minutes.
  - Approved and accepted.
  - Stephanie Williams abstained from the vote as she was not present last meeting.

## Discussion Items

Announcement: July 25 CARB Board Meeting, South Sacramento-Florin was officially designated as CERP and CAMP community. We have funds to develop and submit a CERP to the state.

### Discussion Item #1: Budget

- Adriana Smith, CARB, Community Liaison for South Sacramento-Florin Community gave a presentation on the three types of air quality grants: Community Air Grants, Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives, Air District Implementation Funds
- Erika Trinidad, CARB, gave a presentation on CommunityHub 2.0 which is a resource website for participants in the Community Air Protection Program.
  - [Community Air Protection Incentives Project Dashboard | California Air Resources Board](#)
  - Questions: [Erika.trinidad@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Erika.trinidad@arb.ca.gov) or [communityair@arb.ca.gov](mailto:communityair@arb.ca.gov)
  - The Internet connection was lost during the meeting and some of the presentation was not captured. CARB Staff will send a doodle poll to steering committee members to see if they'd like to meet to discuss this further.
- David Yang, Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District – presented on the funding received for implementation and Jamie Lemus, Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management presented on the funding received for incentives.

### Steering Committee Members Questions/Discussion

- There was question about the implementation funding for monitoring in the expanded area. The District responded that implementation funds can be used to cover air monitoring, including the cost to operate portable laboratory monitoring. The Steering Committee will need to discuss where they would like to relocate the portable monitoring laboratory.
- There was a question if the one time funding was for planning and not for implementation. The District responded that the funding was the development of the CERP and that funding for implementing the CERP will need to be figured out at a later time.
- There was question about how the incentive funds and the type of project that can be covered. The District responded that for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 funds, the funds can be used for traditional CAP incentive projects conforming to Moyer and Community Air Protection guideline. For FY 2023/2024, the incentive funds can be used for projects identify for the CERP.
- There was a question about the budget project regarding the cost of a FTE (full time employee). The District responded that the District will provide a written response at a later time.
- There was comment to clarify that implementation monies are used to implement these programs, meetings, etc. and incentives dollars are funds to fix what we want to fix.
- There was question about what percentage of the incentive funds can be used in the South Sac-Florin CERP boundaries. CARB responded that 70-80% of funds need to be used in disadvantaged communities and low-income areas in the County/Air District.

### Discussion Item #2: CERP sub-committee update: Education, engagement, and recruitment in new areas – Vincent

- September 29, Clean Air Day, proposed opportunity to do education, engagement and recruitment. Community does not automatically know what we're doing. We have to educate them.
- Health Fair at La Familia – last year, received good feedback.
- Potential future events: health fair, live music, taco/egg roll contest, invite first responders, farmers markets, etc. Consider having mental health and support for the homeless at the events. We are ready to do projects.

- CERP subcommittee meeting is September 3.

### **Public Comment**

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- It was noted that it is difficult to ask questions at the end when we've discussed so much.
- Question was posed: How do we find out who was funded and for how much on the website?
- Suggestion was made to go to where the community already gathers. Table at those already established community events. Consider church community events.
- A question was posed regarding how much of that \$7 million is accounted for by staff time. How much does it cost to host these meetings and how much of that is staff time? Observation was made that community and that the committee did not well attend the Bowling Green event needs to do better. There should be more community members here in a community led project.
- A question was posed inquiring about the nature of the \$250,000 for outreach - does the Steering Committee have approval over that?
- Suggestion to pursue Community Air Grant, opening in September, good opportunity to access more money for outreach and engagement.
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  - Jaime Lemus - Within the old boundaries, since 2017 \$7.80 million funds have been spent, in addition to other funds, with the support of this steering committee.

### **Steering Committee Discussion**

- Suggestion regarding community outreach – keep in mind that community is different than what we were in 2019 when the SC was created. Consider who is our target audience, then build a strategy that works for that target audience. Consider how we define success for our outreach strategy.
- A suggestion was made to target youth in our outreach.
- Outreach Subcommittee indicated that they are reaching out the business, families and youth. Had over 100 folks visited their table at a recent event.
- Suggestion to follow-up with event attendees. Build follow-up into the process.
- Suggested that we can measure success by changes in behavior.
- CARB Staff clarification – the CERPs boundaries were created considering the population. Using those boundaries would be a good place to start for prioritizing outreach. It is also a metric to measure progress over time.
- Suggested that repetitive messages are the most effective means.

### **Outreach Subcommittee Updates**

- Discussion from outreach subcommittee had already been shared by Steering Committee members in earlier discussions this meeting.

### **CERP Subcommittee Updates**

- Most of items discussed in subcommittee meeting had already been shared earlier in this meeting. Discussed CERP community engagement and new opportunities to get out into the community. Needing the data to use as an educational tool.

### **District Updates**

- SacSewer public workshop was held on August 14th at North Laguna Valley Hi Library. Recording

has been posted (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCno2zBYJKg>). Any questions can be directed to Amy Roberts.

#### **New Business and Upcoming Meeting Topics**

Representative from IQAir Foundation meeting is attending. They have provided some funding for outreach and a monitoring station. For more information contact Tiffany Tran: [tiffany.tran@iqairfoundation.org](mailto:tiffany.tran@iqairfoundation.org).

- Suggested topics:
  - September – CERP community Panel
  - October – community emissions inventory and sources of emissions

#### **Public Comments (not necessarily related to Agenda items)**

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- South Sacramento is a home for many middle eastern refugees, but none are in this meeting. One measure of success would be to have them represented in this committee.
- The outreach money doesn't go away if we don't use it.
- September 17, kick off meeting for CARB Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative.
  - Recruiting for Project Expert Group with at least 50% community representatives
  - More information available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/statewide-mobile-monitoring-initiative>

**The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.**