

**South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Steering Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Monday, December 16, 2024**  
**6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**Location: Hybrid Meeting (online via Zoom, and in-person at Digital Cafe and Lounge, 2251 Florin Rd., Suite 156 Sacramento, CA)**

<b>SC Members</b>	<b>Member Application/Organization</b>
Vincent Valdez (Co-Lead)	United Latinos
Stephanie Williams (Co-Lead)	Resident
Bishop Chris Baker	Resident
Rhonda Henderson	Resident, North Laguna Creek Valley Hi Community Association
Barry Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Tido Thac Hoang	Vietnamese American Community of Sacramento (VACOS)
Laurie Walker	Resident (on Zoom, but unable to communicate due to technical issues for the first part of the meeting)
Jamallah Green	Resident
Sarina Rodriguez	Resident
Ward Winchell	Southgate Recreation and Park District
Morgan Brown	Resident, Color the Block
Roberto Rizo	Resident
<b>Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)</b>	
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
David Yang	SMAQMD
Lia Kollen	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Andrew Nguyen-Manh	SMAQMD
Angela Thompson	SMAQMD
Paul Philley	SMAQMD
<b>California Air Resources Board (CARB)</b>	
Kevin Olp	CARB
Adriana Smith	CARB
<b>Facilitators/Consultants</b>	
Nicolas Townes	Kearns & West
Brita Romans	Kearns & West
<b>Public***</b>	
Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision
Jose Saldana	Resident
Erica Jaramillo	Resident
Monica Green	Resident
Herman Barahona	SacEJC

\*\*\*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=UuiW4CX9FTo>
- Spanish Recording:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a2zo39tEYg>

### Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

- English/Spanish PowerPoint:  
<https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/December%2016%202024%20Meeting%20Presentation.pdf>

## Meeting Summary

### Meeting started at 6:02pm

*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

Stephanie Williams opened the meeting at 6:01pm. The interpreter provided in-language interpretation instructions. Stephanie thanked the Steering Committee for their time and commitment to the program over the last year, followed by David Yang with the Air District who thanked and acknowledged the community members who have participated in this program as well. Nicolas Townes, facilitator, reviewed the code of conduct and agenda and Stephanie conducted roll call for the Steering Committee, Air District, and CARB. Nicolas invited the public to do introductions and share any community events. These are listed below:

- Community Events
  - January 25, 2025 Color the Block is hosting a green plant exchange and national plant celebration day, free plants and trees will be given out and a chef will be doing a demonstration on-site of how to prepare food growing at the community garden
  - January 20, 2025 Martin Luther King March, the Steering Committee has been invited by Valley Vision
  - Lunar New Year event
  - Sweet Potato Festival

After public introductions and community events, Nicolas announced that in appreciation of the hard work that the Steering Committee, members of the public, and the District have done this year in collaboration with partner agencies and community organizations, there will be a pause in the meeting for the in-person celebration. The meeting agenda resumed at 6:40pm.

### Administrative Items

Actions:

## 2a. Approval of November 2024 Meeting Summary

- The meeting summary was approved and accepted by Steering Committee vote.
  - There were 3 abstentions from members who were in attendance.

### Discussion:

## 2b. Membership Update- Inactive Members

- Vincent thanked Pat Shelby and Michael Lampkin for their contributions and announced their resignations.

### Action items

## 3a. Allow for Co-Lead nominations in December

Stephanie proposed opening nominations in this meeting, leaving them open until the January meeting, and having the Steering Committee vote on nominations during the January meeting.

### Steering Committee discussion:

- Vincent supported this proposal.
- A Steering Committee member mentioned that this process is a good idea to give people more time to further consider their nominations.
- A Steering Committee member asked Stephanie and Vincent to share triumphs and challenges of being Co-Leads.
  - Vincent stated that it's a rewarding experience to work with the District and CARB.
  - Stephanie added that it is rewarding, noting a challenge being prioritizing the meeting agenda. She reflected that allowing for discussion and prioritizing high priority items sometimes caused collision but hearing from the public and Steering Committee while being able to move forward is a balance.

### Public comment

- There was a comment expressing gratitude to the Co-leads and hope for future Co-Leads to be able to continue the work.

The motion to allow for Co-Lead nominations in December through January with a vote happening during the January meeting passed unanimously.

### Discussion Items

## 4a. Co-Lead Nominations and Co-Lead Roles

Stephanie reviewed methods that Steering Committee members can nominate Co-Leads, including:

- Nominations can be made during this discussion item; or
- Submit nominations to the AB 617 Clerk, [AB617Clerk@airquality.org](mailto:AB617Clerk@airquality.org)
- It was noted that nominations will remain open until the January 2025 action item, and that nominations must be accepted by the member who has been nominated prior to voting.
- Stephanie reviewed Co-Lead roles, per the Charter.

### Steering Committee discussion

- A Steering Committee member asked about the time commitment for Co-Leads. The Co-leads provide their thoughts on the time commitment and their work with the District and facilitators. It was roughly estimated it to be around 10 hours per month, with homework.
- Another Steering Committee member asked how the roles for a Co-Lead for subcommittees differ from Co-Lead roles. Vincent reflected that all Steering Committee members need to participate more, noting that it isn't a requirement but that Co-Leads should attend those subcommittee meetings as best practice.

- Another Steering Committee member reflected that the Steering Committee's focus is the CERP, and everyone needs to be on board at the monthly Steering Committee meeting and monthly CERP meeting due to the limited time before the CARB deadline.
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#### **4b. 2024 in Review**

David reviewed 2024 accomplishments. David then reviewed the timeline, emphasizing that the Steering Committee only has about 13 months left. He reviewed upcoming priorities for 2025 and beyond and resources to identify community concerns, such as community expertise and emissions inventory.

#### **Steering Committee Discussion:**

- Vincent reflected on how much was accomplished in 2024, referencing the outreach that was done to numerous neighborhood associations, and highlighting that outreach and utilizing existing monitoring data will be of great assistance in the areas that the boundaries recently expanded to where the Steering Committee has not been working in.
- Roberto reflected on how many members were onboarded to the Steering Committee, asking if the Steering Committee can get a map that shows Steering Committee member representation, so that they can better recruit members whose neighborhoods are not represented.

#### **Public comment:**

- none

### **Agenda 5.a Outreach Subcommittee Updates**

- Rhonda provided an update that the Outreach Subcommittee is looking into purchasing branded tablecloths.
- SC members also participated in tabling at the Meadowview community market and the South Sacramento Santa event.
- Interns:
  - Rhonda noted that the Outreach Subcommittee is exploring the idea of using volunteer interns but noting that nothing has been finalized yet.
  - Vincent added that there is a potential opportunity for a summer intern, and he reached out to this individual via email. He noted that they outreached to the community college in regard to a paid intern.
  - Morgan added that she has five teens with interest in doing volunteer outreach for the Steering Committee and summarized her volunteer listings in search of interns on various websites.
- Barry provided an update on pricing for tablecloth and other outreach supplies.
- Rhonda noted that a decision regarding tablecloths and other supplies will be made at the Wednesday Outreach Subcommittee meeting.

### **Agenda 5.b CERP Subcommittee Updates - Vincent**

- Vincent emphasized the need to be able to gauge the effectiveness for reducing emissions.
- Roberto Rizo was nominated the lead in CERP-writing. Vincent added that a representative from CARB attended the CERP subcommittee meeting and introduced an idea of emissions monitoring for compliance of trucks.
- Roberto expressed his gratitude for the nomination of CERP writing. He announced the date of the next CERP subcommittee meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, noting that they will focus on creating a CERP timeline during that meeting, and announcing that voting will happen at the end of that month. He

floated the idea of walking the new boundaries and asking key questions to community members of those areas to better help prioritize actions.

### **Agenda 5.c District Updates**

- David provided an update on monitoring locations, noting that priority locations were sent to air monitoring supervisors. Next steps are getting approval from property owners, and then information will be forwarded to the Steering Committee so that they can participate in the site visit.

#### **Public comment:**

- Brita read numerous public comments from the chat, listed below:
  - There was a comment that it might be good to offer a Saturday morning meeting once every six months to share with the community everything that the Steering Committee has done. He also reinforced an idea, presented by a Steering Committee member, of walking the neighborhood and asking the community if they like the track that the Steering Committee is on.
  - Numerous articles were shared in the chat by Herman Barahona.
    - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/dec/14/epa-air-quality-monitors-white-neighborhoods>
    - <https://www.epa.gov/air-research/research-health-effects-air-pollution>
  - Adriana Smith, from CARB, commented that with the emission inventory discussion coming up next month which will help to understand where the emissions are coming from, she recommends that folks watch some of the videos, specifically the emission inventory one.
- There was another comment that echoed the suggestion that Saturday morning meetings would be a great idea.
- Additional information was provided about the links added in the chat, noting that they could be helpful references for the Steering Committee. There was a question asking the Steering Committee if they would be willing to bring in CDPH as a public health representative and be able to address some of the community health concerns.
- Adriana, from CARB, congratulated the Steering Committee on making headway and getting to this point in the process. Adriana noted that the District can send out the info that she linked in the chat, and emphasized that the Steering Committee should watch the videos in order to gain a better understanding prior to the next meeting.
  - [Air Quality Fundamentals | California Air Resources Board](#)
  - [Community Air Protection Program Training | California Air Resources Board](#)

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

- A Steering Committee member asked when the new Co-Leads will start their term, and it was answered that the new Co-Leads would start in January, joining preparatory meetings for the February meeting.
- Morgan Brown self-nominated for the role of Co-Lead.
- It was noted that the CERP timeline will be discussed and voted on during the January meeting, following the CERP subcommittee discussion

#### **Steering Committee Discussion:**

- Ward Winchell noted that the Steering Committee is welcome to use one of Southgate Recreation's facilities for meetings if other locations cannot be found.

## **Public Comments**

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- A member of the public shared that a Public Records Act request was submitted for data on number of permits for special developments, wanting to see mapping for where truck stops are and where those vehicles are parking. There was an offer to bring that data to the Steering Committee noting that it could be helpful to cross-reference data on where people are living.
- There was a comment commending the leadership of the Co-Leads for their incredible work, and elevated a funding opportunity that was shared last month. It is clean air project funding in North Sacramento, Oak Park/Fruitridge, and Meadowview to conduct clean air projects and work with Valley Vision to track outcomes (<https://linktr.ee/snaaq3.0>). It was noted there was a hope for the Steering Committee to spread the word.
- There was a comment that the CARB application vouchers go live this Wednesday (December 18) at 6pm for a \$2,000 voucher to go towards an electric bike.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm**

**Next meeting, Monday, January 27, 2025**