

## South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, March 24, 2025

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)

SC Members	Member Application/Organization
Ward Winchell	Southgate Recreation and Park District
Bishop Chris Baker	Resident
Barry Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Laurie Walker	Resident
Jamallah Green	Resident
James Allison	Power Inn Alliance
Morgan Brown (Co-Lead)	Resident, Color the Block
Roberto Rizo (Co-Lead)	Resident
Richard Falcon	United Latinos
Arturo Arroyo	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
<b>Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)</b>	
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
David Yang	SMAQMD
Janice Lam Snyder	SMAQMD
Katherine Chin-Chiu	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Cody Hess	SMAQMD
Angela Thompson	SMAQMD
Amy Roberts	SMAQMD
Brian Krebs	SMAQMD
Carolyn Tran	SMAQMD
Jaime Lemus	SMAQMD
Paul Philley	SMAQMD
Stacey Kawabata	SMAQMD
<b>California Air Resources Board (CARB)</b>	
Kevin Olp	CARB
Adriana Smith	CARB
Deldi Reyes	CARB
<b>Facilitators/Consultants</b>	
Nicolas Townes	Kearns & West
Brita Romans	Kearns & West
<b>Local Agencies</b>	
Carrie Witlock	City of Elk Grove
Nguyen Nguyen	City of Sacramento
<b>Public***</b>	
Erica Jaramillo	Resident, South Sacramento
Herman Barahona	SacEJC

Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision
Faye Wilson Kennedy	Sacramento Poor People's Campaign (Sac PPC), The Red, Green and Black Environmental Justice Coalition (RBGEJC)

\*\*\*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=qWhk-SmGwPM>
- Spanish Recording:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHTxUMY0nXs>

#### Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

- English PowerPoint:
  - [https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/March%2024%2025%20Meeting%20Presentation%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/March%2024%2025%20Meeting%20Presentation%20(English).pdf)
- Spanish PowerPoint:
  - [https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/March%2024%2025%20Meeting%20Presentation%20\(Espa%C3%B1ol\).pdf](https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/March%2024%2025%20Meeting%20Presentation%20(Espa%C3%B1ol).pdf)

## Meeting Summary

### Meeting started at 6:10pm

*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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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

A steering committee co-lead opened the meeting at 6:10pm. The interpreter provided interpretation instructions in English and in Spanish. The facilitator reviewed the code of conduct and agenda, and a steering committee co-lead conducted roll call for the Steering Committee. The facilitator invited the public to do introductions and share any community events. These are listed below:

- Public Introductions –
  - No public introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting.
- Community Events
  - A steering committee co-lead announced Color the Block and Act on Kindness are hosting a free giveaway event on Saturday, March 29 from 11-2pm at Freedom Park in North Highlands.
  - A public member announced The Sacramento Poor People's Campaign (Sac PPC), The Red,

Green and Black Environmental Justice Coalition (RBGEJC) Sacramento Climate Coalition (SCC) and NorCal Resist are hosting a 2025 Earth Day Virtual Celebration on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 6PM-8:30PM Featuring: Dr. Sigride Jenniska Asseko.

### **Administrative Items**

Actions:

#### **2a. Approval of January 27, February 19, and February 24, 2025 Meeting Summaries**

- The meeting summaries were motioned for acceptance and approved by the Steering Committee vote.

### **Action items**

#### **3a. CERP Goals: Activity and Vote**

##### **Activity**

The District reviewed the summaries of the meeting notes from both February meetings and introduced the CERP goals. The steering committee co-leads presented on the Community Steering Committee actions already taken, groups and prioritization in the groupings, and slides on example outcomes and goals that they have created. They reviewed the categorization of quick-win goals, medium-term goals, and long-term goals. The co-leads guided the Steering Committee through discussion, summarized below:

##### *Urban planning discussion*

- A steering committee member suggested that local jurisdictions could notify the air district when there's a project that has a significant impact on air quality.
- Steering committee members introduced numerous actions that could be taken to support the goals being discussed in the meeting.
- A member of the public commented that he did support the goals as written, noting the key is using AB617 to leverage the things that air quality management regulators would have done normally.
- A steering committee co-lead reflected on input from outreach subcommittee and community input, noting that edible landscapes, tree canopies, and green spaces are an immediate action that can be taken for urban planning quick win.

##### *Residential sources discussion*

- A member of the public commented that there is a need for a higher standard to help public health in a place where the accumulation of pollution is making people sick.
- A member of the public inquired about noise pollution and whether that would be addressed in the goals.
  - The District answered that one possible approach is to collaborate with local jurisdictions and explore how emission reduction efforts might also help mitigate noise pollution in these communities.
- A steering committee member asked to include non-mobile sources within the strategies and emphasized the need for enforcement rather than encouragement or suggestion.
- A steering committee member emphasized that public health is very important and emphasized his desire to focus on short-term goals as well.

The co-leads extended the time allotted for discussion of this item twice, amounting to a total extension of 25 minutes. There were technical difficulties where the hybrid meeting lost audio and video connection, and the Steering Committee took a 5-minute break.

## **CERP Goals Vote**

### **Steering Committee discussion:**

- A steering committee co-lead moved for a motion to accept the goals as amended, seconded by another steering committee member.
  - Amendments included:
    - Add “quick-build programming for active transportation” for urban planning quick win
    - Add “reduce large source pollutants” for urban planning medium term
    - Add “work towards the reduction/limiting of large sources of pollutants/pollution permits” for commercial sources
    - Amend medium-term goal for residential sources to “reduce residential emissions and promote residential electrification in overburdened neighborhoods”
- A steering committee co-lead noted that we cannot let perfect be the enemy of good, and that we should move forward during this strict timeline.
- A steering committee member requested that we reduce large source permits in our boundaries.

### **Public comment**

- A member of the public commented that one potential addition for "Urban Planning" is establishing a quick build program for active transportation infrastructure in the CERP area, similar to what the City of Sacramento is advancing. This would make it safer for more people to walk/bike and reduce emissions.
- A member of the public commented that the goals are not measurable, noting that it is hard to see progress towards a goal when it is not measurable. She emphasized that accountability is missing without measurable goals. Another public member agreed about the goals not being measurable and provided an example of noise pollution.

### **Actions:**

- There was a motion to approve the CERP goals as updated by the steering committee co-lead, which received a second from a steering committee member.
- Following the motion, there was further Steering Committee discussion, summarized below
  - A steering committee member suggested continuing the discussion further and not voting tonight
  - A steering committee member suggested voting on the goals to get to the strategies in a future meeting.
  - A co-lead emphasized that the Steering Committee could create smart, measurable goals in smaller committees that folks signed up for and recommended a vote to move this along rather than push it for another month.
- The action was approved by Steering Committee vote.

## **Discussion Items**

### **4a. Follow-up from February Workshops**

#### **i. Compliance**

#### **ii. Rules and Permitting**

### **Actions:**

The Steering Committee approved extending the meeting until 8:05pm and moved agenda item 4a to the following meeting. (Note: Following the meeting, the co-leads decided to ask the steering committee via email if they have any follow-up questions on the materials provided. Opportunity to discuss the information was also provided during office hours, see District update below. It was not included as an agenda item at the April 2025 meeting).

## **5. Updates**

### **5a. Outreach Subcommittee**

- The steering committee co-lead announced that Jamallah Green will be co-chair to the outreach subcommittee. The steering committee co-lead discussed the need for engagement from Steering Committee members, events happening this week, and reviewed past events with Steering Committee member attendance such as the Sweet Potato Festival. .

### **5b. CERP Subcommittee**

- The group announced that they have begun working on their outreach goals in the short and long-term goals from the February meeting.

### **5c. District**

The District provided an update on the five locations discussed for portable lab.

- The portable lab at Fern Bacon has now been taken down due to construction.
- Several potential sites have been explored for placing the portable lab trailer, each location with its own considerations.
- There will be virtual office hours on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm to answer any questions that Steering Committee members may have in terms of follow-up for compliance information violations, and additional office hours on April 22.

## **6. New business and upcoming meeting topics**

- i. A steering committee co-lead requested new business or upcoming meeting topics be emailed to the entire Steering Committee.
- ii. It was noted that the May Steering Committee Meeting needs to be rescheduled due to Memorial Day, and that La Familia has been secured for Monday, June 2, 2025.

## **7. Public Comments**

- A public member flagged new air quality monitoring coming to CERP boundary through Aclima, noting that Valley Vision will be reaching out to inform mobile monitoring sites.
  - More info about the project: <https://aclima.earth/ca-smmi>
- A public member inquired about the potential to set up portable lab monitoring at the gun range and included her supported for that idea.
- A public member announced that Aclima monitoring is currently focused on the Del Paso Heights and North Sacramento area. A steering committee member representing SacEJC will serve as their lead for the organizing team in this part of town.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm**

**Next meeting, Monday, April 28, 2025**