

South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Steering Committee Meeting Summary
Monday, November 18, 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)

SC Members	Member Application/Organization
Vincent Valdez (Co-Lead)	United Latinos
Stephanie Williams (Co-Lead)	Resident
Steven Street	Dignity Health Methodist Hospital
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
Richard Lincoln	Southgate Recreation and Park District
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)	
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
David Yang	SMAQMD
Lia Kollen	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Jaime Lemus	SMAQMD
Andrew Nguyen-Manh	SMAQMD
Amy Roberts	SMAQMD
Cody Hess	SMAQMD
Angela Thompson	SMAQMD
Paul Philley	SMAQMD
Carolyn Tran	SMAQMD
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	
Kevin Olp	CARB
Adriana Smith	CARB
Eric Bissinger	CARB
Facilitators/Consultants	
Nicolas Townes	Kearns & West
Elizabeth Herrera	Kearns & West
Public***	
Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision
Leon Guidry	97.5 Community Radio

***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=IrMIH3QHfdM>
- Spanish Recording:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmVZPn4vmfI>

Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

- English/Spanish PowerPoint:
<https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/November%2018%202024%20Meeting%20Presentation.pdf>

Meeting Summary

Meeting started at 6:05pm

*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.***

Introductions

Stephanie Williams and Vincent Valdez opened the meeting at 6:05pm. The interpreter provided in-language interpretation instructions. Nicolas Townes reviewed the 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:

- Public Introductions – Adrian Rehn, Valley Vision
- Community Events
 - Bishop Chris Baker shared that himself and other State Assembly members will be giving out turkey dinners donated from Food for Less on November 23 starting at 9:00 am at Consumnes River College, Gate E from Calvine Rd.

Administrative Items

Actions:

- 2a. Approval of October 2024 Meeting Summary
 - The meeting summary was approved and accepted by Steering Committee vote.
 - Laurie Walker was not able to vote due to technical issues.

Discussion:

- 2b. Request for Nominations of Co-Leads in December
 - Stephanie indicated that if the Steering Committee accepts nominations in the month of December, then the Steering Committee could vote for new co-leads in January.
 - Nicolas further clarified that the December agenda will include a vote for the nominations to be opened for Co-Leads and open until the January meeting.

Discussion Items

3a. Air Monitoring Equipment Information

David Yang, Sac Metro Air District, presented on air quality monitoring equipment information to assist the Steering Committee in their discussion of air monitoring locations. He reviewed Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) objectives, focusing on concerns and other priority elements discussed by the Steering Committee, such as sensitive receptor locations. He reviewed the type of monitoring equipment and the siting requirements for the portable air monitoring laboratory and the stand-alone monitor.

3b. Review Maps of Potential Monitoring Locations

Vincent presented and reviewed the maps of potential monitoring locations proposed by the CERP subcommittee. The locations are:

Option A: Sacramento Valley Truck Stop (corner of Mack Rd and Stockton Blvd)

Option B: Southgate Veterinary Clinic

Option C: La Familia Maple Neighborhood Center

Option D: Chacon Elementary School

Option E: City of Sacramento Corporation Yard

Vincent provided the following discussions:

- Three of the proposed locations are close to the Phase 3 monitoring location (Southgate Veterinary Hospital, Chacon Elementary School, and La Familia Maple Neighborhood Center). These locations will allow the Steering Committee to compare data from Phase 3 monitoring.
- An advantage of the Southgate Veterinary Hospital is that the location is close to the industrial area and train tracks.
- Advantages of the Sacramento Valley Truck Stop location were noted as a place to measure diesel fumes and pollution from the generators that keep the trucks warm in the evening.
- The CERP Subcommittee had initially considered the City of Sacramento Corporation Yard but it's not a priority because they were unsuccessful in establishing contact with the City.

Steering Committee Discussion

- Potential construction impacts were identified as a concern for locating the monitors at the La Familia Maple Neighborhood Center.
- There was a question asking why the City of Sacramento Corporate Yard was no longer considered a priority. It was answered that the public is not allowed in the yard, and the yard has been non-responsive or not helpful. Another Steering Committee member offered to use their connections to see if they can get access to the corporate yard to better understand potential feasibility. A third Steering Committee member added that they'd like the second Steering Committee member to follow up with their contact at the City of Sacramento Corporate Yard to see if this is a viable location for consideration and the second member confirmed this request.
- It was noted that the CERP subcommittee chose the Southgate Veterinary Hospital as the first priority because permission was received to place a monitor there, it seemed a viable solution and was prioritized by the CERP sub-committee because time is of the essence. It was recommended that the Yard can be an alternative if access becomes available.
- CERP Subcommittee believes the Southgate Veterinary Hospital is the most available, noting that the location is east of the train tracks and the industrial complex area, close to Chacon Elementary School, making it a perfect location to compare to data from Fern Bacon Middle School.
- It was clarified that the District would move down the list of five locations if the first two locations were found to not be viable.

Public comment:

- Leon with 97.5 radio asked for a high-level overview of what is being discussed and what items are under consideration. Vincent, Co-Lead directed Leon to the website, and Kevin Olp, CARB, responded that he would reach out with his contact information to better assist with this request.
- Adrian Rehn with Valley Vision stated that no locations should be canceled because leaving them open would enable the District to go down the list and start communication with those locations.

Steering Committee Members ranked the five monitoring locations in order of priority and submitted them to staff. Vincent requested that members also include in the survey if the portable air monitoring laboratory or stand-alone monitor was preferred for each proposed site. The priorities are shown below. Vincent suggested that the District should include the Steering Committee members when visiting the potential sites. The District responded that they would contact the first two sites, can reach out to the co-chairs to let them know, who can pass that along to Steering Committee members. David also noted that the site visits may be during business hours.

Results of Survey:

1. Sacramento Valley Truck Stop
2. Southgate Veterinary Hospital
3. Chacon Elementary School
4. City of Sacramento Corporate Yard
5. La Familia Maple Neighborhood Community Center

Portable air monitoring laboratory and stand-alone monitor tied for the top two locations.

4.a Action item #4a – Allow District to place monitoring locations based on the ranked monitoring locations

Discussion: none

The Steering Committee made a motion that the better monitor (the lab) should go at the first selection, and lesser monitor should go at the second location. There was no public comment, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. b. Action item #4b - Recommend New SC Member Application

Discussion: none

The new Steering Committee member application had first been presented at the October meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed new member on the Steering Committee. There was no public comment, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda 5.a Outreach Subcommittee Updates

Rhonda provided an update that the next Outreach Subcommittee meeting would be on November 20 meeting via zoom, noting that zoom links will go out tomorrow.

- A Steering Committee member requested a future discussion about doing a community event once a new air monitor location is selected to share that information with the community. Another Steering Committee member asked if the District was working on an event to share the monitoring, and suggested collaborating with the Steering Committee to create a larger joint event.

Agenda 5.b CERP Subcommittee Updates - Vincent

- The CERP Subcommittee reported on working to identify locations for the air monitors. They discussed moving into the new CERP boundaries, and different outreach and education ideas. It was expressed that they want to get all the information from the various events and data and share it at a community event, to share what they've done and where they're going in the future.
- It was reported that the CERP subcommittee has had discussion about potential projects in advance of the CERP designation. Vincent urged all Steering Committee members to explore CARB's CommunityHub 2.0 tool on the CARB website and learn how projects such as tree planting and traffic decongestion can be fast tracked.
 - Vincent noted that the CERP subcommittee will try to attend the Sweet Potato Festival in February at the Sam Pannell Community Center and do outreach at the Martin Luther King march – starting at the Oak Park community center we might distribute info then, also.

Agenda 5. c District Updates

- David provided a membership update: Power Inn Alliance has a new Executive Director who will be taking over from their former appointee on the Steering Committee. They will be on-boarded and start attending.
- Jaime requested the support of the Steering Committee and members of the public in designing solicitation priorities for Community Air Protection Grant Funds. He announced numerous opportunities for the Steering Committee and public, including two virtual meetings on December 2, from 5-6:30, and December 9, from 5:00-6:30, as well as one in-person meeting on December 3 from 1-3pm in-person at the Southgate Library Community Room. Jaime added that he will distribute an email with invitations to join these meetings and encouraged participation at these events.

Discussion:

- Vincent asked the District if they had reached out to the Steering Committee members that haven't been attending. David responded, clarifying that the Co-Leads agreed at the last meeting that the Co-Leads will be reaching out to the members who haven't been attending.
- There was a question from a Steering Committee member about what type of decisions will be made at the Community Air Protection incentives meetings. It was answered that the meeting will focus on community priorities, and that it will serve as an education workshop for community on what projects are able to be funded. Jaime also added that the District can provide maps of previously funded projects and bring them to the meeting.

New Business and Upcoming Meeting Topics

- Stephanie reminded the Steering Committee about nominations taking place at the December meeting for the co-lead positions for the 2025 year.
- David provided an update on upcoming meeting topics, stating that the Steering Committee will focus on the CERP moving forward. Regarding upcoming meeting locations, David shared that the December 16 meeting will be hosted at the same location.

Discussion

- A Steering Committee member asked if CARB could explain the bill that may raise gas prices at the next meeting. Adriana Smith with CARB answered that she can review the outcomes from the November 8 Board Meeting, follow up with the District and co-leads to provide an update, and provide the information by either email or a presentation at next month's meeting.
- One of the Co-Leads asked for an update from the District on what the content for the data presentation next year may include, as well as asking the District to share that information and how the Steering Committee can participate. Mark provided more information on this request, stating that the District is planning for late January/early February for the in person public workshop and

considering how the Steering Committee can be involved in what data is being shared.

- A Steering Committee member encouraged everyone's attendance at CERP subcommittee meetings because of the CERP being put together during this time.
- Mark with the District added that there will be large activities at the January and February meetings, which will be most effectively done in-person, and he encouraged in-person participation for those meetings.

Public Comments

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- Adrian Rehn with Valley Vision stated that for the upcoming MLK March, coffee and hot chocolate will be served from his neighborhood association in Oak Park at the Community Center, starting at 7:30am. Adrian also thanked the Steering Committee for their partnership on the community air grant submitted on October 31. He noted that CARB has until March to review the applications. Adriana with CARB added that there are no updates from CARB on the grant applications.
- Adrian Rehn with Valley Vision provided an update on a separate community air grant, Sacramento Neighborhoods Activating on Air Quality. He stated that this week they will be opening a grant portal to fund projects in north Sac, Oak Park/Fruitridge and Meadowview areas, such as tree planting, mobility, or other activities that reduce emissions.
- Jaime with the District brought up a previous meeting with Valley Vision and CARB and mentioned that discussion included the potential opportunity to co-fund Community Air Protection incentive funding with the projects that Adrian mentioned through the project portal. He asked CARB if there's an opportunity for community air grants to be co-funded with Community Air Protection incentive funding. Adriana responded that she would get back to the District on that and emphasized her desire to provide correct information.
- Vincent mentioned that the Steering Committee was invited back to the Meadowview farmers market on December 8, and encouraged the Committee to consider tabling at this event.
- Vincent also brought up the discussion on having an intern from Consumnes River College or Sac City Community College. He wanted direction from the Steering Committee on if a vote is needed, or if Vincent can move forward. Rhonda responded that Morgan has access to students that would work for free and that she would like to follow up on that first.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Next meeting, Monday, December 16, 2024