

South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, September 23, 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)

SC Members	Member Application/Organization
Vincent Valdez (Co-Lead)	United Latinos
Stephanie Williams (Co-Lead)	Resident
Steven Street	Dignity Health Methodist Hospital
Morgan Brown	Resident, Color the Block
Bishop Chris Baker	Resident
Rhonda Henderson	Resident, North Laguna Creek Valley Hi Community Association
Barry Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Robert Rizo	Resident
Tido Thac Hoang	Vietnamese American Community of Sacramento (VACOS)
Laurie Walker	Resident
CERP Panelists	Community Steering Committee (CSC) Affiliation
Deby Provost	Stockton CSC
Angie Balderas	San Bernardino/Muscoy CSC
Jacqueline Badejo	South Los Angeles CSC
Silvia Calzada	Portside Environmental Justice Neighborhoods CSC
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)	
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
David Yang	SMAQMD
Lia Kollen	SMAQMD
Amy Roberts	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Andrew Nguyen-Manh	SMAQMD
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	
Kevin Olp	CARB
Adriana Smith	CARB
Facilitators/Consultants	
Nicolas Townes	Kearns & West
Brita Romans	Kearns & West
Public***	
Jose Saldana	Resident
Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision
Jennifer Holden	Resident
Herman Barahona	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Erica Jaramillo	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Daniel Wong	South Coast AQMD

***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=OAUmu1wGwf4>
- Spanish Recording:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzi2OtFMqZI&t=22s>

Meeting PowerPoint Presentation

- English/Spanish PowerPoint:
<https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/September%2023%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. Brita Romans read a departing message from Veronica Cummings and introduced Nicolas Townes as the new lead facilitator. 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:

- Jennifer Holden of Mangan Park Community Association introduced an Environmental Justice Festival event in Oak Park on October 5th from 10-2pm at McClatchy Park.
- Adrian Rehn of Valley Vision announced a Vietnamese-English event put on by Valley Vision in collaboration with United Latinos, Sacramento Department of Public Health, and Climate Plan with free food, focused on air quality work that Valley Vision has been doing.
- Adriana Smith announced CARB's community air grants applications opening with a deadline to apply of Friday, November 1st.

Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) Panel

a. Introduction to CERP

Adriana Smith gave background and grounding on the Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Adriana reviewed numerous points of information including a CERP video series, Air Quality fundamentals video, CERP actions library, contacts and resources. A question was asked if there have been any civil rights complaints about AB 617 across the state. The answer from CARB was no, there have been concerns but none that escalated to a civil rights complaint.

b. Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) Panel

Adriana introduced the panelists, listed below.

- Deby Provost Stockton CSC

- Angie Balderas, San Bernardino/Muscoy CSC
- Jacqueline Badejo, South Los Angeles CSC
- Silvia Calzada, Portside EJ CSC

Question 1, to Deby “How has participatory budgeting worked for your Steering Committee? What’s the process that has been done?”

- Start with total amount given by CARB and Air District, started with flexible list of things we wanted to address, let the group know the cost of the things we wanted to do, and then the further along we went we realized some things got too much and others didn’t get enough, we learned to give and take.
- We set aside a few million for air filtration in schools, then we found out the school was already going to do this, and it was going to be paid for. We moved that money into another program that was being effective. It was all up to members, but it had to be approved by the Air District’s Board and CARB. I hope you all have fun!

Question 2, to Angie “How many times per month did your Steering Committee or subcommittees meet to ensure that the completion deadline was met? What were the best ways for communication to occur for the CSC to stay on track?”

- Build foundation: how meetings will function, make sure all on same page and that we want the best for our communities, we have to stay focused on what is tangible. We put a lot of work into that, made sure community was always centered. We had everyone’s contact info and encouraged folks to gather outside of these AB 617 meetings.
- When you are working on your CERP- be very specific. When you say you want air monitors at the school, make sure you that you also want them for homes and be specific, sometimes you can’t go back and change the CERP so it’s better to be specific. Make sure the subcommittees can communicate outside of the SC. We are the experts, they are here to help us with the resources they have. AB 617 would not be done without us.

Question 3, to Jacqueline “How did the air monitoring actions drive the project? How did your CSC go about determining what actions were needed in your community?”

- We did an analysis of current technology and air monitoring equipment that was already there in our jurisdiction for the SC to determine the best location, and we worked with community partners to establish locations as well so that we could do ongoing monitoring and have access to data to better determine what our focus would be. Monitoring is very important when it comes to enforcement. We were lucky that we had so many data points to reference to give us a full picture of the particulate matter and actions we could take.
- Depending on your CERP, even when it comes to participatory budgeting, with different things you want to create, make sure you have space to address all points of contamination. What other agencies are you going to bring in to build that partnership so that you can be more effective?
- You might have community projects- you should make sure to identify the funds that are already available so you could reference that and as you’re building your community projects you can reference the participatory budget. We were able to get our budget expanded- make sure to keep track of the data and metrics.

Question 4, to Silvia, “Can you please explain how the CAMP and CERP are being executed simultaneously?”

- Monitoring data is one of the most important parts- because we are assessing the information that’s being used as a metric of the pollution that’s taking place, whether it was four years ago or today. We identified different sources where we collect pollution data- we thought trucks were the main issue, and that trains were even worse. The data found that there’s a great amount of pollution due to emissions and was very effective in terms of identifying other sources that are the cause of this.
- There was a necessity to create more sub-committees. We as committee members collaborated with these partnerships and were open to work together: that meant trusting the process, communicating

with other agencies, connect with your own language- it can be challenging for them to open up and let them know what's happening. We must gain the trust of community members and be strong advocates.

Questions from the Steering Committee and public

Steering Committee

Question from Steering Committee to Angie "did you have industry and neighborhood associations, etc. participate in your subcommittees?"

- Yes, sometimes it was difficult. Industry folks got called out sometimes. Bring neighbors, bring folks who don't have a seat at the table, and make sure we're stacking up in our community.

Question from Steering Committee: "We just went through our budget last month, what did you mean when you found out how much is available? Is it implementation funds?"

- Deby responded and said she asked how much is available to do all of these things. They were given a dollar amount, it has increased, but they have capped at that dollar figure. They voted, they have an organization that comes in and conducts the meetings, and they set up the ability for them to vote, and they decided how many million we wanted for what.

Public

Question from the public: "I've heard from a lot of folks that San Diego is the best of the best for AB 617. I would like the SC to request from CARB that we hear from the people in Richmond and Shafter. I do not trust the process- we do not have the same infrastructure."

- Silvia responded and discussed Barrio Logan. Barrio Logan is industrial and there's so many stories behind that. Silvia noted that they had to be very resilient and find creative ways to communicate and advocate. They are in other working groups and they're sneaking in and letting them know what's going on and what has to be changed.
- Deby responded and said that there are all types of personalities and advocates on a committee like this- there are folks who work quietly and folks who work loud. Each person has a niche, and each person can be a good resource or contact.

Question from the public to Angie: "I hear that in SD you had a CERP and CAMP at the same time is that correct?"

- Angie responded yes, in those standing committees, you can still do air monitoring. She said they still have three standing committees, which include CERP implementation and funding, air monitoring and data. These are reassessed as we go as priorities may change."

Follow-up question "Are standing committees funded through AB 617 implementation dollars?"

- The answer was yes, it is included but Angie didn't know the numbers. They do this on a monthly basis, check in every 3 months in-person, and that's how they have subcommittee meetings. They had to meet two times per month to get everything set up.

Administrative Items

Actions:

- Approved August 2024 meeting minutes.
 - Approved and accepted.

Action item #1 - Recommend New SC Member Applications

4a. Applicant Jamallah Green

Discussion:

- Jamallah Green formerly served on the Steering Committee but her membership was on hold when she moved outside of the boundaries, because she no longer met the SC member

criteria. Since the community boundaries have been expanded, she now lives in new boundaries.

- There was confusion and discussion over the application review timeline and process, a motion to table the application review was voted on but failed due to not reaching a majority consensus.

Action:

- Steering Committee approve recommending Jamallah Green as a resident SC member.

4b. Applicant Sarina Rodriguez

This application was moved to the following month's agenda (October) due to a lack of time remaining in the meeting.

Outreach Subcommittee Updates

- Numerous community events were proposed as opportunities for the Steering Committee to attend, educate, and meet the community where they're at.
 - Color the Block with in-ground tree planting on October 29th at 41st and Martin Luther King Blvd
 - October 20th Estate Farm's 10-acre Farm community event
 - Proposed gifting 40 \$10 vouchers for the first 40 people who fill out surveys at the taco vendor on 53rd and Franklin on Fridays, tabling volunteers needed
 - Earth Justice Festival on October 8 at McClatchy Park

CERP Subcommittee Updates

- Skipped agenda item per decision of the co-leads to accommodate time for public comment

District Updates

- Skipped agenda item per decision of the co-leads to accommodate time for public comment

New Business and Upcoming Meeting Topics

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- It was mentioned that the communities that were excluded did not get community event grants and that there is systemic racism in this process.
- A reminder was shared for the Steering Committee to consider partnering with Valley Vision to participate in a community air grant program.
- It was emphasized that the role of the Steering Committee is not to ostracize and personalize what comments are said and noted that the process is unfair.
- There was a concern expressed about the recruitment process for Steering Committee members and asked for something in writing about the process for recruiting new members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm