

South Sacramento/Florin Community Air Protection Quarterly Meeting Notes

Monday, July 24, 2023

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

SC Members	Member Affiliation/Organization
Bishop Chris Baker	Resident, Advocate for Education
Jesus Cervantes	Resident
Rhonda Henderson	Resident, North Laguna Creek Valley Hi Community Association
Bill Knowlton	Mack Road Partnership & ReImagine Foundation
Vincent Valdez (Co-Lead)	United Latinos
Chase Burghgrave	Power Inn Alliance
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)	
Amy Roberts	SMAQMD
David Yang	SMAQMD
Janice Lam Snyder	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Raef Porter	SMAQMD
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	
Adriana Smith	CARB
Femi Olaluwoye	CARB
Jennifer Magana	CARB
Facilitators/Consultants	
CeCe Horbat	Kearns & West
Public*	
Barry F. Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision

*This list shows only the public members who provided verbal or written comments. This list only includes some public members who attended the meeting because it was conducted via web conference, and no sign-in sheet was available. Note: All presentations and meeting materials are available on the District website at <http://airquality.org/Air-Quality-Health/Community-Air-Protection/Community-Meetings> .

Full meeting video recording available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hsnqf2JeFUo>

Meeting Slides:

[<http://airquality.org/AB617/Documents/July%2024%20SC%20Meeting%20Presentation.pdf>]

The main agenda topics for this meeting were.

- Welcome
- Administrative Items
- Committee Updates
 - Outreach/Membership
- District Updates
 - General Updates
 - AB 617 Funding Update
- Planning Activity: CERP

- Discussion on the timing of the CERP
- CERP Committee recurring meeting
- New Business and Upcoming Meetings
 - Community Calendar
 - Upcoming Meetings
 - Future Agenda Topics

Meeting Takeaways

- **Administrative Items**
 - Vincent Valdez requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jesus Cervantes made the motion. Chris Baker seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes.
- **The Outreach and Membership subcommittee provided updates on the following.**
 - Rhonda Henderson collected sizes for t-shirts and ordered shirts in light blue and tan colors.
 - Per the request of subcommittee members, Janice Lam Snyder will send the list of SC accomplishments by 7/26 for SC members to use for elevator pitches when speaking with community members.
 - Two National Night Out Events on 8/1
 - Mesa Grande – Contact Jesus Cervantes
 - Shasta Park – Contact Rhonda (Bill Knowlton is partnering with Rhonda)
 - Rhonda Henderson made a motion to purchase 500 business cards to hand out to community members. Jesus Cervantes seconded the motion. All SC members present voted in favor.
 - Rhonda Henderson shared about free mental health and physical health workshops put on by Coffee and Conversation Foundation Inc. The workshops will be held at Mack Road Partnership from 11am-1pm and occur on Saturdays three times per month, starting in October and continuing monthly. Bill Knowlton and Jesus Cervantes acknowledged the event and support.
 - Chris Baker shared a potential opportunity with his new Board of Directors appointment with WellSpace Medical Foundation. They wanted to do outreach for allergies, mental health etc. There is a potential for SC members, including Chris, to table and share information about the SC at future WellSpace events. Chris plans to follow up with WellSpace to report back to the SC. Vincent Valdez confirmed the group's support.
- **District Updates**
 - Mark Loutzenhiser mentioned open recruitment for new SC members. The SC continues to take applications on a rolling basis. The District will begin reviewing active applications at the end of July.
 - Barry Boyd asked the District to clarify the application process and next steps
 - Mark Loutzenhiser explained that the SC requires greater than 50% of the membership composed of residents located within the community boundaries. The pending applications are from community-based organizations (CBOs). Currently, the SC meets the requirement of greater than 50% residential membership with 6 residential members and 5 members representing CBOs. However, if a CBO was accepted onto the committee, then the residential members would no longer make up greater than 50% of the steering committee, therefore would not be in compliance with the state program requirements.
 - The District drafted the letter in response to the SacEJC email and discussed with the SC prior to sending the memo to the Board of Directors. The District sent the memo response to SC members via email on 7/14/2023.
 - Mark Loutzenhiser updated the SC about funding opportunities. The CA state budget has opportunities for one-time funding available to move AB 617 communities toward CERP. This update provides an opportunity for potential funding for resources that could be available for use in the next year if the SC decides to continue moving toward CERP. The District will continue providing more updates as they become available. No SC members asked questions.
 - CARB is working on how to bring additional communities that have been nominated statewide for AB 617 into the program. They are steering more of their community air grants (CAGs) to help local communities move towards local solutions. Because the District has continued to nominate communities other than

South Sac Florin for the last several years, it will be something that they can discuss with those communities to encourage them to consider those opportunities as the guidelines open up.

- **Planning Activity: CERP**

- The District provided an overview of the different elements required for a CERP, which included slides with a non-comprehensive list of elements requiring a lot of prep time and a timeline of completion requirements. From a big-picture perspective, the process requires a significant amount of preparation and organization, which will require more time, dedication, and increased responsibilities for SC members. SC and subcommittee members would need to meet monthly as the current quarterly SC meetings are too infrequent.
 - Vincent Valdez asked the following questions:
 - Can the timeline change, or is this a set 2-year timeline?
 - The two year timeline is set and begins once the CERP designation occurs.
 - What kind of decisions will the steering committee be making within months 1-6?
 - Once the CERP designation occurs, the two-year timeline begins, and decisions regarding strategies, milestones, goals, tracking, and metrics (anything that will be written into the CERP) need to be made among the SC within the first 6-8 month timeframe to meet the CERP approval deadline (2 years after designation).
 - Where does the phase 3 monitoring data come into this process?
 - Tentatively, phase 3 data will be available early next year. We can still start some of the CERP work while doing the analysis of phase 3 data. We can use the analysis to target and refine specific strategies.
- The current CERP Subcommittee consists of Vincent Valdez, Richard Falcon, and Barry Boyd. Jesus Cervantes and Chase Burghgrave expressed interest in learning more and assessing their time and capacity before fully committing.
- Vincent Valdez suggested the following project ideas:
 - Indoor air filters for K-12 schools that need them who have outdated ac systems.
 - Large scale composting projects
 - EV charging stations for apartment complexes, landscaping conversion to electric equipment to meet city ordinance.
- Next steps, CERP Subcommittee to explore and create a draft timeline of topics and deliverables. The CERP Subcommittee will bring a recommendation for SC to vote to be designated. If the SC decides to move toward a CERP and the District agrees, then the District will make a request to CARB to designate the community as a CERP community.

New Business/Public Comment

- **Adrian Rehn and Janice Lam Snyder shared information about the opportunity for the South Sac/Florin SC to potentially collaborate with Valley Vision's SC .The collaboration could allow the two SCs to meet one another, learn from each other, and advocate on certain topics together.**
 - While there is no set meeting, the group meets monthly. Their group consists of 6 members from North Sacramento and 5 members from Oak Park.
 - Vincent Valdez expressed interest in collaborating and working together and mentioned that the South Sac/Florin community boundary limits the work that they can do on the other sides of the boundaries in places such as Oak Park and Northgate. Other SC members agreed, including Jesus and Rhonda.
- **Valley Vision regularly hosts Cleaner Air Partnership Luncheons where they focus on a specific topic and break it down for all those interested in learning.**
- **The difference between a Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) and a CERP is that the CAMPs focus on primarily on air monitoring while CERPs can include many different topics from incentives, land use, permitting, and enforcement.**
- **Adriana Smith, the new CARB Office of Community Air Protection (OCAP) liaison for the South Sac/Florin SC, shared CARB's expansion of certain chapters in the guidelines such as 'Reducing Air Pollution in Schools' to be broader and encompasses all sensitive receptors (such as local community centers and hospitals) and not just schools. Other updated chapters include 'Community Identified Projects' and 'Stationary Source Projects'.**

- Chris asked if private agencies could be a part of agency partnerships.
 - There is some opportunity there, it may just be a matter of what they are looking for in a partnership and where they can provide that support.
- What are some of the agency partnerships?
 - It allows a Federal agency to work with another local agency on something that is not under the jurisdiction of the District or CARB
 - For example, CARB funded the Fresno and San Joaquin's truck study project partnering with AB 617 communities and local Air Districts.
- Femi Olaluwoye shared a link in the chat showing one of the truck study partners, [Energiize](#)
- **Adrian Rehn shared about the Community Economic Resilience Fund presentation on Thursday, July 27, from 3-5 PM. The event focuses on workforce development.**
- **Barry asked how the SC and the District continue outreach efforts.**
 - Word of mouth, email blasts, websites, flyers, door to door communication, community events.
 - Barry suggested community/local radio stations in English and other community languages.
 - Chris Baker shared the exploration of local television has been unsuccessful and Rhonda reminded members that they are a small but mighty committee.
- **Helpful Links for Steering Committee Members**
 - Steering Committee 2023 Calendar | [Link](#)
 - South Sac/Florin SC Webpage - Sacramento Clean Air | [Link](#)
 - CARB CAPP Blueprint Revision Update | [Link](#)
 - Draft Blueprint 2.0 July 2023 Virtual Public Workshops | [Link](#)
 - CARB's Adriana Smith email: Adriana.Smith@arb.ca.gov
 - CARB's Office of Community Air Protection Website | [Link](#)

Upcoming Meeting Topics

- CARB will discuss and present on meeting topics highlighting other CERP strategies, project ideas, and relevant opportunities.

Action Items

- Sarra Falakfarsa to send out a few options for when the CERP Subcommittee could have a recurring monthly meeting. Dates mentioned included the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- The District and CARB will share ideas and new opportunities for CERP exploration with SC and CER Subcommittee members.
- Adrian Rehn
 - To share meeting times and upcoming luncheon dates with District staff to communicate to SC members.
 - To share Valley Vision topics and projects with SC members.
- CARB
 - To share local incentive strategy projects occurring in Sacramento communities.
 - To create and share a presentation at the next SC meeting that highlights other CERP strategies, project ideas, and relevant opportunities.
- Adriana Smith to connect with Chris if private entities can partner with CARB.
- Air District to update the 2024 meeting date calendar.

Steering Committee Decisions:

- **The SC approved meeting minutes.**
- **The SC voted to authorize the request to purchase business cards** with SC information for community members to learn more and get involved.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM