

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

Monday, May 22, 2023

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

SC Members	Member Affiliation/Organization
Jesus Cervantes	Resident
Richard Falcon (alternate)	United Latinos (alternate)
Rhonda Henderson	Resident, North Laguna Creek Valley Hi Community Association
Tido Thac Hoang	Vietnamese American Community of Sacramento
Bill Knowlton	Mack Road Partnership & ReImagine Foundation
Michael Lampkin	Resident
Patricia Shelby	Resident, BCM Neighbors Network
John Rice	Dignity Health Methodist Hospital
Vincent Valdez (Co-Lead)	United Latinos
Stephanie Williams (Co-Lead)	Resident
<b>Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)</b>	
Sarra Falakfarsa	SMAQMD
Marina Franceschi	SMAQMD
Janice Lam Snyder	SMAQMD
Mark Loutzenhiser	SMAQMD
Amy Roberts	SMAQMD
<b>CARB (California Air Resource Board) and Invited Guests</b>	
Jennifer Magana	CARB
Deldi Reyes	CARB
Adriana Smith	CARB
Jonathan London	UC Davis
<b>Facilitators/Consultants</b>	
Amanda Ford	Kearns & West
CeCe Horbat	Kearns & West
<b>Public*</b>	
Barry F. Boyd	Sacramento Environmental Justice Coalition (SacEJC)
Adrian Rehn	Valley Vision
Anna	Resident

\*This list shows only the public members who provided verbal or written comments. This list does not include all 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=wLK5oqeMV5M>

Meeting Slides: [<http://airquality.org/AB617/Documents/May%202022%20Meeting%20Presentation.pdf>]

The main agenda topics for this meeting were:

- District updates
- Committee updates
- 2023 Visioning Session Debrief

- Approval of subcommittees

## Meeting Takeaways

- **The Steering Committee (SC) provided positive feedback from the Community Outreach Event**
  - The event cost about \$2,700
  - Special shoutouts were given to Bill Knowlton who helped pay vendors upfront, the face painter who engaged with the children and the principal from the host site (school) who wants to continue engaging with the SC.
- **The District provided updates on the following.**
  - Recruitment is still open to residents within community boundaries. There are pending applications from community organizations because residential applications are needed prior to accepting any community organizations. This is to meet the greater than 50% resident requirements of the state program guidelines. Applications will close on 5/31/23.
- **CARB provided the following updates.**
  - Jennifer Magna is transitioning out of the New Community Liaison role; Adriana Smith will replace Jennifer.
  - The State Budget Update created a tighter budget for Community Air Protection.
    - 250 million for the program statewide (a reduction of about 50 million)
    - 195 million for incentives statewide
    - 50 million for Air Districts to run the program (unchanged from previous years)
    - 5 million for technical assistance grants (less than received in the past)
  - South Sac can access incentive funds if they work toward a CERP (Community Emissions Reduction Plan). Communities that have CERPs have strategies that need to be met, some of them are regarding incentives. Chapter 6 under the current Community Air Protection guidelines allows for community identified projects to be done through project plans that are put together based on strategies. Project plans already approved by CARB will be put in the guidelines so they can be more accessible to all Air Districts to use. This was updated to make it more flexible for communities that do not have CERPs to tap into those incentive funds.
    - CARB provided a link to the FAQ About Funding: [Link](#)
    - Page 11. Table 1. Summary of AB617 Funding –We won't know our portion of funding until next Winter or Spring
  - During the first year of AB 617, CERP money allocation was based on Cal EnviroScreen numbers. Currently, CERP money allocation is based on communities working on CERPs. Going after a CERP requires the Steering Committee to meet specific deadlines. However, the Steering Committee can work on non-CERP air quality projects if interested.
    - Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)
  - For CERP communities, the nomination includes proposed community boundaries which are then finalized by the CSC. Some communities also choose to establish emission boundaries, in addition to community boundaries. This means the CSC will look to address nearby sources or issues that are causing emissions impacts to the community but that are outside the community boundary Information on the CERP Subcommittee.
  - CERP Links from CARB
    - Blueprint revision: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp-blueprint/BP2-Revision-Update>
    - Original blueprint: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp-blueprint>
    - The CARB Blueprint expands upon the legislation and discusses boundaries. We initially proposed 10 communities across the county originally CARB selected the South Sac community, and the CSC expanded upon the original boundaries, so the legislation does not describe boundaries, but the blueprint we need to follow does discuss boundaries <https://www.airquality.org/Air-Quality-Health/Community-Air-Protection/AB-617-Maps>
    - Note the original dashed boundary; the CSC then expanded the boundaries to the purple boundary.
    - Map with extended boundaries: [https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/SC%20Minutes%201\\_24\\_19.pdf](https://www.airquality.org/AB617/Documents/SC%20Minutes%201_24_19.pdf)
- **Richard Falcon suggested sharing data and collaborating with the Climate Change Task Force of Sacramento County.**
- **Amanda Ford reviewed the outcomes of the Visioning Session 2023 including priority subcommittee roles and formation.**
  - Amanda Ford reminded participants of the CERP Subcommittee with Vincent Valdez as the current lead. Stephanie Williams shared her top 2 priorities are the (1) CERP and (2) Community Outreach Committee.

Vincent Valdez wanted to discuss ways to bring in new members, including eager Sac State interns, as he reminded participants that subcommittee members do not have to be steering committee members to get involved.

- Tido Thac Hoang offered to assist and provided notes and assistance with the Political Outreach Committee.
- Barry Boyd suggested the Steering Committee add language that reflects the areas served by the Steering Committee in print and other communications.

## New Business/Public Comment

- Jonathan London, UC Davis, shared information regarding an AB 617 Question
  - Vincent Valdez asked who could take the survey.
    - The survey is open to all.
  - Tido Thac Hoang asked what happened to a similar survey from 2019 regarding AB 617 and where are the results from the 2019 survey.
    - The survey from Jonathan London is different from the 2019 survey.
  - Survey Information
    - UC Davis AB 617 Engagement Studies and Convening Materials: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/community-engagement-resources/ab-617-convening-materials>
    - Additional Language
      - AB 617 Survey Link: (English) <https://tinyurl.com/2sx9u54b>  
The deadline to complete the survey is June 15th.  
Please contact project director, Dr. Jonathan London (jklondon@ucdavis.edu) and Peter Nguyen (pvtnguyen@ucdavis.edu) with any questions or concerns.  
Thank you very much!
      - Enlace encuesta en español: <https://tinyurl.com/y9bz7cyb>  
Complete la encuesta antes del 15 de junio.  
Comuníquese con el director del proyecto, el Dr. Jonathan London (jklondon@ucdavis.edu) y Peter Nguyen (pvtnguyen@ucdavis.edu) si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.  
Muchas gracias
  - Stephanie Williams requested Jonathan London send the survey results to AB 617 Clerk.
- Adrian Rehn from Valley Vision shared information on an upcoming in-person event.
  - Deep Dive: Air Pollution in Oak Park - Thursday, June 1st, 2023, at 6:00 PM
    - <https://fb.me/e/2w5Nl1aU>
    - <https://www.oakparkna.com/general-meeting.html>

## Upcoming Meeting Topics

- Stephanie Williams requested the next meeting have a presentation from CARB to discuss: (1) what is happening in other places, (2) best practices, (3) and lessons learned.
- The CERP Subcommittee will meet next month (June) and provide an email update by 6/26.
- Bill Knowlton asked to excuse committee updates from the Political Outreach and Finance subcommittees.
- Richard Falcon requested to discuss the email received from SacEJC at the next meeting Steering Committee Meeting

## Action Items

- Tido Thac Hoang offered to help obtain quotes for the purchase of t-shirts.
- CARB or Jonathan London to send the 2019 results to AB 617 Clerk email.

## Steering Committee Decisions:

- **The SC approved the meeting minutes.** Bill Knowlton made a motion, and Vincent Valdez seconded the motion.
- **The SC voted to authorize the request of \$1,000 to purchase the merchandise for Steering Committee members and giveaways for tabling and outreach events.**

## Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM