

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
1/28/2020
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Perkins Elementary School (1770 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113)
NOTES

Meeting Objectives

- Discuss CARB's selection of Steering Committee for Community Emissions Reduction Plan
- Review list of proposed projects for incentive funding and discuss decision-making process
- Provide an update from the Charter Working Group
- Provide an update on monitoring and compliance activities

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 11/19/19 Meeting Notes and 1/28/20 Agenda with no edits
- Development of Committee members' goals for the 2020 year

Agenda

I. Welcoming Remarks

- a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
- b. Announce official selection by CARB to develop a Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)
 - Daniela announced Jon Adam's retirement and recognized him for his service. Suggested Steering Committee consider recognizing his contributions at a future meeting.

II. Approval of 11/19/19 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda

- **MOTION** – Committee members approved 11/19/19 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda without edits.

III. Public Comments

- a. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
 - Update from Maggie Webber (Port of San Diego):
 - Port is hosting a meeting with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on Friday 1/31/2020 at 9:30am at Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal to launch the State's Clean Off Road Equipment (CORE) Voucher Incentive Project
 - School district is installing an Enhanced Air Filtration system at Perkins Elementary School, which is in part funded by the Port's Mitigation fund. This is expected to be completed in February.
 - Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Mitsubishi facility was released, public comment period is open until Friday 2/14/2020
 - Update from Joy (Environmental Health Coalition) – A Community Subcommittee is convening to address challenges on electrification of trucks and for organized labor. She will be inviting SDAPCD staff to join.
 - Lianna Rios was introduced as the new SDG&E representative on the AB 617 Steering Committee.

IV. Presentation: Supervisor Nathan Fletcher

a. Vision and Perspective as CARB Board Member

- County Supervisor Fletcher gave background and his stance on air quality and the environment, saying, “Every house may not be the same, but every house should have the same air.”
- He expressed his excitement for future community engagement efforts that will result from traveling CARB Board Meetings. Recent CARB meeting was held in El Centro. There are upcoming meetings in Shafter, and Los Angeles, related to AB 617.
- He is encouraged that the Committee is moving from monitoring to actual pollution reductions.
- He is working on a variety of initiatives, including electrifying buses, clean truck rules, universalization of electric vehicle chargers, and increasing transit ridership in the region. He also talked about the challenges with transportation network companies (TNCs, such as Uber and Lyft) and equitable distribution of Clean Vehicle refunds.
- \$30M in grant funding to work with partners to clean up air
- Questions from Committee members/Public
 1. Jack – Do you have any concerns about proposed reduction in funding on AB 617?
 - Supervisor Fletcher said he has expressed his concern and explained that attaining the 2030 emissions target goal is ambitious. Cars are the single biggest driver of emissions, but the challenge is people are driving more per person. The State and Region have a long way to go.
 - He believes in building more housing and at the same time reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT).
 - He also wants to encourage land use decision makers to construct more infill housing. He has conveyed his concern to the Governor for the May Budget revise so there’s more focused efforts in air pollution and climate adaptation.
 2. A member of the public asked about the re-launch of a new transit line.
 - Supervisor Fletcher – San Diego’s transit agency is incredibly efficient when looking at per capita funding and service. The Blue Line is agency’s highest performing line. They reduced headways to 7.5-minute frequencies so it’s not as crowded and ridership increased. They’re also expanding times on weekends and in the evenings. They’re exploring adding bus service during 4-hour window when freight trains are using tracks and adding bus only lanes on the highway.
 3. A member of the public suggested for more electric delivery vehicles, especially now that they’re driving all over the neighborhood. Wireless vehicle charging may also be forthcoming and worthwhile with electric buses.
 4. A representative from the Electric Vehicle Association announced funding is currently available to build electric vehicle charging infrastructure. He is currently conducting outreach to schools and businesses to educate people on how to access funds.

V. Steering Committee Goals for 2020 - led by Daniela (facilitator)

- a. Overview of process to develop CERP
- CARB approved the Portside Community for development of the CERP
 - SDAPCD will provide more detailed information at the February Steering Committee meeting

- b. **Steering Committee Goals for 2020:** (See attached document for summary of goals)
- Lianna (SDG&E): Learn who is in the room and what can I offer.
 - Jack: Have a clear understanding of the nature and sources of pollutions in the Portside Community. He'd like to know which are having the greatest impacts on air quality.
 - Elisa wants a better understanding of monitoring data to determine which types of projects will be most beneficial to the community.
 - Jose (CalTrans): At end of year have an implementation strategy that is clear and doable.
 - Joy (Environmental Health Coalition): A clear understanding of all the opportunities for reducing emissions. At end of year, she wants a plan with meaningful reductions in emissions.
 - Ashley (City of SD): Hear directly from members of the public and committee. She'd also like to incorporate AB 617 efforts with the City's Climate Action Plan to maximize co-benefits
 - Bob Kard (SDAPCD) wants to hear from the Steering Committee in 2020. He encouraged Committee members to speak up and let SDAPCD staff know if something needs improvement.
 - Margarita (Community resident): Have a better understanding of information presented and discussed at these meetings. She wants presenters to simplify language, so it is easier for the general public to understand.
 - Public member from National City: Having storyboards on display that explain specific items on the Agenda could make it easier for people to understand and absorb information.
 - Alicia (Community resident): Continue working toward a solution that will clean the air coming from the heavy traffic. Have a relevant impact on improving health and air quality.
 - Daniela (facilitator): 100% participation from Steering Committee members. She'd like to get the current vacancies on community members filled and continue helping the Committee move the process along.

VI. 10 minute Break

VII. Overview of Incentive Funding Proposed Projects – led by Kathy Keehan (SDAPCD)

- SDAPCD staff are reviewing all the project proposals received. They all require compliance checks, which involves a physical inspection and eligibility determination.
- 286 Applications were received:
 1. 263 physical inspections were conducted to-date
 2. Eligibility determinations were made for 172 of those projects
 3. At least 58 proposals fall within a disadvantaged community (DAC). They are sorting out the rest.
 - They determined eligibility status for 38 DAC projects
- DAC Projects include:
 1. Electrification projects, including one large marine vessel
 2. Large infrastructure projects, such as charging facilities
 3. Electric School buses, but none in Barrio Logan or National City
 4. Natural gas recycling trucks
 5. Diesel off-road farm equipment, and other equipment
- The next step in the process is to rank projects. SDAPCD hopes to bring a ranked project list to the February meeting.

- SDAPCD hopes to get most of funds spent in DACs. Some money may be spent in DACs not located in the Portside Communities. We will want to discuss this with the Steering Committee. Also, if there are not enough proposed projects in DACs, SDAPCD will want to consider funding communities designated as “low-income” in addition to CalEnviroScreen DACs.
- Questions:
 1. Lianna requested background on the incentive funding.
 - Kathy explained that \$18 million is available to fund projects this year. The funding is dedicated for emissions reduction projects.
 2. Joy – Can you tell us more about the large infrastructure projects?
 - Kathy explained that it’s mostly large charging infrastructure that support electrification. For example, the Port’s electric equipment will need a large charging facility.
 3. Jose – Do you do a cost-benefit assessment on projects?
 - Yes. We conduct a cost effectiveness assessment of dollars per ton of emissions reduction calculation. However, she explained that the only exception is for large infrastructure projects. The most efficient (“best bang for buck”) projects are the ones that replace large polluting equipment that operate for long hours.
 4. Larry (member of the public) – What does Air District fund for EV school bus projects?
 - Kathy explained that the bus projects depend on the school district. Some are infrastructure related, some are electric bus purchases.
 - Lianna (SDG&E) is doing outreach to help support school districts.
 5. Ashley (City of San Diego) – How much incentive funding is available? What happens if funds aren’t exhausted?
 - Kathy – There is \$18 million for San Diego AB 617 communities and approximately \$26 million available for incentives in the region.
If funding is not exhausted, there are other options: either opening up solicitations again or adding funds to next year’s round.
 6. Maggie – Which projects listed on the ranking sheet will be fundable? How will determinations be made?
 - Kathy - SDAPCD will likely have a list of recommendations for the Committee to review, ranking them on cost-effectiveness and other priorities brought forth by the AB 617 Steering Committee in previous meetings. For instance, the Committee expressed strong interest for school projects.
 - Goal is to provide the Steering Committee members a ranked project list ahead of the meeting to give them time to review.

VIII. Update: Charter Working Group

- Bill Brick shared that 6 to 7 Steering Committee members met to discuss elements of the new Charter. It is currently in a draft form that will be available next meeting for the Committee to review.

IX. SDAPCD Staff Updates

- a. Mobile source / idling inspections
 - Mahiany (SDAPCD) announced that SDAPCD is establishing a satellite office in the Portside Community to increase their presence by having actual inspectors working here.

- They also recently hired a new bilingual inspector to support the Portside Community.
 - Steven (SDAPCD) shared that SDAPCD is using Aclima data to determine what's happening in hot spots. They will be visiting those locations to figure out what is going on.
 - Aclima has been monitoring air pollution in Portside Communities using mobile monitors installed on Prius cars that drive around the community gathering data.
 - Mahiany also shared that Data and Compliance reports are being posted on AB 617 website.
 - Question from Joy – When will the new Aclima data be available?
 - SDAPCD explained that it is currently in the purchasing and contracting phase. Unfortunately, they do not know when that will be signed.
- b. Monitoring sites
- Bill Brick presented and explained data on PM_{2.5} and Black Carbon. He explained how it is cleaned up to provide a better idea of where pollution is coming from and when. Reviewed data collected over 8 week period. Data gathered to date shows that pollution is lower in the middle of the week and higher on the weekend. They are still determining what are the sources contributing the most, whether it's port activities or weekend traffic.
 - Question from Joy - Have to tried tracking the results in relation to wind?
 - Bill - Yes. They will have more data they can present at the next meeting.

X. Closing Remarks

- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
- Ashley (City of San Diego): There is a funding opportunity from CalSTART. The City is interested in finding partners.
 - Lianna is happy to present on a new EV station funding program.
 - Steering Committee discussed ways to recognize Jon for his service.

XI. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting is **2/25/20** at Perkins Elementary School Cafeteria
(1770 Main Street, San Diego, 92113 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)