



San Diego County
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**AB 617 Portside Community Steering Committee
Meeting Agenda + (Final Notes)**

11/19/2024

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Via Zoom: [Register Here](#)

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Meeting Objectives

- Information and opportunity for feedback on proposed new rule (67.26) regarding Commercial Charbroiling Operations.
- Learn about the activities the Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) implementing partners have been working on in 2024 and what achievements have been made to advance the goals and strategies of the CERP.
- Receive a presentation by the Environmental Health Coalition about the potential impacts of the USDG Fuels Terminal Facility Project and take a potential vote to sign on to a letter that advocates to reject this proposal for approval.

Meeting Action Items

- [Approval of 10/22/2024 Meeting Notes and 11/19/2025 agenda.](#)

Agenda

(Meeting Facilitator: Shalem Aboody-Lopez, SDAPCD)

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| I. Welcoming Remarks | 5:00 pm |
| a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda | |
| b. Roll call Community Steering Committee (CSC) members | |
| c. General Updates | |
| II. Approval of 10/22/2024 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda | 5:10 pm |
| a. MOTION to approve the 10/22/2024 meeting notes and tonight's agenda by Maritza Garcia (CSC Member, Community). | |
| i. Seconded by Sara Giobbi (CSC Member, Industry). | |
| ii. Motion passed. | |
| III. Video Presentation: Proposed New Rule (67.26) Commercial Charbroiling Operations | 5:15 pm |
| (Nick Cormier, SDAPCD) | |

Presenting: Nick Cormier

- The draft rule is out for public review. Have a video with Spanish subtitles, will have Spanish interpretation soon.
- Proposed new Rule 67.26 would regulate emissions specifically from chain-driven char broilers operated at commercial cooking facilities within San Diego County. During the cooking process, emissions contain harmful pollutants such as PM and VOCs that can affect public health.
- More information on public workshops and the draft for public review here. Más información: <https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/rules/workshops.html>
- Upcoming workshop, Wednesday, Dec 4 at 9:30am-submit questions or comments in writing before or during workshop.
 - i. **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Register via web browser or mobile device at: <https://bit.ly/3NGorAO> (Meeting ID: 843 3124 0948, Passcode: 232035)

Questions/Comments:

- Jack Monger (CSC Member Industry) - What is the cost of the catalytic oxidizer?
- Myriam (SDAPCD) – SDAPCD is hoping to get that information from the workshop to have it reflected in the cost-effectiveness analysis.
- Nicholas Paul (CSC Member CBO) – During the workshop will there be an environmental



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justice element to the workshop? Will there be analysis as to where these facilities are located throughout the county?

- Nick (SDAPCD) – SDAPCD does have a sense for where facilities are located and will try to map them, but may not be able to calculate specific Emissions reductions per community before the workshop.

IV. Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) Annual Progress Report
(Implementation Partners)

5:30 pm

- -----SDAPCD - report included amending Rules 1210 and 1401 and evaluating feasibility of Rules 61.2, 67.18, and 67.0.1 and others; advancement of the MOU with the Port of San Diego for possible adoption; further integration Environmental Justice and equity into Rule Development.
- **Cruz Munekata, CARB** – Provided summary of the CARB adopted rules that are pending EPA waiver. These include Advanced Clean Cars 2, Advanced Clean Fleets, Small Off Road Engine Amendment and others. <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/vehicle-emissions-california-waivers-and-authorizations>
- **Nick Critti, U.S. Navy** – Naval Base San Diego report included ensuring contractors are trained and understand the requirements for necessary work and adhering to permit requirements. Navy has been advancing procurement of EVs to replace older fleets; added a new shuttle bus service to reduce vehicle emissions, traffic and parking constraints; currently installing 350+ EV charging stations.
- **Andrew Aguilar, Shipyards** – NASSCO, BAE, CMSD – Report includes advancing 3 EV buses, trucks, and 2 EV patrol boats, buses; also advancing classes for best practices to reduce emissions; and promoting alternate transportation through vanpooling, & bike to work.
- **Jonathan Torres, SDG&E** - no direct CERP participation, but SDGE does incentives via rebates to support; partnered with the Port of SD to install the first electric cranes and e-tug boat in the region. Supporting advancement of a new EV truck stop in National City tidelands and the EV commuter service in National City.
- **Tim Garrett and Evan Funk, SANDAG** – Report includes advancing the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Blueprint, Sustainable Freight Strategy for the region, 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, ZEV Charging Stations Feasibility Study, and supporting the Caltrans Vesta St. bridge project, and Harbor Drive 2.0.
- **Jose Marquez-Chavez, Caltrans** – Vesta St. Bridge project will provide Naval Base SD with ability to connect both sides of the base through a pedestrian bridge (currently in design phase) with construction estimated in 2028.; Boston Ave. linear park provides a new urban green space for Barrio Logan (Phase 1 completed). Phase 2 to begin and will be led by City of SD. Collaborating on Harbor Dr. 2.0.
- **Keith Cory, City of San Diego** – Boston Ave. Linear Park being coordinated with SD Foundation as the project lead. Estimated to be completed in 2029. Trees for Communities program has been able to plant 901 trees in Barrio Logan, Logan and Sherman Heights, Grant Hill and Stockton.
- **Peter Eichar, Port of San Diego** – Reports that since adopt of MCAS, following the CERP, the POSD has been able to secure \$125,000,000 in commitments to maritime electrification and efficiencies. Also highlighted a \$59.6M EPA Clean Ports Award to support investments across six categories supporting infrastructure, EV's, and electric equipment, and others.

V. Presentation & Potential Action: USDG Fuels Terminal Facility Project
(Kelsey Genesi, Environmental Health Coalition)

- **Kelsey Genesi, EHC** - provided a briefing of the project and community concerns. Presented letter for CSC to oppose the project as USDG Fuels has not provided any response to community concerns for reducing emission in the Portside community. The project is currently pending the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report. EHC does not expect the project



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to go to the City prior to the next CSC meeting in January.

- **Shalem, SDAPCD** - shared statement from **USDG Fuels**
 - USDG clean fuels is aware of questions and concerns. USDG has met with EHC.
 - Projects will bring additional trucks. Embrace CEQA process.

Discussion summary:

- **Resident CSC members** expressed frustration and several concerns for company proposing project providing no commitment to emissions reductions. They also cited concerns about the proximity of the facility to Old Town National City and residents, concerns about the number of trucks that will move the CERP goal backward for truck emissions, and concerns for safety if there is an emergency situation. The resident CSC members shared that they were present at the public meeting in October for the project, where they stated they asked a lot of questions, raised concerns, and no responses were given.
 - a. **MOTION** to endorse the EHC letter addressed to the City of National City officials rejecting approval of the USDG Fuels project proposal.
 - i. **Seconded by Maritza Garcia (CSC Member, Community).**
- Several CSC members requested a pause to have USDG Fuels present their project. Requested that CARB can provide information about understanding how renewable diesel fits into the bigger picture for transitioning vehicles. Also questioned if next meeting would be too late to take action in order to invite company to present.
- Shalem confirmed the next Portside CSC meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025.
- Cruz (CARB) – will submit request to CARB for more information for renewable diesel.
 - b. **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** to invite a USDG Fuels representative to attend future meeting to present their project by Tim Garrett (CSC Member, SANDAG).
 - i. **Seconded by Jack Monger (CSC Member, Industry).**
 - ii. **Substitute motion passed unanimously.**

Additional discussion:

- **Several committee members** raised the sense of urgency and requested SDAPCD reach out to company to invite them in December or January. Agreed to hold a special meeting in December if necessary. Members also requested SDAPCD to find out the project timeline before the City of NC makes the final decision.
- **Shalem** – will connect to City of NC in order to determine timeline and will coordinate invitation to USDG fuels.

VI. **Public Comments**

VII. **Closing Remarks**

VIII. **Adjourn**