

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

2/25/2020

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Perkins Elementary School (1770 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113)

NOTES

Meeting Objectives

- Review CARB requirements for Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)
- Discuss ranked list of proposed projects for incentive funding process
- Provide an update from the Charter Working Group
- Provide an update on monitoring and compliance activities

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 1/28/2020 Meeting Notes and 2/25/2020 Agenda with no edits
- Request for more information and continued discussion on the proposed projects for incentive funding in next Meeting's Agenda

Agenda

I. Welcoming Remarks

- a. Introduction: Name, Affiliation

Steering Committee Members

1. Monserrat Hernandez (Resident, Barrio Logan, EHC) – New Member
2. Silvia Calzada (Resident, National City, EHC) – New Member
3. Margarita Moreno (Resident, National City, EHC)
4. Alicia Sanchez (Community resident)
5. Sandy Naranjo (Mothers Out Front)
6. Joy Williams (EHC)
7. David Flores (EHC) – New Member (Alternate)
8. Ted Godshalk (Teacher, Community Resident)
9. Lianna Rios (SDG&E)
10. Elisa Arias (SANDAG)
11. Jose Marquez-Chavez (Caltrans)
12. Kenneth Johansson (Caltrans)
13. AC Dumauual (US Navy)
14. Sara Giobbi (NASSCO)
15. Massie Hatch (Hatch Consulting)
16. Salvador Razo Abrica (Union Rep, Teamsters)
17. Larry Hofreiter (Port of San Diego)
18. Roman Partida-Lopez (Greenlining Institute)
19. Ashley Rosia-Tremonti (City of San Diego)

- b. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
c. Review Steering Committee Goals for 2020

II. Approval of 1/28/2020 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda

6:05 pm

- **MOTION** – Committee members approved 1/28/2020 Meeting Notes and 2/25/2020 agenda with no edits.

III. Public Comments

6:10 pm

- a. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
- Larry Hofreiter (Steering Committee member, Port of San Diego)
 - Announcement that Port of San Diego is working on update to its Clean Air Plan. Staff will provide a status update to the Board of Commissioners on March 10th. Everyone is invited to hearing.
- Suzanne Humes (Executive Director, Clean Air for Kids)
 - Announcement that Clean Air for Kids received a CARB grant for youth engagement. Invitation to the public to use their free resources/programs. They have a lot of materials and are working with school districts to promote environmental literacy. They are currently holding contests for K-12 students, where students can create their own no idling signs.
- Nancy Dinella (Community Outreach Director, IQAir Foundation) and Crystal Gaither (Air Quality Outreach Specialist, IQAir Foundation)
 - Announcement that IQAir Foundation is working with schools and nonprofits to apply for Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs). They are interested in partnering in San Diego to bring clean air technology. They have a clean air kit program and collaborate with the United Nations to globally map out Air Quality Index data.
- Sandy Naranjo (Steering Committee member, Mothers Out Front)
 - Kimball Elementary in National City is currently planning their Earth Day fair. Environmental organizations are welcome to participate. The goal of the event is to inform children and parents about climate resiliency, air quality, and other pressing environmental topics.

IV. Presentation: Community Air Protection Blueprint Training (Liliana Nuñez, CARB)

6:15 pm

- a. Overview of requirements and goals for CERP
- b. Link to full Power Point Presentation:

English:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/Blueprint%20Training_Winter%202020_for%20SD%20CSC_final.pdf

Spanish:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/Blueprint%20Training_Winter%202020_SD%20CSC_final_Spanish.pdf

- Questions/Comments from Steering Committee Members:
 - **Ashley – When did the clock start for the San Diego CERP?**
 - Liliana – Dec 13, 2019. THE SDAPCD Board will likely hold a hearing on the CERP in November 2020.
 - **Roman – Is the CERP timeline already developed?**
 - Bill (SDAPCD) – A draft CERP timeline is currently in development. It will be discussion item on the March Steering Committee Agenda.
 - **Roman – How will the first year of work around Air Monitoring inform and connect with this second year?**
 - Bill – SD APCD staff will continue with Air Monitoring work. The data collected is informing which pollution sources to target in the CERP.
 - **Sandy – When will new SD Air Board be in charge? Will the CERP go to the County supervisors?**

- Bill (SDAPCD) – The new Board begins on March 1, 2021. The current, 5-member Board of Supervisors will vote on the CERP in November 2020.
- **Daniela (Facilitator) – How have other AB 617 Steering Committees developed their CERPs?**
 - CARB staff – The South Coast Air Quality Management District created Technical Advisory Group composed of 2 Steering Committee members from each of the 3 AB 617 Steering Committees in their Air District and other experts to digest technical information on the CERP and present back to their whole Steering Committees. They can send around information to Steering Committee members on the CERP development process.
- **Joy shared that there’s an informal working group convening around the barriers to truck electrification.** They may be able to fold in that group more formally into AB 617 process.
- **David requested to see this timeline sooner rather than later, since there is a lot to do until November.**
- **AC – Are the other CERPs available online?**
 - CARB staff – Yes, they are available on the main CARB AB 617 website. They have all been adopted since October 2019.

V. Review Incentive Funding Proposed Projects (Kathy Keehan)

6:45 pm

- Presentation:
 - https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/Incentive_Funding_Presentation.pptx
- Handout:
 - https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/617_Proposed_Projects.pdf
- Kathy presented a brief overview of AB 617 Incentive Funding
 - 70% of the funds must benefit DACs
- SDAPCD staff sorted through all project proposals, mapped them out, and screened them for eligibility. They determined that 68 project proposals are eligible for funding. These numbers are still subject to change as we continue to work with applicants.
- Questions/Comments from Steering Committee:
 - **Joy – Projects are limited by who applied. Will there be other opportunities for proposals to come forward?**
 - Kathy – That’s right. This is the culmination of applications received this round. SDAPCD has discretion to re-open the application for additional proposals.
 - **Joy – Is there any decision being made tonight?**
 - Kathy – The feedback being received from Steering Committee members today will help determine whether SDAPCD should move forward with these projects or re-open the application.
 - **Jose – If all the proposals can be funded with the available funding, what is the purpose of our feedback?**
 - Kathy – It’s possible that some of these projects may fall out. SDAPCD can re-open application for more projects to exhaust available funds and allow time for a larger pool of projects to be considered.
 - **Salvador- Asked a question regarding truck technology: Old natural gas vs. new compressed natural gas?**
 - Kathy – Newer trucks (either diesel or natural gas) have stricter standards so they’re cleaner.

- **Larry– What pollutants do new trucks decrease?**
 - The new trucks (either diesel or natural gas) emit lower nitrogen oxides, volatile reactive organic compounds (ROG) and particulates.
- **Monseratt- Requested a training on technologies and pollution sources to get up-to-speed. SDAPCD staff said they can accommodate this either in another meeting or some other capacity.**
- **Joy proposed to open the application for solicitations again to bring in more electric projects.**
 - Kathy explained that is possible. She reminded everyone that there's still more funding available than projects. The only caveat with leaving the solicitation open is that there is a cutoff date to spend these dollars. The District has until June 2022 to complete projects using these funds. They could set aside some funding for electric trucks, but it risks losing potential emission reduction projects if there's no time to spend that money.
- **Larry expressed that his only concern with not using the money may indicate to the State that the funds aren't needed for this group.**
- **Roman recalled a previous meeting where guidelines for how funding is disbursed was developed.**
 - Kathy responded saying it's available online.
- **SC Member – It would be helpful to see pollution sources being collected compared against these proposals.**
- **Jose expressed that he is struggling to make sense of project list presented to Steering Committee because they don't have data or a complete understanding of what the proposals offer.**
- **Daniela (Facilitator) asked for a call of hands on whether Steering Committee members agree to move forward with the proposed projects or postpone with more information.**
 - Over half of the Steering Committee members indicated they want to have more information before making a recommendation on whether the District should move forward with funding the current list of proposed projects.
- **Jose– What is the problem we're trying to address and where? What specific locations need the most help?**
- **Ted- asked for confirmation that the incentive funding is \$18 million, and if 10% is expected to fall out. Would it be possible to add those leftover funds to supplement other projects?**
 - Kathy confirmed that it's \$18 million. She explained that they would not be able to supplement leftover funds to favorable projects, since projects must go through the formal solicitation process for the funding amount they requested and we are restricted by the guidelines to follow cost-effectiveness limits and other restrictions.
- **Sandy – Out of the projects on this list, how many funds would go in the Portside Community?**
 - Kathy estimated that \$10 million would directly benefit Portside Communities.
- **MOTION – SDAPCD will provide more information at the March meeting so that the Steering Committee can make better-informed decisions on how incentive funds should be used.**

VI. 10 minute Break

7:10 pm

VII. Presentation: South Harbor Drive Multi-modal Corridor Project (Larry Hofreiter)

7:20 pm

- Presentation:

English:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/Harbor%20Drive%20Multimodal%20Corridor%20Board%20Presentation%20-%20AB%20617%20Steering%20Committee.pdf

Spanish:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/Harbor%20Drive%20Multimodal%20Corridor%20Board%20Presentation%20-%20AB%20617%20Steering%20Committee-SP.pdf

- Questions/Comments:
 - Ted (Community member) – How is National City behaving on this issue? How is the Navy behaving?
 - Larry – National City was very collaborative in this effort. Navy has also been very receptive and a good partner to work with. They're most interested in the Vesta Street project that connects the wet side and dry side of the Navy base.
 - Member – What were the predictions on emissions reductions based on?
 - Larry - They were based on a 50-year horizon. It did not assume CARB regulations that will be kicking in.

VIII. Discussion: Charter Working Group

7:35 pm

- a. Review latest draft here:

English:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/Portside%20Charter_Draft_021820.pdf

Spanish:

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- Bill Brick from SDAPCD explained that the latest draft of the Charter includes additional sections: background, objectives, cap the number of members at 29, term limits, etc.
- SDAPCD is exploring the possibility of providing a participation stipend to Steering Committee members. However, the details are still being determined. It may take months before any determination is made. San Diego County may require Steering Committee members to go through official Human Resources protocol required of staff in order to receive stipend. SDACPD exploring possibility of entering an agreement with a non-profit or other entity with an existing contract with County.
- Question/Comments:
 - **Sandy – What does the stipend approval process look like?**
 - Bill explained that it is unknown how long it'll take for the County to decide.
 - **Joy originally thought that the stipends were only going to be for community members.**
 - Bill explained that they decided to keep open for all members and allow people to opt out.
- b. Discussion on Sub-committees
- There was consensus to include language on subcommittees in the Charter.

IX. SDAPCD Staff Updates

7:45 pm

- a. Mobile source / idling inspections (**Mahiany Luther**)
 - *Postponed to next month.*
- b. Engineering (**Jim Swaney**)
 - *Postponed to next month.*
- c. Monitoring sites (**Bill Brick**)
 - Link to Presentation:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/AB_617/AB%20617_Monitoring%20Data_022520.pdf
 - Bill presented charts and data from Oct 2019 to Feb 2020. PM_{2.5} fluctuations and timing suggest transportation is a big factor. Black carbon tends to be worse on the weekend afternoons. Afternoons are when winds are typically onshore (from Bay to land. This suggests that the black carbon is coming from marine vessels/ships, etc.
- d. Vehicle License Plate Reader (**Bill Brick**)
 - *Postponed to next month.*

X. Closing Remarks

8:00 pm

- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
 - Daniela reviewed next steps, which included presentations and discussions on the CERP timeline and Incentive Funding Projects.
 - Lianna (SG&E) reiterated importance of moving quickly on incentive funding piece.

XI. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting is 3/24/20 at Perkins Elementary School Cafeteria
(1770 Main Street, San Diego, 92113 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)