



**AB 617 Portside Community Steering Committee  
Meeting Agenda + Notes**

**2/27/2024**

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Port of San Diego General Services Building in National City**

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### Meeting Objectives

- Learn about and provide feedback on San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) long-term strategic plan
- Hold working sessions for Portside Community Steering Subcommittees to discuss priorities for 2024

### Action Items

- [Approval of 1/23/2024 meeting notes and 2/27/24 agenda](#)

### Agenda

- I. **Welcoming Remarks** (Ana Cuevas-Flores and Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitators) **5:00 pm**
  - a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
  - b. Roll call Community Steering Committee (CSC) members
  - c. General Updates:
    - i. **Dr. Jonathan London** and **Peter Nguyen** from UC Davis are conducting a statewide study on the AB 617 Community Air Protection program and provided an update on their progress. The team is conducting interviews, observing meetings, and reviewing relevant documents such as the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP).
  
- II. **Approval of 1/23/2024 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda** **5:15 pm**
  - a. MOTION to approve 1/23/2024 meeting notes and 2/27/24 agenda by **Maritza Garcia**.
    - i. Seconded by **John Alvarado**.
    - ii. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- III. **Workshop: San Diego Air Pollution Control District Strategic Plan** (SDAPCD) **5:20 pm**
  - a. [Presentation Link](#)
  - b. The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) provided an overview of their long-term strategic plan development process followed by an interactive activity. Portside CSC members and attendees separated into breakout groups and used a poster board and crafts to visualize and describe their vision for SDAPCD. Each group then presented their visual to the rest of the group.
  - c. Summary of Discussion
    - i. Breakout Group #1 agreed that their vision revolved around the importance of bringing stakeholders together and SDAPCD's role as a convener.
      - (A) A Portside CSC member mentioned that they want to see SDAPCD take on meaningful work in collaboration with the AB 617 Portside Committee and other stakeholders whenever the community identifies a problem.



- (B) **John Alvarado** mentioned that SDAPCD can leverage state and local funding given that these issues are a medical necessity.
- ii. Breakout Group #2 talked about some the things they would like SDAPCD to lead on as part of this vision including reaching out to schools to conduct outreach with families, having an environmental justice lens focus, identifying the source of particulate matter, and piloting technology projects to drive innovation.
- iii. Breakout Group #3 talked about the importance of community engagement as part of the long-term vision for SDAPCD.
  - (A) **Maritza Garcia** uplifted the issue of bio fossil fuel.
  - (B) **Phil Gibbons** mentioned the role the Port can take with community interaction and air quality data.
- iv. Breakout Group #4 talked about the expectations they have for SDAPCD as an organization which include being technical experts on air quality, being transparent, making decisions based on data, providing funding, providing technical studies to inform decisions, and ensuring accessibility.
- v. Breakout Group #5 relayed that they envision SDAPCD moving forward with children having a better future, informing more people about the Portside CSC meetings, and getting the community involved.
  - (A) **Maritza Garcia** added that trust, transparency, and building personal connections are crucial. It is also important to link experiences to the data collected and the work being done.
  - (B) **Jose Marquez-Chavez** added that it would be nice to have action items evaluated to see what is working.
- vi. A Portside CSC member suggested that SDACPD revisit their mission statement to include language such as building together or co-creating.
- vii. **Sylvia Calzada** emphasized the importance of trust in this process.
- viii. **Lydia Pellecer** asked if SDAPCD has an office in Barrio Logan, noting that would help make the agency more accessible and present in the community. SDAPCD confirmed that they have a satellite office for enforcement staff.
- ix. **Ashley Valentin Gonzalez** added that there should be more educational opportunities for youth and more accessible transportation options. SDAPCD can possibly work with the San Deigo Metropolitan Transit System.

#### IV. Working Sessions: Portside CSC Subcommittee 2024 Priorities Exercise

6:15 pm

- a. SDAPCD staff held working sessions for the Portside Community Steering Subcommittees to discuss priorities and action items for 2024. Below are the key takeaways/next steps from each subcommittee.
- b. Summary of Discussions
  - i. Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) Implementation and Funding
    - (A) The subcommittee will review and provide feedback on the Portside Lease and Projects Expectations documents by their next meeting on March 28th at 9am.
    - (B) **John Alvarado** will follow up with a manufacturer to present at the next CERP subcommittee meeting on March 28th at 9am about air filtration technology.
    - (C) At the next subcommittee meeting, **Phil Gibbons** will provide an update on the Port's EPA grant opportunity.



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- ii. Air Monitoring and Data
  - (A) SDAPCD provided a draft presentation on Metals Data that will be presented at the next CSC meeting.
  - (B) The subcommittee provided valuable feedback and SDAPCD will incorporate those comments into the presentation.
- iii. Community Outreach
  - (A) CARB will reach out to Community Outreach subcommittee members to schedule up to two coordination calls to schedule video interviews that capture members' perspectives and involvement in the Portside CSC.
  - (B) SDAPCD will incorporate subcommittee member feedback to develop draft outreach materials for review.
  - (C) Subcommittee members will share about any key opportunities/events for outreach.

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| <b>V. Public Comments</b> (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator)    | <b>6:45 pm</b> |
| a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda |                |
| b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes                    |                |
| <b>VI. Closing Remarks</b>                                 | <b>6:55 pm</b> |
| <b>VII. Adjourn</b>  | <b>7:00 pm</b> |

Next scheduled meeting is 03/26/2024 tentatively virtual meeting via Zoom