



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

**3/22/2022**

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

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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**Meeting Objectives**

- Hold workshop on the San Diego Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) Environmental Justice Office draft framework
- Receive brief update on Portside Community air monitoring sites
- Learn about the California Air Resources Board AB 617 CommunityHub Data Dashboard summarizing key AB 617 efforts and documents across the state

**Meeting Action Items**

- [Approval of 2/15/2022 meeting notes and March meeting agenda](#)

**Agenda**

- I. Welcoming Remarks (Chuy Flores & Joanny Leyva, Co-Facilitators) 5:00 pm**
- a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
  - b. Roll call Community Steering Committee (CSC) members
  - c. General Updates
    - i. [The San Diego Air Pollution Control District \(SDAPCD\) officially launched the International Border Community Steering Committee on March 16, 2022. The International Border Community encompasses San Ysidro and Otay Mesa.](#)
    - ii. [The Port of San Diego announced that they are continuing to move forward with clean air initiatives associated with the Maritime Clean Air Strategy \(MCAS\). The Port will bring forward the zero-emission track transition plan to the Board of Port Commissioners, scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Port will then present the final plan to the Board of Port Commissioners scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.](#)
- II. Approval of 2/15/2022 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda 5:10 pm**
- a. [Motion to approve February Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by Maritza Contreras](#)
    - i. [Seconded by Martin Reeder](#)
  - b. [MOTION PASSED unanimously](#)
- III. Workshop: Environmental Justice Office Framework (Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD) 5:15 pm**
- a. [Link to presentation](#)
  - b. [Domingo Vigil \(SDAPCD\) presented an overview of the draft Office of Environmental Justice framework, including goals and strategies. Steering Committee members provided input on each goal and priority topics to learn more about. \(Mentimeter exercise results\) SDAPCD will be accepting additional comments from the public until Wednesday, March 30, before presenting it to the Governing Board on Thursday, April 14.](#)
  - c. Questions and Comments
    - i. [Janice Reynoso emphasized the importance of including the Kumeyaay community in these environmental justice conversations.](#)



- ii. **Montserrat Hernandez** mentioned that environmental justice is the goal for those communities most impacted by pollution and contamination, especially for youth who have asthma.
- iii. **John Alvarado** emphasized that the community consists of many different groups and that there needs to be an explanation in ways that everyone in the community can understand.
- iv. **Domingo Vigil** commented that SDAPCD is developing an annual report for APCD with an expected release date in the summer.
  - (A) **Jack Monger** suggested providing these updates on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.
- v. **John Alvarado** asked how closely SDAPCD is working with SANDAG on air pollution, particularly in Barrio Logan.
  - (A) **Domingo Vigil** commented that SDAPCD has close communication with SANDAG and that they are collaborating on several projects related to transportation planning. He also mentioned that SDAPCD is working with CARB on a modeling exercise to identify the risks of different pollution sources.
- vi. Additional comments can be sent to [APCDoutreach@sdapcd.org](mailto:APCDoutreach@sdapcd.org).

#### IV. Update: Portside Community Air Monitoring Sites (SDAPCD)

6:15 pm

- a. [Link to presentation](#)
- b. **David Sodeman** (SDAPCD) provided an update monitoring sites in operation and under construction/permitting in Portside.
- c. Questions and Comments
  - i. **Josephine Talamantez** asked if SDAPCD will measure the pollutants not currently listed as being measured in the future.
    - (A) **David Sodeman** responded that at this time that is not the plan.
  - ii. **Domingo Vigil** shared some of the challenges SDAPCD faces with getting the sites cited, which result in a delay.
  - iii. **Jack Monger** expressed his concern regarding measuring progress if there is no baseline information for the sampling stations. He asked when SDAPCD expects to collect data from the sampling stations to create a baseline and monitor progress.
    - (A) **Domingo Vigil** acknowledged the concern and reassured the group that in addition to this information SDAPCD also has information from emission inventories and they collect information in collaboration with CARB to inform air quality challenges in the community.
    - (B) **David Sodeman** added that the timeline is unclear and stated that the toxic metals contract depends on the lawyers to agree to the terms and conditions. The toxic volatile organic compounds will take a little longer.
  - iv. **Dr. Nguyen** asked if there is any information the team can share about San Ysidro and Otay Mesa. **Dr. Nguyen** also suggested having a pediatrician on the committee.
    - (A) **Domingo Vigil** mentioned that it is a great suggestion.
    - (B) **David Sodeman** added that there is one regional monitoring station right at the entrance of Donovan State prison and SDAPCD is also working with Caltrans and CHP on establishing a site at the border crossing property where the trucks pass through. SDAPCD also has a site in San Ysidro along the 5 freeway and they are working with the Department of General Services to expand that site.
  - v. **Dr. Nguyen** suggested that maybe Kaiser Permanente could offer a site up for monitoring.
    - (A) **Domingo Vigil** welcomed the suggestion, and they will follow up with them.
  - vi. **Joy Williams** asked when SDAPCD will activate the National City site.



(A) **David Sodeman** responded that this will happen as soon as possible and is hoping to have it up in the next couple of months.

vii. **Akshita Sivakumar** asked if it was possible to bring back the discussion regarding the tour of the current monitoring facilities.

(A) **Domingo Vigil** expressed it was a great suggestion and it is something that they can explore.

**V. Presentation: AB 617 CommunityHub Data Dashboard (Hanjiro Ambrose, CARB) 6:25 pm**

a. [Link to presentation](#)

b. **Hanjiro Ambrose** (CARB) provided an interactive informational on CARB's AB 617 CommunityHub tool. Launched in March 2021, the CommunityHub is a web-based tool with information on: AB 617 communities, air monitoring, incentive projects, regulatory program development, and links to public documents.

c. Questions and Comments

i. **Joy Williams** asked if any of the information on the CommunityHub, such as the strategies, is downloadable.

(A) **Hanjiro Ambrose** responded that the table is currently not downloadable and part of the CommunityHub 2.0 rollout is to make the data downloadable in a reasonable way.

ii. **Joy Williams** asked if any of the monitoring data will be available on the CommunityHub site.

(A) **Hanjiro Ambrose** responded that the monitoring data itself will not be accessible through the hub but they hope to expand its integration with another tool.

**VI. Public Comments (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator) 6:45 pm**

a. **Janice Luna Reynoso** shared that the Branch Out San Diego project is still providing free trees to San Diego County residents. Email [branchout@treesandiego.org](mailto:branchout@treesandiego.org) to learn more about the project and eligibility for a free tree.

**VII. Closing Remarks 6:55 pm**

a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics

**VIII. Adjourn 7:00 pm**

Next scheduled meeting is 4/26/2022 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom