



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

6/25/2024

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Meeting Objectives

- Receive update from San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) on Portside Community Air Monitoring data on hexavalent chromium
- Learn about and provide feedback on the proposed amendments to Rule 69.6: – Natural Gas-Fired-Fan-Type Central Furnaces
- Receive an update from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on the Advance Clean Fleets (ACF) Rule

Action Items

- [Approval of 5/28/2024 meeting notes and 6/25/24 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. [The San Diego Air Pollution Control District \(SDAPCD\) shared their appreciation for all the work the facilitation team has done over the past several years. This is the last meeting the Estolano Advisors team will be supporting with facilitation.](#)
 - ii. [The Facilitation Team thanked everyone for their kind words and shared that during this transition SDAPCD will be running the meeting in the meantime while they hire a new facilitator. The facilitation team will also be sending out updates on stipends.](#)
 - iii. [Joy Williams announced that will be her last meeting as an Environmental Health Coalition representative as she will be resigning from the committee and retiring. Joy shared her deep appreciation for the committee and all the work the committee has accomplished.](#)
- II. Approval of 5/28/2024 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda 5:15 pm**
 - a. [MOTION to approve 5/28/2024 meeting notes and 6/25/24 agenda by John Alvarado.](#)
 - i. [Seconded by Massie Hatch.](#)
 - ii. [Motion passed unanimously.](#)
- III. Update: Portside Air Monitoring Data – Hexavalent Chromium (SDAPCD) 5:20 pm**
 - a. [Presentation Link](#)
 - b. [David Sodeman](#) provided an update on the Portside air monitoring data with a focus on the hexavalent chromium data.
 - c. Questions and comments
 - i. [John Alvarado](#) commented that there are a lot of other health risks to look at other than cancer especially along the freeway.



- ii. **Montserrat Hernandez** asked if there are any other sources other than those presented that emit hexavalent chromium.
 - (A) **David Sodeman** responded that there are other sources, but the ones presented are the top sources of hexavalent chromium.
- iii. **Nick Paul** expressed his support to move the testing site location to the navy site referenced in the presentation.
- iv. **Silvia Calzada** commented that the Navy site makes sense for the new testing location given the focus on research and analytics in the Portside.
- v. **John Alvarado** commented about a location that would be great for air testing.

IV. Video Presentation: Proposed Amendments to Rule 69.6 – Natural Gas-Fired-Fan-Type Central Furnaces (SDPACD) 5:50 pm

- a. [Link to Video](#)
- b. **Shalem Aboody-Lopez** showed a video on the proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 which covers natural gas fired fan type central furnaces. This rule is listed in the Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) as an opportunity to reduce emissions.
- c. Questions and comments
 - i. **John Alvarado** commented that this work needs to happen fast and if there are programs that are out there the community needs to know about them.
 - ii. **Tim Garrett** asked if this rule is tied to one of the action items in the CERP.
 - (A) **Shalem Aboody-Lopez** responded that the rule is not listed under a specific action but is listed under other opportunities for emissions reduction.
 - (B) **Nick Cormier** added that the CERP overarching measures to continue to evaluate emissions reductions in other source categories which includes this rule. This rule will reduce emission region wide.
 - iii. **Sara Giobbi** asked what the space heaters in terms of an average resident's home.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** responded that to the average resident this rule is not necessarily seen upfront as it is the manufacturers and distributors that must comply with the rule.
 - iv. **John Alvarado** asked if there are special programs to get assistance to buy furnaces.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** responded that there are some incentive/rebate programs available at the federal level and can follow up with more resources.
 - (B) **John Alvarado** invited the team to come present to the Barrio Logan Planning group.
 - v. **Jonathan Torres** asked what the bill increase would be when someone replaces their furnace with an electric one.
 - (A) **Nick Cormier** clarified that the rule amendment will not require the replacement of furnaces to electric furnaces. Regarding the costs of electric furnaces this is something that the team can look up and provide information on.

V. Update: CARB Update on Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Rule (CARB)

6:15 pm

- a. [Presentation Link](#)
- b. **Craig Duehring** provided an update on the California Air Resources Board advanced clean fleets (ACF) rule.



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c. Questions and comments

- i. **Phil Gibbons** asked if anyone is doing outreach to those businesses that own these vehicles in the community and notifying them of the regulation.
 - (A) **Kathy Keehan** responded that the Port has done a lot of community outreach in collaboration with the Environmental Health Coalition.
 - (B) **Craig Duehring** indicated that CARB hands out post cards, hosts events, and has a team dedicated to conducting outreach in the community.
 - (C) **Phil Gibbons** suggested more outreach and education targeting the fleets that operate within the Portside community and this can potentially be an action item for one of the subcommittees.
- ii. **John Alvarado** asked if there are any kind of recommendations for residents to get more involved.
 - (A) **Kathy Keehan** responses that the Zero-emissions Truck Pilot is not restricted to fleet size so this can be a potential opportunity.
- iii. **Nick Paul** commented that it sounds like enforcement of the Advanced Clean Fleets rule is pending waiver approval from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and asked if there is a role AB 617 can play to urge approval.
 - (A) **Shalem Aboody-Lopez** responded that the Greenlining Institute is going to have a presentation tomorrow at the International Border Steering Committee where they will share more about the process of the EPA approval and advocacy.

VI. **Public Comments** (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator)

6:55 pm

- a. **Kathy Keehan** announced that the Crowley Electric tugboat was inaugurated today and is now operating in San Diego.

VII. **Closing Remarks**

7:00 pm

VIII. **Adjourn**

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for 07/23/2024 virtually via Zoom