

AB 617 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

9/21/2021

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

NOTES

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Meeting Objectives

- Provide an update on implementation of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)
- Discuss format and purpose of future Portside Steering Committee meetings
- Provide update on AB 617 incentive funding community-identified projects
- Vote on letter of support for UC San Diego Scripps Institution Coastal Research Project

Meeting Action Items

- [Approval of 7/20/21 Meeting Notes and 9/21/21 Agenda](#)
- [Approval of UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography's coastal research project letter of support](#)

Agenda

- I. **Welcoming Remarks (Chuy Flores & Joanny Leyva Co-Facilitators)** **6:00 pm**
- Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
 - Roll call Steering Committee (SC) members
 - General Updates:
 - SC member changes
 - Keith Corry** is the new primary representative for the City of San Diego, **Ashley Rosia-Tremonti** will remain on the SC as an alternate
 - John Alvarado** joined the SC as the newest community member representative
 - The alternate member spot for the medical expert on the steering committee is currently vacant
 - CARB updates and announcements
 - Liliana Nunez** (CARB) thanked members who were able to join the CARB workshop on August 24th
 - CARB is close to releasing the staff report on the Portside CERP. The CARB board will vote on the CERP on October 14th, 4 PM
 - The UC Davis convening webinar to discuss AB617 implementation is on September 27th and 29th, 5—8 PM
 - Domingo Vigil** (SDAPCD) announced that Paula Forbis is the new interim director for SDAPCD
 - CARB is having a workshop on September 30th to discuss the After-Action report for the Bonhomme Richard fire
 - Larry Hofreiter** announced the Maritime Clean Air Strategy's public review period closed last Friday and they are making their way through comments now. They will bring the MCAS to the Board of Port Commissioners on October 12th at 1 PM.
- II. **Approval of 7/20/2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda** **6:15 pm**
- Motion to approve July 2021 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with no changes by **Sandy Naranjo**
 - Seconded by **Maritza Garcia**
 - MOTION PASSED unanimously

III. Action: Request for Support for Scripps Coastal Research Project

6:20 pm

- a. Overview of project (UC San Diego Scripps Institute)
 - i. **Dr. Bruce Appelgate** and **Byron Washom** provided an overview of the project
 - ii. [Link to presentation](#)
- b. Request for support
- c. Questions
 - i. Joy Williams: Asked what the sources of the hydrogen is and what infrastructure is needed to get the ship to where it is.
 - (A) Bruce replied that it is their intention to use green hydrogen sourced from renewable energy. The hydrogen that will be delivered will be in industrial tankers.
 - ii. Roman Partido-Lopez: Would like to know what the direct benefits would be to the portside communities.
 - (A) Bruce replied that in terms of benefits, the benefits to air quality are tremendous.
 - (B) Roman: Will there be any other investments directly with portside communities?
 - a. Byron replied that part of project is cleaning up the port. The greater benefits of the relationship will come with electrifying medium and large vessels.
 - iii. Jack Monger: Shared appreciation for presenting alternatives that reduce emissions in the interim of electrification.
 - (A) Bruce commented that this is a first step in demonstrating we can build zero emission vessels.
 - iv. Silvia Calzada congratulated Bruce for the funding they received. Emphasized that residents are concerned about how this will directly help them.
 - v. John Alvarado would like to see this project built close to them to ensure residents will benefit from this new construction.
 - (A) Byron announced that they will be going for competitive proposals.
 - vi. Joy would support and make a motion if the letter could be amended to include a firm commitment to green hydrogen as the fuel for the hydrogen cell.
 - (A) Bryon asked if the firm commitment was to including it as a goal or for it to be first step.
 - (B) Joy clarified that she is looking for a firm commitment that they will use green hydrogen.
 - (C) Byron explained that the issue with hydrogen is the extreme purity that is required in the hydrogen so it does not poison the membrane of the fuel cells. They can make a commitment to transition as it becomes feasible (within 10 years).
- d. Vote on letter of support
 - i. Motion to approve the letter of support by **Jack Monger** with an emphasis on using green hydrogen as soon as it's available.
 - (A) Seconded by **Maritza Garcia**
 - ii. MOTION PASSED
 - (A) Aye: 12
 - (B) Nay: 2
 - (C) Abstain: 3

IV. Discussion Item: CSC Meetings during CERP Implementation (Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD) 6:35 pm

- a. Proposed meeting formats
 - i. Poll was done to determine the time future steering committee meetings will begin.
 - (A) 65% voted for 5 PM
 - (B) Future SC Meetings will be moved to 5 PM and may be moved back to 6 PM depending on attendance rate.
- b. Questions and discussion

- V. Presentation: San Diego Association of Governments Engagement Opportunities** **6:55 pm**
- a. Overview of SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan
 - i. **Jennifer Williams** and **Elisa Arias** presented on the SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan and shared opportunities to provide input on transportation and air quality-related projects
 - ii. [Link to presentation](#)
 - b. Other opportunities to participate
 - c. **Questions**
 - i. Sarah Giobbi: Asked if the plan calls for any deconflicting or improvements to the trolleys that run through Barrio Logan.
 - (A) Jennifer Williams replied that the plan looks at extensive grade separations which take trolleys out of conflicts with intersections
 - ii. John Alvarado: Commented that there are many opportunities along the trolley to build low-income housing and that there should be some consideration of this when building out the trolleys. Asked if there would be a parking cap around freeways.
 - (A) Elisa replied that they work closely with the City and that there are opportunities to work on housing around the trolley. There is also an opportunity to work with bus lines.
 - iii. Joy Williams: Would like to know what they steering committee can do at this point to make sure the projects in the CERP move forward.
 - (A) Elisa replied that in the final plan the blue line enhancements are a high priority and grade separations will be considered.
- VI. Discussion Item: Community Identified Projects (Kathy Keehan, SDAPCD)** **7:25 pm**
- a. [Link to presentation](#)
 - b. **Questions**
 - i. Silvia Calzada (chat): Is there any point of contact or link about the pilot program to refer interested parties?
 - (A) Kathy: Kathleen.Keehan@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - ii. John Alvarado: Will families with multiple bedrooms be able to install systems in each room or will it be a whole house filtration system? Will there be a threshold where low-income people get them for free or will there be a point where folks will not be able to get the system?
 - (A) Kathy: The current program is for a room-based system. The medical equipment tax break is not within my power to grant but if there are people with that power, maybe they are listening in.
- VII. Public Comments (Chuy Flores, Co-Facilitator)** **7:40 pm**
- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
 - b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
- VIII. Closing Remarks** **7:55 pm**
- a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics
- IX. Adjourn** **8:00 pm**

Next scheduled meeting is 10/19/2021 Tentatively Virtual Meeting via Zoom