



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

11/28/2023

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Meeting Objectives

- Receive annual progress report updates on the Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) from partner agencies

Meeting Action Items

- Approval of 10/24/2023 meeting notes and November meeting 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 Facilitation team welcomed The Greenlining Institute's new alternate, **Safia Haidari**, to the Portside Committee. Roman Partida-Lopez will continue as the primary representative for The Greenline Institute.
 - ii. **Liliana Nunez** from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) shared that CARB staff will be holding [public dialogue sessions](#) throughout California, both in-person and virtually, to hear from community members on the [Draft Community Engagement Model](#) which was released in October 2023. The next virtual meeting will take place on January 25th from 6pm to 8pm and the community can [register online](#) to attend.
 - iii. On December 4th, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) released its Round 5 Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant award recommendations for its [December 14th council meeting](#). SGC staff have recommended a \$22 million award for the "Rooted in Comunidad, Cultivating Equity" proposal submitted by the San Diego Foundation, Environmental Health Coalition, the City of San Diego, Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center, and other partners. The proposal includes various infrastructure projects and programs aimed at reducing greenhouse emissions, improving air quality, providing economic opportunities, and creating more resilient communities in Barrio Logan. Congratulations to everyone involved!
 - iv. The 2024 Portside Community Steering Committee calendar is now available on the [Portside Community webpage](#).
- II. Approval of 10/24/2023 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda 5:15 pm**
- a. Motion to approve September Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda with an amendment to the notes by **Maritza Garcia**.
 - i. Seconded by **Nick Paul**
 - b. MOTION PASSED unanimously



**III. Presentation: Annual Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) 5:20 pm
Progress Report**

(Domingo Vigil, SDAPCD and Partner Agencies: Caltrans, City of National City, City of San Diego, Port of San Diego, Port of San Diego Shipyards, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, U.S. Navy)

- a. [Link to presentation](#)
- b. The San Diego Air Control Pollution District (SDAPCD) and partner agencies: Caltrans, City of National City, City of San Diego, Port of San Diego, Port of San Diego Shipyards, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and U.S. Navy, presented their annual progress report updates on the Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) and answered questions and comments from CSC members and the public.
- c. To review the Portside CERP annual progress report, please [click here](#).
- d. Questions and comments
 - i. **Jack Monger** asked if the SDAPCD could explain the percentages that were presented regarding emission reductions from incentives (Slide 2).
 1. **Domingo** responded that the figures are the emission reductions in relation to the initial emission baseline that was used to develop the CERP.
 2. **Jack** asked if it is correct that the portside community only saw a one percent change in term of particulate matter.
 - a. **Domingo** confirmed and shared that they are based on local incentive projects in San Diego. Figures presented by CARB are statewide numbers that include projects throughout the state.
 - b. **Jack** shared that seems very low.
 - i. **Domingo** stated that it's difficult to make a comparison without specific figures from other AB 617 communities but there are opportunities for other projects that SDAPCD is looking to take advantage of.
 3. **Tim Garrett** asked if the funding regrading emission reduction from incentives has already been allocated to projects or if it is funding that's been made available but might not have been awarded yet.
 - a. **Kathy Keehan** shared that they will have to get back to Tim regarding these numbers about that they come directly from CARB's database.
 - b. **Nick Cormier** added that one of the reasons these numbers look lower in comparison to statewide numbers is that year one cap funds were heavily skewed towards three air districts outside of San Diego.
 4. **Tim Garrett** asked **Dinah Willier** from SDG&E if there is any information around a replacement program for the Power Your Drive program ending in 2025.
 - a. **Dinah Willier** shared that they have a rule of 45 for EV charging that pays for any infrastructure upgrades up to the meter. Additionally, there is a support program being discussed to provide customers guidance on how to plan for their infrastructure.
 5. **Nick Paul** asked Dinah how the reception for non-port businesses has been looking like around the projects that were mentioned in the presentation.
 - a. **Dinah** shared that the program started in 2020 and they have completed 20 projects, mostly in schools. She shared that they



haven't had much participation from fleets in Barrion Logan and National City but they've had other programs, such as power drives, in the area.

6. **Andrew Aguilar** asked Peter if the RFP specified the level of chargers that would be available for the trucks. If level 3, what level of engagement with SDG&E does the Port anticipate to ensure that enough power can be provided?
 - a. **Peter Eichar** replied that the RFP did not specify the level of chargers. The final two proposals include 360 kW and 160 kW chargers. The Port of San Diego have been collaborating with SDG&E on the truck stop and anticipate doing more as they finalize their project.
7. **Peter Eichar** shared that the Port commissioned the health risk assessment to identify the baseline health risks associated with diesel particulate matter and be able to measure progress as strategies are implemented.
8. **Jack Monger** shared that during the CARB meeting in October, San Diego was recognized for their efforts over the last four years.
9. **John Alvarado** asked if there is any special assistance for military or anyone who is working on the base that is trying to go electric.
 - a. **Samantha Spidell** shared she is not aware of any programs but will look into it and get back to John.
10. **Nick Paul** asked **Teresa Bresler** from the Navy if she could talk about the air quality impacts of the dry dock project they mentioned.
 - a. **Teresa** shared that the document for the project is still open and she will coordinate with Chuy to get this to the CSC to review.
11. **John Alvarado** asked if it would be possible for the city, county, or air district to issue letters about the air quality in the area for members in the community to qualify for a tax reduction.
 - a. **Shelby Buso** shared that she can look into this and check if this has been discussed at all.
12. **Margarita Moreno** shared that she heard a lot about National City but did not hear anyone mention USD Clean Fuels, a new company they want to bring to the city that will pollute and be harmful. She also asked to know the promises and progress the City of San Diego has made.
 - a. **David Welch** responded that the city has requested USD Clean Fuels prepare a full EIR for the project, which could take between 18 to 24 months to complete. Once this is completed, they will have a better idea about the impact on the community. The project will also be required to go through a public hearing so it is still in the very early stages.

- IV. **Public Comments** (Ana Cuevas-Flores, Co-Facilitator) **6:45 pm**
 - a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
 - b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes
- V. **Closing Remarks** **6:55 pm**
 - a. Committee feedback on meeting, future agenda topics



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VI. Adjourn

7:00 pm

Next scheduled meeting is 01/23/2024 tentatively virtual meeting via Zoom