

Warehouse Working Group (WWG) Meeting

3/4/24

Meeting Summary

A total of 79 people registered for the meeting, including SDAPCD staff.

Agenda items:

- February 5th Meeting Summary
- Prioritization of disadvantaged communities
- SCAQMD WAIRE Implementation Options
- Proposed Incentive Option & Discussion

The following is a summary of the comments received during the meeting:

- There should be a moratorium on new housing built near the Otay Mesa port of entry.
- What is the definition of an impacted community?
- An ISR should prioritize warehouses located in disadvantaged communities that are within 1,000 feet from a nearby sensitive receptor.
- Consider a pilot project in a small area to assess how effective an ISR may be.
- More WAIRE points should be earned by warehouses located in impacted communities.
- According to SANDAG study, 80% of truck crossings at Otay Mesa are Mexican carriers domiciled in Mexico. However, there is currently no charging/fueling infrastructure for ZE trucks in Mexico and will not be built for many years.
- Consider NZE trucks (natural gas) as an alternative option for cleaner technology until ZE infrastructure is built in Mexico.
- Concern over an ISR applying to thousands of warehouses instead of to hundreds of larger ones.
- District should focus instead on the many cars crossing the border than developing an ISR for warehouses.
- How much money was collected by SCAQMD through payment of mitigation fees and what was done with the funds collected?
- Does SCAQMD's annual report estimate emissions reduced through implementation of the rule?
- The definitions of "warehouse" and "truck trip" are important for an ISR. The first would be for determining subject facilities and the other for tracking the relevant trips subject to an ISR.

- Through the mitigation fee, SCAQMD Rule 2305 is basically a tax to collect money for the transition to ZE.
- An incentive program is not meant to be funded with money collected from a mitigation fee through implementation of an ISR.
- Regulations and incentive programs can work together and are not mutually exclusive.
- The District should conduct a survey of warehouse owners/operators to collect information to help with the development of an ISR.
- Will the incentive program have maintenance requirements for the chargers? Will there be language regarding the workforce (electricians) doing the work?