



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Advisory Group Members

Ada Briceno  
Alicia Rodriguez  
Humberto Lugo  
Jan Victor Andasan  
Loretta Jones  
Sandy Bonilla  
Suma Peesapati  
Terry Roberts  
Theresa Martinez  
Todd Heibel  
Yenni Diaz

**March 22, 2018 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ Conference Room CC8  
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182**

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### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks  
(*No Motion Required*)

Fabian Wesson  
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
SCAQMD
2. Approval of September 6, 2017 Meeting  
Minutes  
(*No Motion Required*)  
[Attachment 1]

Fabian Wesson
3. Review of Follow-Up/Action Items  
*Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified  
in the previous meeting.*

Fabian Wesson

**DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 through 7):**

4. AB 617 - Community Air Protection Program:  
Identification of Communities for Monitoring  
**(No Motion Required)**  
*Staff will summarize the requirements and program elements for AB 617, including the identification of communities for monitoring.*  
**[No Attachment]**
- Jill Whynot  
Chief Operating Officer  
Executive Office  
SCAQMD
5. Accomplishments for 2017 and Goals and Objectives for 2018  
**(No Motion Required)**  
*Staff and members will review the accomplishments of 2017 and will identify the goals and objectives for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council for 2018.*  
**[Attachment 2]**
- Fabian Wesson
6. Environmental Justice Community Partnership  
**(No Motion Required)**  
*Staff will present on the proposed events for 2018, including the EJCP workshops and Environmental Justice Conference.*  
**[No Attachment]**
- Daniela Arellano  
Senior Public Information Specialist  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
SCAQMD
7. Member Updates  
**(No Motion Required)**
- All

**OTHER MATTERS:**

8. Other Business  
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10. **Next Meeting Date** – May 23, 2018

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**MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE  
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jan Victor Andasan, East Yard Communities  
Ada Briceño, Unite Here Local 11 and Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development  
Yenni Diaz, Orange County Environmental Justice  
Theresa Martinez, Community Connections  
Suma Peesapati, Communities for a Better Environment  
Terry Roberts, American Lung Association of California

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sandy Bonilla, Urban Conservation Corps  
Todd Heibel, San Bernardino Valley College Department of Geography and Geology  
Loretta Jones, Healthy African American Families  
Humberto Lugo, Comité Cívico del Valle and IVAN  
Alicia Rodriguez, Delhi Center

**SCAQMD STAFF PRESENT:**

Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, Legislative & public Affairs  
Laki Tisopulos, Deputy Executive Officer, Engineering and Permitting  
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel, General Counsel  
Daphne Hsu, Sr. Deputy District Counsel, Legal  
Marc Carrel, Program Supervisor, Legislative & Public Affairs  
Daniela Arellano, Senior Public Information Specialist, Legislative & Public Affairs

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tiffany Allegretti, Public Relations Manager, IQ Air  
Mirna Alvarado, Outreach Specialist, IQ Air  
Richard Rojas, Senior Planning, City of Carson  
Alisha James, Lee Andrews Group  
Ricardo Mendoza, Lee Andrews Group

**Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Fabian Wesson called meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes**

Ada Briceño motioned to approve May 24, 2017 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Terry Roberts seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

**Agenda Item #3: New Business and Follow-Up Action Items**

No new business.

Fabian Wesson reviewed action items from the May 24, 2017 Advisory Council meeting.

SCAQMD staff was to email Advisory Council Members information about the lawnmower rebate program, leaf blower rebate program, replace your ride program, and small business assistance program. Ms. Wesson reported that staff sent the email on May 26, 2017 and also provided hard copies of the collateral material to members who requested it.

The Small Business Assistance Program collateral was to be made available in Spanish and to be posted to SCAQMD's website. Ms. Wesson advised that both items were completed.

The third action item called for Advisory Council members to provide nominations for the Young Adults Advisory Group. SCAQMD has not received any nominations. Ms. Wesson encouraged Advisory Council members to submit nominations.

Ms. Wesson addressed a previous action item that included a request for public transportation vouchers for the Environmental Justice Conference. SCAQMD is still looking into the possibility of providing vouchers and is seeking a sponsorships to cover the costs. She welcomed any recommendations or help from the Advisory Council.

The next action item called for SCAQMD staff to follow up with Advisory Council member Terry Roberts, to gather her suggestions for the Environmental Justice Conference speakers and sponsors. SCAQMD has followed up with Ms. Roberts and invites suggestions from other Advisory Council members.

SCAQMD staff was to follow up with Mr. Andasan on suggestions for the environmental justice bus tour. SCAQMD is in the process of coordinating the event and will reach out to Mr. Andasan once an event date is established.

SCAQMD staff was also to follow up with Advisory Council member, Yenni Diaz, to receive the environmental justice survey results that her group collected.

SCAQMD has been in contact with Advisory Council member Todd Heibel to schedule a 2016 workshop follow up, and is working towards finalizing a date.

SCAQMD was tasked with finding out when the next Rainbow facility hearing date was scheduled for. Rainbow Environmental Services is currently operating under a SCAQMD order for abatement and the transfer station building expansion is nearing completion. Roll-up doors are being installed to the facility to enclose the operations. The roll-up doors are closed each evening to prevent odors. An air pollution control system is being installed and is expected to be complete in mid-October. No nuisance violations have been issued within the last year. SCAQMD is continuing to monitor the facility. The next hearing, scheduled for October 10, 2017, will hear Rainbow's request to modify their Stipulated Order for Abatement to get an extension to complete their Construction and Demolition area. (The other areas are expected to be completed on time).

#### **Agenda Item #4: Presentation Summarizing South Coast Air Quality Management District Permitting Process and Programs**

Laki Tisopulos gave a presentation on Air Permitting in SCAQMD. Mr. Tisopulos gave an overview of the air regulatory framework, which includes three levels of government oversight: Federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; State California Air Resources Board, and local South Coast Air Quality Management District. SCAQMD's engineering and permitting department includes 161 staff members and a \$23 million budget. This department covers all permitting activities and engineering evaluations.

All permitting sources are subdivided into two groups, major sources and non-major sources. Major sources include refineries, power plants, aerospace, and other large manufacturing operations. The Major Sources have two programs that apply, Title V Federal Operating Permit Program and the RECLAIM Program. The non-major sources are gas stations, dry cleaners, auto body shops, etc. The non-major sources receive individual equipment permits, versus facility permits. SCAQMD's engineering and permitting department also oversees larger agricultural operations and portable equipment.

Generally, if a business is operating machinery that emits contaminants or cleans up contaminants they are required to have a permit. There is a two-step permitting process: a permit to construct and a permit to operate. SCAQMD's permitting process includes: prescreening, engineering evaluation, public notice/EPA, ARB & public review & comments, and final permit action.

Dr. Tisopulos provided an overview of how new sources are reviewed and the complexities of local rules and regulations. Ada Briceño asked if SCAQMD attempts to prevent city council or local authorities from approving permits. Dr. Tisopulos replied that SCAQMD works with cities through educational and informational meetings to describe the operations and potential impacts of facilities. While SCAQMD has sole jurisdiction over air permits, local governments (cities or counties) have exclusive authority over zoning decisions and SCAQMD does not, and cannot, interfere with that authority and related decisions.

Dr. Tisopulos reviewed the Title V program developed in the late 1990s, which requires all major sources to apply for and obtain a facility permit. The initial permit must be renewed every five years.

Suma Peesapati explained that the Advisory Council's purpose is to advocate for environmental justice and to improve public participation as it relates to permitting. Ms. Peesapati asked what constitutes a change to a permit being minor or significant. She further asked how permitting can incorporate more elements of environmental justice. Dr. Tisopulos explained how administrative, minor & de minimis, and significant changes differ. He explained that SCAQMD rules (in Regulation XXX) define each of these terms and that a permit amendment with significant emissions signature is open to feedback from the community. He added that this public input process is in addition to the CEQA process and EPA review process. Ms. Peesapati asked if governing board hearings can be used to discuss a pending permit. Nancy Feldman explained that if an individual wants to challenge a permit before a permit has been issued, the person can petition the governing board. She further explained if an individual wants to appeal the issuance of a permit, the person would need to attend a hearing board for an appeal.

Ms. Peesapati asked as long as an application is open and a petition is submitted, will the governing board dig into the details of the permit. Ms. Feldman explained that the rule is that the governing board is discretionary and there would have to be findings on the evidence. Ms. Feldman explained that the hearings are more judicial like. Ms. Peesapati expressed that it is very important that the governing board and permitting process should be more inclusive to the public and environmental justice interests.

**Action Item:** Follow up with Suma Peesapati's interest in improving public participation throughout the permitting process.

Dr. Tisopulos went over the RECLAIM program and explained the program benefits for facilities and the environment. Ms. Terry Roberts asked why there is so much opposition to Cap and Trade. Dr. Tisopulos explained that a subset of RECLAIM facilities with no further emission reduction potential feel restricted by Cap and Trade, while others feel that RECLAIM has more flexibility. Ms. Peesapati explained that the criticism from environmental justice communities is that the largest polluters have been able to avoid some restrictions. As a result, the Governing Board has moved to wind down the RECLAIM program over the next several years.

Jan Victor Andasan asked how the permitting department plays a role in regulating and enforcing permits. Dr. Tisopulos replied that SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting Department works very closely with the Enforcement and Compliance Department in enforcing permits and permit conditions.

#### **Agenda Item #5: Presentation and Discussion on Environmental Justice Community Partnership Workshops and Conference**

Ms. Daniela Arellano provided an overview of the Environmental Justice Community Partnership workshops and conference.

Ms. Arellano provided an overview of the Inter-Agency Workshop, co-hosted by CalEPA, which took place on June 28, 2017 in Downtown Los Angeles. Multiple Los Angeles County agencies attended, in an effort to streamline how government agencies process complaints. Ms. Arellano provided examples of how agencies have common obstacles, strategies, and forms of processing complaints. She also highlighted areas of improvement discussed during the inter-agency meeting.

Ms. Arellano reported on the recent workshop in San Fernando which took place on June 28, 2017. The event honored Pacoima Beautiful for the organization's environmental justice efforts. Residents requested that the agency increase its outreach efforts in the area, particularly focused on information related to incentives.

Ms. Arellano discussed the August 30<sup>th</sup> workshop at Loma Linda University in San Bernardino. SCAQMD honored Reach Out, for the organization's efforts to address health in environmental justice communities. She also announced staff is coordinating workshops in Orange County and Riverside County, and invited advisory council members to provide input on locations, groups to partner with, and honorees. Ms. Wesson asked for Advisory Council members to inform SCAQMD of any groups or individuals involved with environmental justice.

**Action Item:** Staff to follow up with Advisory Council members on suggestions for conference panelists and moderators.

Ms. Arellano announced Dr. Barbara Young has resigned from the Advisory Council and SCAQMD welcomes recommendations for a replacement.

Ms. Arellano provided a general update of the Environmental Justice Conference, to take place on December 2, 2017 at the Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. SCAQMD will enlist the help of the Advisory Council to help promote the event. Marc Carrel presented on potential breakout panel topics and asked that the Advisory Council suggest breakout group panelists and moderators.

**Action Item:** Staff to follow up with Advisory Council Members on supporting outreach efforts for the conference.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Member Updates**

There were no member updates.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Richard Rojas from the City of Carson read a letter from the City of Carson Mayor. The letter addressed Rule 1180 related to air monitoring, and asked SCAQMD for support.

Ms. Ada Briceño asked what the recommended distance is between homes and freeways. Mr. Carrel explained that a state law adopted in 2003 established that school districts should not build schools closer

than 500 feet from a freeway, and that SCAQMD recommends 500 feet, and up to 1,000 feet, between major roadways and school sites.

**Agenda Item #8: Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM

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**Agenda Item #5**  
**Accomplishments for 2017**  
**Goals and Objectives for 2018**  
**[Attachment 2 – Document]**



## **Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2017 Accomplishments**

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The mission of the Advisory Council is to provide input to ensure the Partnership programs are relevant and address the air quality concerns of diverse communities throughout SCAQMD's jurisdiction. The goals of the Advisory Council are to:

1. Support SCAQMD's Environmental Justice Community Partnership efforts;
2. Advise SCAQMD so the Partnership, where appropriate, can address environmental justice issues affecting the South Coast Air Basin; and
3. Help strengthen and build upon SCAQMD's relationships and alliances with community stakeholders.

This was the Advisory Council's second year since the Governing Board approved the charter to support SCAQMD's efforts focused on environmental justice. During 2017, Advisory Council members met three times to receive updates and to discuss environmental justice and air quality issues. Members met on February 22, May 24, and September 6, 2017.

### **Key Items Addressed in 2017**

#### **Environmental Justice Community Partnership**

Staff provided members with ongoing updates on the events, workshops, and meetings for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP). Advisory Council members provided feedback on how to best implement these initiatives in each community. Several members attended the EJCP events.

#### **Incentive Programs at SCAQMD**

Staff presented on incentive and assistance programs at SCAQMD, including the Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program, Replace Your Ride Program, and the Small Business Assistance Program. Members were enthusiastic about the programs' potential to help residents and requested additional collateral materials to distribute in their communities.

#### **Air Quality Management Plan**

Staff presented an overview on the AQMP, including plans for implementation, and how the plan will benefit environmental justice communities. Members inquired how the community's voice would be incorporated in future programs and result from the AQMP. Staff agreed to update members on the AQMP throughout the next year.

#### **SCAQMD Permitting Process**

Staff presented on how SCAQMD processes and issues permits to facilities within the South Coast Air Basin. Members inquired about how to best incorporate the community's voice in the permitting process.



## **Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2018 Goals & Objectives**

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The items below are proposed agenda item topics to be addressed during the quarterly 2018 meetings for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council. The Administrative Committee and Governing Board will receive the approved minutes, reflecting the discussions. Not all items are expected to be covered due to time constraints. Advisory Council members will provide insight on how to best communicate this information with community members and stakeholders.

The following are proposed agenda item topics to be addressed during 2018:

1. Implementation of the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan
2. Environmental Justice Community Partnership Updates
3. Legislation on Air Quality and Environmental Justice
4. SCAQMD New Rules and Rule Amendments for 2018
5. Assembly Bills 617 & 134
6. IVAN Air Monitoring
7. Incentive Programs Targeted in Environmental Justice Communities
8. Regulation and Monitoring of Air Toxics in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties
9. Policies and Initiatives Related to the Goods Movement in the South Coast Air Basin
10. Emerging Technologies that Help Clean the Air
11. Implementation of the 2016 California Air Resources Board Mobile Source Strategy
12. Community Initiatives Related to Air Quality
13. Health Studies Related to Air Quality
14. Emission Offsets and New Source Review

## **List of 2018 Meetings**



**South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Environmental Justice Community Partnership**

**Advisory Council  
2018 Meeting Dates**

Date	Time	Location
Thursday March 22, 2018	12:00 PM	South Coast AQMD Headquarters 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Room CC8
Wednesday May 23, 2018	12:00 PM	South Coast AQMD Headquarters 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Room CC8
Wednesday September 19, 2018	12:00 PM	South Coast AQMD Headquarters 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Room CC8
Wednesday December 5, 2018	12:00 PM	South Coast AQMD Headquarters 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Room CC8

## **List of Acronyms**



## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

### LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>AQIP</b> = Air Quality Investment Program	<b>NTTS</b> = National Air Toxics Trends Stations
<b>AVR</b> = Average Vehicle Ridership	<b>NESHAPS</b> = National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
<b>Cal/EPA</b> = California Environmental Protection Agency	<b>NGV</b> = Natural Gas Vehicle
<b>CARB</b> = California Air Resources Board	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b> = Oxides of Nitrogen
<b>CEMS</b> = Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems	<b>NSPS</b> = New Source Performance Standards
<b>CEQA</b> = California Environmental Quality Act	<b>NSR</b> = New Source Review
<b>CE-CERT</b> = College of Engineering-Center for Environmental Research and Technology	<b>PAMS</b> = Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations
<b>CNG</b> = Compressed Natural Gas	<b>PAR</b> = Proposed Amended Rule
<b>CO</b> = Carbon Monoxide	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b> = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns
<b>CTG</b> = Control Techniques Guideline	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b> = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns
<b>DERA</b> = Diesel Emissions Reduction Act	<b>PR</b> = Proposed Rule
<b>EV</b> = Electric Vehicle	<b>RFP</b> = Request for Proposals
<b>FY</b> = Fiscal Year	<b>RFQ</b> = Request for Quotations
<b>GHG</b> = Greenhouse Gas	<b>SCAG</b> = Southern California Association of Governments
<b>HRA</b> = Health Risk Assessment	<b>SIP</b> = State Implementation Plan
<b>IAIC</b> = Interagency AQMP Implementation Committee	<b>SO<sub>x</sub></b> = Oxides of Sulfur
<b>IGA</b> = Intergovernmental Affairs	<b>SULEV</b> = Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
<b>LEV</b> = Low Emission Vehicle	<b>TCM</b> = Transportation Control Measure
<b>LNG</b> = Liquefied Natural Gas	<b>ULEV</b> = Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
<b>MATES</b> = Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study	<b>U.S. EPA</b> = United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>MOU</b> = Memorandum of Understanding	<b>VMT</b> = Vehicle Miles Traveled
<b>MSERCs</b> = Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credits	<b>VOC</b> = Volatile Organic Compound
<b>MSRC</b> = Mobile Source (Air Pollution Reduction) Review Committee	<b>ZEV</b> = Zero Emission