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**December 4, 2019 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ Conference Room CC8
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182**

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CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 4):

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks
(*No Motion Required*)
Fabian R. Wesson
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
2. Approval of September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
(*Motion Required*)
[Attachment 1]
Fabian R. Wesson
pgs 1- 4
3. Review of Follow-Up/Action Items
(*No Motion Required*)
Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the previous meeting.
Fabian R. Wesson
4. Approval of EJCP Advisory Council 2019 Accomplishments and Seek Items for 2020 Goals and Objectives
(*Motion Required*)
Staff will present approval on the 2019 Accomplishments and seek items to include in the 2020 Goals and Objectives of the EJCP Advisory Council.
[Attachment 2]
Fabian R. Wesson
pgs 5- 7

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5 and 6):

5. EJCP Update
(*No Motion Required*)
Staff will provide updates on the Clean Air Ranger Education Program and Inter-Agency Task Force
[Attachment 3]
Alicia Rodriguez
Senior Public Information Specialist
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
pgs 9-15
6. Member Updates
(*No Motion Required*)
All

OTHER MATTERS

7. **Other Business**
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8. Public Comment

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9. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
ADVISORY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ada Briceno, Unite Here Local 11
Ericka Flores, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
Lisa Hart, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
Todd Heibel, San Bernardino Valley College Department of Geography and Geology
Sahara Huazano, Alianza Coachella Valley
Vallerie Gonzalez, Center for Sustainable Energy
Eddie Marquez, Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Oscar Rodriguez, Oakview ComUNIDAD
Nicole Starks-Murray, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Los Angeles (via phone)
Jessica Tovar, Occidental College-Moving Forward Network

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jan Victor Andasan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Sandy Bonilla, Urban Conservation Corps
Rachel Pennington, The Energy Coalition
Rebecca Zaragoza, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alisha James, Lee Andrews Group
Julia Jordan, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
Taylor McIntyre, Lee Andrews Group
Jin Zhu, Clean Vehicle Rebate Program

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Fabian R. Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Victor Yip, Senior Enforcement Manager, Compliance and Enforcement
Alicia A. Rodriguez, Senior Public Information Specialist
Daniei Brown, Career Development Intern

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Ms. Fabian Wesson called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

Mrs. Wesson invited everyone to the Environmental Justice Conference on September 12, 2019 and the Clean Air Awards October 4, 2019.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes

Ms. Jessica Tovar moved to approve the June 5, 2019 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Mr. Oscar Rodriguez seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Mrs. Wesson reviewed and provided updates on the action items from the June 5, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Wesson informed the Advisory Council on the Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program, provided a list of current members on the Inter-Agency Task Force, and confirmed that, per South Coast AQMD's legal department, childcare would not be provided for the AB617 program. Mrs. Wesson stated (at the time of this meeting) South Coast AQMD will include a Request for Proposals for interpretation at the October board meeting, however this item has been delayed until early 2020.

Agenda Item #4: South Coast AQMD Complaint Reporting Process

Mr. Victor Yip, Senior Enforcement Manager presented on South Coast AQMD's complaint reporting system, types of complaints received, complaint trends, and an overview of the investigation process.

Mr. Eddie Marquez asked if one complaint would trigger an investigation. Mr. Yip replied that during business hours a single complaint would be dispatched to an inspector, and during off hours three complaints would be needed within an hour for an inspector to be dispatched.

Ms. Sahara Huazano asked how South Coast AQMD is promoting the complaint number for people to make reports and inquiries. Mr. Yip and Mrs. Wesson replied that staff's outreach efforts include social media, public meetings, presentations, and events. Mrs. Alicia Rodriguez replied that the number can be found on South Coast AQMD promotional items as well.

Ms. Lisa Hart asked if a complaint is a known issue, does South Coast AQMD go out and investigate or does the investigator just follow up with the person on the phone? Mr. Yip replied South Coast AQMD goes out to investigate known issues because violations are on a per day basis. Ms. Hart also asked, how quickly South Coast AQMD staff respond to reported complaints. Mr. Yip replied it depends on geographical sectors and staff to do their best to respond within a couple hours. If compliance staff are in the middle of an inspection, time is needed to wrap up the current inspection first before moving on. Ms. Hart also asked how South Coast AQMD addresses complaints that do not fall under their jurisdiction. Mr. Yip replied that if South Coast AQMD does not have the authority, staff will provide them the information to the appropriate agency.

Mr. Marquez asked if a home-based vehicle painting business falls under South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. Mr. Yip replied that although the coating being used may fall under South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, entry into a private residence does not.

Ms. Tovar asked how many air quality inspectors South Coast AQMD employs and what kind of training is needed to give community members the ability to apply for these types of jobs. Mr. Yip replied that there are over 80 inspectors and four specialized teams that handle various complaints. Mr. Yip also mentioned that South Coast AQMD is in the middle of the recruitment process, and that no training requirements are needed for applying for inspector positions. Approximately 10 weeks of training is given once a position is obtained. A degree is not required but desired, and 34 units of science-based course work is required.

Ms. Julia Jordan asked what happens when you get a call or receive a complaint from an agricultural facility. Mr. Yip replied that South Coast AQMD notifies the facility and encourages them to mitigate the issue on their own. Compost facilities are under agricultural exemption.

Ms. Huazano asked what does South Coast AQMD do about economic burdens on families affected by the Salton Sea in Coachella Valley and if the same complaint process is used for these situations. Mrs. Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel replied that no one person or facility is causing the odor within the Salton Sea and South Coast AQMD cannot cite a natural resource. There is no jurisdiction for South Coast AQMD.

Agenda Item #5: EJCP Update

Ms. Rodriguez provided an update on the Environmental Justice Conference, on September 12th, 2019. She also gave updates on the CARE Program and noted two upcoming assemblies, 20th Street Elementary school in Los Angeles County on October 3rd, and North Verdemont Elementary School in San Bernardino County on November 15th. Ms. Rodriguez shared the four goals of the Inter-Agency Task Force and that the next meeting is in Los Angeles on September 25, 2019.

Ms. Rodriguez invited members to present at the December 4, 2019 Advisory Council meeting. She also invited members to request presentations on specific topics.

Member Updates

Mr. Todd Heibel announced that San Bernardino Valley College is partnering with South Coast AQMD by installing several air quality monitors on campus which will allow students to gain experience with air quality issues.

Ms. Tovar is working on a freight automation study for the community that will be released within the next 18 months, detailing concerns and policy recommendations.

Mr. Rodriguez was successful in helping the Ocean View School District mitigate the Rainbow Environmental Services issues, which ultimately allowed for a four million dollar new gym facility that is now open.

Ms. Hart is working on developing aspirational guidelines for developers, detailing how they can have influential conversations on how to best build carbon neutral buildings. She also informed the Advisory Council about Congress of Neighborhoods, an annual event on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at City Hall.

Mr. Jin Zhu does outreach and education on behalf of the California Air Resources Board in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, specifically targeted at disadvantaged communities.

Ms. Huazano is conducting work around education equity to reduce suspensions and expulsions in middle schools and will soon begin at the high school level. Her organization is also working on environmental justice issues such as the Salton Sea as well as organizing a Youth Council.

Ms. Ada Briceño is working with developers to make sure they are protecting workers' rights and hiring people within the local area in order to cut down on travel time to and from work.

Ms. Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas is conducting the second round of the Air Quality Academy on September 27th and 28th.

Agenda Item #6: Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #7: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJCP Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm



Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2019 Accomplishments

The mission of the Advisory Council is to ensure that the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) programs address the air quality concerns of diverse communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. The goals of the Advisory Council are to:

1. Support South Coast AQMD's EJCP efforts;
2. Advise the EJCP on environmental justice issues affecting the South Coast Air Basin; and
3. Help strengthen and build upon South Coast AQMD's relationships and alliances within the community.

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved the charter in 2016 to support South Coast AQMD's environmental justice efforts. During 2019, Advisory Council members convened to receive updates and discuss environmental justice and air quality issues.

Key Items Addressed in 2019

EJCP Program Input

South Coast AQMD held quarterly Advisory Council meetings in 2020. Staff provided members with ongoing updates on the EJCP events, workshops, and meetings. Advisory Council members provided feedback on these initiatives at South Coast AQMD.

Advisory Council Members: Community Efforts

Advisory Council member, Ada Briceño presented on her ongoing environmental justice work at UNITE HERE Local 11. Ms. Briceño explained that the 32,000 members, represent workers employed in hotels, restaurants, airports, sports arenas, and convention centers throughout Southern California and Arizona. She stated those most impacted by air pollution live, work, and go to school in disadvantaged communities. Many members cannot afford to live in communities with better air quality and the environmental needs are not being met.

Advisory Council member, Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas gave a presentation on Physicians for Social Responsibility- Los Angeles's ongoing efforts within the community to address air pollution concerns. Ms. Torrado-Plazas informed the Advisory Council of the "South Central Los Angeles Project to Understand Sources of Air Pollution and Health Impacts," a collaborative effort between organizations, academics and residents to better understand air quality, and health in South LA.

Assembly Bill 617

Staff provided Advisory Council members with ongoing updates and recent accomplishments of Assembly Bill 617 implementation in the selected communities. Since the Assembly Bill passed in 2017, South Coast AQMD worked closely with community stakeholders to identify the community steering committee (CSC) members to participate in the community emissions reduction programs. Throughout the year, AB 617 goals, initiatives, community steering committees, and timelines for the next one to five-year span were discussed at Advisory Council meetings.

Implemented the Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program

The South Coast AQMD conducted assembly presentations to educate students, at the elementary school level, on air pollution issues. The presentations were a great way to introduce youth to air quality and teach them to read the air quality index by color. Advisory Council members were instrumental in connecting South Coast AQMD staff to schools and providing suggestions to improve the presentations.

Held Inter-Agency Task Force Meetings

South Coast AQMD held quarterly Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force meetings in 2020. There were some Advisory Council members that also participated in the Task Force.

Community EJ Bus Tour

The South Coast AQMD engaged university students in learning how air pollution affects environmental justice communities, by hosting an Environmental Justice Bus Tour. The tour included visiting neighborhoods that are directly impacted by industrial facilities, ports, and the goods movement. The goal was to promote environmental justice awareness while encouraging students to become more involved in South Coast AQMD's clean air mission.

Hosted the Fifth Annual Environmental Justice Conference

The South Coast AQMD hosted the 5th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, Building Alliances and Progressive Solutions in Los Angeles. The conference brought together policymakers, environmental justice organizations, health and industry professionals, community leaders, and residents to address environmental and public health issues. The Advisory Council assisted throughout the year on the agenda, breakout session topics, and community outreach strategies.

Presentation on the Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) on the South Coast AQMD Website and App

Staff presented on a web-based application that allows users to search for public information on South Coast AQMD's regulated facilities that require to have a permit to operate equipment.

South Coast AQMD Complaint Reporting Process and Investigation Procedure

Staff presented an overview on South Coast AQMD's complaint reporting system, types of complaints received, complaint trends, and the investigation process.



Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2020 Goals & Objectives

The items below are proposed agenda topics for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) Advisory Council's 2020 meetings. The Administrative Committee and Governing Board will receive the approved minutes, reflecting the discussions. 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 for 2020:

1. EJCP Program Updates
2. Advisory Council Member Presentations on Environmental Justice Efforts
3. Receive Legislative Updates Related to Air Quality and/or Environmental Justice
4. Receive Updates on Year 2 Implementation of Assembly Bill 617 and Related CERPs
 - In 2017, the state Legislature adopted AB 617 to focus on reducing emissions through Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERP), community monitoring and analysis, and Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) Implementation.
5. Presentation on South Coast AQMD iPhone and Android Application Features
6. Information on Key Rule Developments in 2020
7. Incentive Programs Targeted in Environmental Justice Communities
8. Regulation and Monitoring of Air Toxics in the South Coast Air Basin
9. Policies and Initiatives Related to the Goods Movement in the South Coast Air Basin
10. Emerging Technologies that Help Clean the Air
11. Community Initiatives Related to Air Quality
 - Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program - High School Air Quality Educational Program
 - Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program – Elementary Air Quality Education Workshops
12. Update on Health Studies Related to Air Quality



EJCP Advisory Council Meeting
December 4, 2019

Program Recap



Environmental Justice Community Partnership

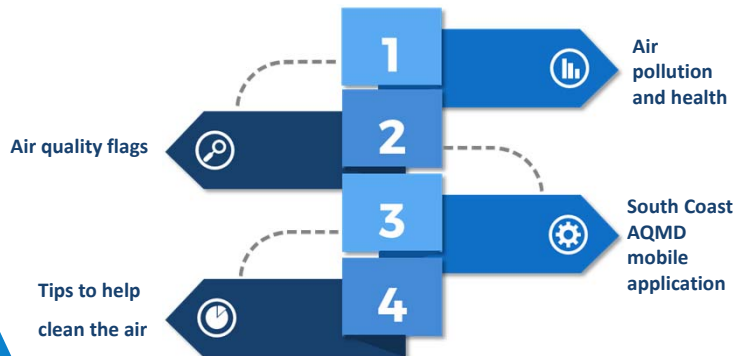
2019 Meetings & Events

- Conducted 4 Advisory Council Meetings
- Conducted 4 Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Meetings
- Hosted 5 Clean Air Ranger Education Presentations
- Hosted 5th Environmental Justice Conference
- Hosted 2019 Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour



Event Summary Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program

The program informs and educates elementary students on air pollution and public health through assembly presentations.



CARE Program- Schedule

Valencia Academy of the Arts- April 23, 2019
Los Angeles County, Valencia

Honey Hallow Elementary School- April 25, 2019
Riverside County, Moreno Valley

20th Street Elementary School- October 3, 2019
Los Angeles County, Los Angeles

Cesar Chavez Elementary School- November 5, 2019
Riverside County, Coachella

North Verdemon Elementary School- November 19, 2019
San Bernardino County, San Bernardino



CARE Program -Feedback

The image shows a student's response to a worksheet titled "Clean Air Ranger Education". The student's name is "Jacob C" and the date is "5/9". The grade is "2". The student has drawn two scenes. The first scene is labeled "NO" and shows a window with smoke coming out. The second scene is labeled "YES" and shows a person standing next to a tree. Below the drawings, the student has written "no paint lots of trees" in response to the question "Tell us one thing you learned from your friends at South Coast AQMD."

Clean Air Ranger Education
AQMD
Name Jacob C Date 5/9 Grade 2
Draw one way you can help keep our air clean.
no YES
Tell us one thing you learned from your friends at South Coast AQMD.
no paint lots of trees

- Students love the visual representation
- Awareness of your audience's age, help them engage and interact to reinforce the concept
- Recite and Repeat concepts throughout presentation to help keep the students engaged
- Overall a great presentation
- The speakers interacted well with the students
- The experiment was exciting
- Have small group demonstrations so all kids can see the experiment up close
- More hands on

Environmental Justice Conference

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Center at Cathedral Plaza, Los Angeles

Number of Attendees: 300+

Keynote Speaker- Hon. Nury Martinez, Los Angeles Councilmember

Emcee- Victor Pacheco, Community Coalition

Breakout Sessions:

Breakout Session A- Pathways to Community Science

Breakout Session B- Tapping the Power of Youth

Breakout Session C- "Estamos Aqui: A Community Documentary"
Screening and Q&A with the Filmmakers

Breakout Session D- Community Voices and Collaboration

Plenary Session:

Exploring Community Focused Strategies



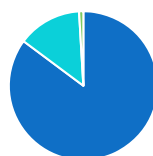
2019 Environmental Justice Conference Survey Feedback

Overall, how satisfied are you with the conference?



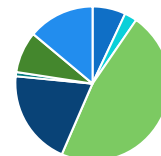
■ Satisfied-106
 ■ Dissatisfied-1
 ■ Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied-8

Overall, how satisfied are you with the plenary session?



■ Satisfied- 92
 ■ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied-15
 ■ Dissatisfied-1

How did you hear about the Conference?



■ South Coast AQMD Website- 8
 ■ Social Media- 3
 ■ Email Invitation- 54
 ■ Friend/Colleague- 23
 ■ Internet Search- 1
 ■ South Coast AQMD Representative- 10
 ■ Other- 16

Environmental Justice Conference Survey Comments

What did you like most about this conference?

- Diverse audience
- Panelist's knowledge on the topics being discussed
- Keynote speaker
- Awareness of the different environmental justice issues
- The panelists spoke honestly about current situations

What did you like least about this conference?

- Lack of discussion time and FAQ after breakout sessions
- Late start
- Not enough signage regarding street parking
- More details provided in the breakout sessions
- Not enough parking
- Not enough hands on demonstrations

2019 Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour

The EJ Student Bus Tour engages university students in learning how air pollution affects environmental justice communities by visiting communities directly impacted by industrial facilities, ports, and transportation corridors.

Locations Visited:

1. Port of LA Harbor Tour
2. East Los Angeles Rendering Facilities
3. Triangle of Death (freeway corridor where Interstates 10, 5, 101, and 60 converge)



Inter-Agency Task Force

The Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force creates opportunities for regular collaboration and communication between agencies that respond to environmental justice issues and address complaints by the general public.

Participating Agencies and Organizations:

- South Coast AQMD
- Los Angeles County Public Works
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
- California Air Resources Board
- Pacoima Beautiful
- Del Amo Action Committee
- City of Los Angeles- Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety, Local Enforcement Agency Program
- Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
- City of Los Angeles Sanitation
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education
- Watts Labor Community Action Committee
- Department of Toxic Substance Control
- 211 LA County
- California Safe Schools

Inter-Agency Task Force

2019 Meeting Dates

Task Force Meeting Dates

Wednesday
March 20, 2019

Wednesday
June 12, 2019

Wednesday
September 11, 2019

Wednesday
December 11, 2019

Subcommittee Meeting Dates

Thursday
August 22, 2019

Wednesday
November 06, 2019

Tuesday
December 03, 2019



Inter-Agency Task Force Goals



Goal #1
Adopt new language for the term "complaint"



Goal #2
Implement an environmental agency staff training



Goal #3
Expand and distribute a public inter-agency referral directory



Goal #4
Create an internal inter-agency staff directory



Environmental Justice Advisory Group

Established in 1990 by the South Coast AQMD's Governing Board, the Environmental Justice Advisory Group has in-depth discussions focusing on air quality and environmental justice issues affecting the most impacted communities within the South Coast Air Basin, while providing recommendations to address community concerns and improve public health.

Participating Members Represent:

- Academia
- Business
- Health
- Non-Profit
- Public
- South Coast AQMD

2019 Meeting Dates

January 18, 2019

April 26, 2019

July 26, 2019

October 25, 2019

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