Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Meeting Summary
East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights/West Commerce (ELA/BH/WC)
Community Steering Committee Quarterly Meeting #2

Meeting Date: May 28th, 2020
Meeting Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/93891709735

Approximately 65 people participated in the second AB 617 ELABHWC CSC virtual quarterly update meeting. Below is a summary of the meeting.

This meeting was recorded and can be watched in its entirety at the link provided below: https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=260849528660346&ref=watch_permalink

Agenda Item: CARB Covid-19 Update
Liliana Nuñez, Air Pollution Specialist from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), gave a brief update on the postponement of the CARB Board meeting to consider approval of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP). CARB staff intends to organize a meeting with CSC members to discuss implementation of the CERP. To discuss any ideas you have, please reach out to Liliana Nuñez at Liliana.Nunez@arb.ca.gov

Agenda Item: Community Emissions Reductions Plan (CERP) Updates
Dr. Nishanth Krishnamurthy, Air Quality Specialist, presented and discussed with the CSC school prioritization results and metal processing facility updates.

Dr. Payam Pakbin, Program Supervisor, presented an overview of the ongoing AB 617 air monitoring activities, an overview of baseline measurements, an introduction to the newly developed CAMP implementation progress report infographic, and air monitoring approach and activities to address the metal processing facility air quality concern.

Crystal Reul-Chen, Air Resources Engineer from CARB, presented on CARB’s “Truck Enforcement Efforts in Your Community.”

CSC members asked questions regarding the type of low-cost sensors used for the WHAM program and the benefits and challenges of using low-cost sensor technology for monitoring air quality at the neighborhood level. Questions were raised about whether AB 617 funds were used for the purchase of the air monitors for the WHAM program. The monitoring team clarified that AB 617 funds were not utilized for the WHAM program Staff then discussed some of the benefits and limitations of the low-cost sensors. CSC and staff also discussed the frequency of mobile monitoring related to metal processing facilities. The CSC asked questions regarding CAMP implementation, the timeline and potential findings of mobile measurements. Staff agreed to the CSC’s request to provide a simple factsheet or infographic in addition to their monitoring results report on metal processing facilities. The CSC also inquired about the relationship between incentives and rule development related to metal processing facilities. The planning team explained that incentives are a way to achieve emissions reductions before the deadlines outlined in existing rules.

Agenda Item: CSC Member Updates
CSC Member Irene Burga of Mayor Garcetti’s office announced that LA Sanitation and Environment received a grant for planting 1400 trees in the city of Boyle Heights. They are seeking community input on tree planting locations and the types of trees they would like to see in their neighborhoods.

**Public Comment**

Public Comment was then received from meeting attendees.