



Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Initiatives

Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach Community Steering Committee Meeting #1 Agenda

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 — 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wilmington Senior Center
1371 Eubank Ave, Wilmington, CA 90744

Time	Item	Presenter
5:45 pm	Doors open	Reception table
6:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions	Jo Kay Ghosh <i>(Health Effects Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources)</i> Committee Members
6:10 pm	Air Quality Planning	Philip Fine <i>(Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources)</i>
	Air Pollution Data	Sang-Mi Lee <i>(Program Supervisor, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources)</i>
	Community Definition	Jo Kay Ghosh <i>(Health Effects Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources)</i>
6:40 pm	Air Quality Concerns Mapping Activity	SCAQMD Staff, Committee Members, and Members of the Public
7:10 pm	Clean Air Incentives	Danielle Robinson <i>(Air Resources Engineer, California Air Resources Board)</i> Mei Wang <i>(Program Supervisor, Science and Technology Advancement)</i>
	Steering Committee Charter and Meeting Logistics	Jo Kay Ghosh <i>(Health Effects Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources)</i> Committee Members
7:35 pm	Public Comment	
	Next Steps	Jo Kay Ghosh <i>(Health Effects Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources)</i>
8:00 pm	Adjourn	



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Affiliation	Representative (Primary ¹ , Secondary ²)	Participant in the Committee Meeting Discussion
Category: Community Organization		
Century Villages at Cabrillo	Jeffery Tate	
Coalition for a Safe Environment	Jesse Marquez ¹ , Rick Pulido ²	Jesse Marquez
Communities for a Better Environment	Alicia Rivera ¹ , Ashley Hernandez ²	Alicia Rivera
Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma	Sylvia Betancourt ¹ , Maria Reyes ²	Sylvia Betancourt
Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association	Gary Hamrick	Gary Hamrick
Philippine Action Group for the Environment	Fe P. Koons	Fe P. Koons
SBCC Thrive LA	Maribel Alejandre ¹ , Leticia Herrera ²	Maribel Alejandre
Category: Active Resident (city indicated below)		
Carson	Daniel Toledo	Daniel Toledo
Carson	Sergio Franco	Sergio Franco
Carson	Joseph Luis Piñon ¹ , Yasaman Houshang ²	Joseph Luis Piñon
Carson	William Koons	William Koons
West Long Beach	Christopher Chavez ¹ , Pastor Anthony Quezada ²	Christopher Chavez
West Long Beach	Jacob Broderick ¹ , Emelio Ramirez ²	Jacob Broderick
West Long Beach	Ron Batiste	Ron Batiste
West Long Beach	Whitney Amaya	Whitney Amaya
Wilmington	Salvador Lara	Salvador Lara
Wilmington	Flavio Mercado	Flavio Mercado
Wilmington	Dulce Altamirano	Dulce Altamirano
Wilmington	Magali Sanchez-Hall ¹ , Silvia Arredondo ²	
Category: Agency or School		
City of Carson	Saied Naaseh ¹ , McKina Alexander ²	McKina Alexander
City of Los Angeles	Uduak-Joe Ntuk ¹ , Erica Blyther ²	Uduak-Joe Ntuk
Gulf Avenue Elementary School	Linda Bassett	Linda Bassett
LA County Public Health	Matt Baca	Matt Baca
Long Beach Public Health	Nelson Kerr ¹ , Judeth Luong ²	Nelson Kerr
Long Beach Unified School District	Brooke Murray	Brooke Murray
Port of Los Angeles	Tim DeMoss ¹ , Amber Coluso ²	Tim DeMoss
University of Southern California	Jill Johnston	Jill Johnston
Category: Business, Business Organization, or Labor Organization		
Carson Chamber of Commerce	John Wogan	
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce	Jeremy Harri ¹ , Brissa Sotelo ²	Brissa Sotelo
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce	Dan Hoffman ¹ , Cecilia Moreno ²	Dan Hoffman
Refinery - Marathon	Ken Dam ¹ , Olga Chavez ²	Ken Dami
Rail - Union Pacific	Lupe Valdez	Lupe Valdez
Trucking - Yusen Logistics	Cameron D. Smith ¹ , Nikki Nguyen ²	
Labor - USW Local 675	Pat Patterson	Pat Patterson

Meeting Summary:

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Jo Kay Ghosh (SCAQMD)
 - a. Jo Kay described the SCAQMD, its jurisdiction, and what the agency does. She also discussed SCAQMD's collaboration with other relevant agencies and authorities on the national, state, and local level. Jo Kay mentioned key elements of AB 617, specifically elements related to the Community Steering Committee. Key deadlines were shared.
2. **Air Quality Planning** - Philip Fine (SCAQMD)
 - a. Philip discussed the key types of air pollutants and how this program is primarily focused on the impact of local pollutants. He discussed current monitoring efforts and what types of monitoring technologies can be deployed.
3. **Air Pollution Data** - Sang-Mi Lee (SCAQMD)
 - a. Sang-Mi Lee presented the some air pollution data for this community, based on the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study IV. These data show that air toxics cancer risk is mostly driven by diesel particulate matter from mobile sources, although other pollutants from both mobile and stationary sources are also important.
4. **Community Definition** - Jo Kay Ghosh (SCAQMD)
 - a. Jo Kay discussed the preliminary community boundaries and provided some boundary options.
 - b. Gary Hamrick (Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association) asked whether mobile source emissions can be addressed in this program. Philip clarified that it does include both mobile and stationary sources. Gary commented that the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association members felt affected by the 710 freeway.
 - c. Sylvia Betancourt (Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma) suggested that the boundary should go to Orange Avenue and asked how far north the community boundary will be.
 - d. Jesse Marquez (Coalition for a Safe Environment) requested maps with major emissions sources to be able to show all major sources.
 - e. Flavio Mercado (Wilmington resident) wanted to see the raw data for the MATES Study to understand what is causing the highlighted areas on the map.
 - f. Alicia Rivera (Communities for a Better Environment) expressed that we need to keep an area of focus to be able to utilize resources in the best way. She mentioned that the entire community shares the refineries as a major source of pollution, and recommends focusing on the refineries that impact the three communities, and the 710 corridor.
 - g. Jacob Broderick (West Long Beach resident) asked how many facilities would receive incentives if we extend out to Long Beach Blvd. He asked if the benefit outweighs the cost, and mentioned that this information is important to be able to make the most educated decisions.
 - h. There was a suggestion to get incentive money from the refineries.
 - i. There was a suggestion to have a better map of the facilities.
 - j. Uduak-Joe Ntuk (City of Los Angeles) stated that West Long Beach (WLB) self identifies out to Atlantic Boulevard, San Antonio road to the north, and to 6th street in the south.
 - k. Matt Baca (LA County Public Health) asked how many hospitals and long term care facilities are in the area, as well as the number of beds.
 - l. Brissa Sotelo (Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce) mentioned that 86% of the risk comes from diesel. She recommended to focus on where diesel emissions are greatest, and see what rules AQMD is working on to address diesel PM.

- m. Based on the extent of the comments and discussion, SCAQMD staff felt that we should table this discussion and provide better maps for the committee members to explore between CSC Meetings #1 and #2. This discussion will continue in Meeting #2.
5. **Air Quality Concerns Mapping Activity** - SCAQMD Staff, Committee Members, and Members of the Public
 - a. Community members provided input to help SCAQMD understand the community's air quality concerns using this mapping exercise.
 6. **Clean Air Incentives** - Mei Wang (SCAQMD), Danielle Robinson (CARB)
 - a. Mei and Danielle discussed the different incentive programs available to the community.
 - b. Alicia Rivera (Communities for a Better Environment) mentioned that buses in Wilmington still run on diesel and that she would like to address the issue of the 134 line that often runs through Wilmington.
 - c. Jesse Marquez (Coalition for a Safe Environment) mentioned that construction equipment incentives are also necessary. He discussed how LA is always under construction, and that zero emissions technologies can replace older equipment. He mentioned that this opportunity should be made available to small subcontractors.
 - i. Mei Wang (SCAQMD) replied that SCAQMD has incentives programs for construction off road equipment. The majority of Carl Moyer funds were allocated for off-road equipment.
 - d. Flavio Mercado (Wilmington resident) commented that there are tight deadlines for the program. He asked if, in the first year, instead of providing incentives for the community, there should be monitoring. Then, for the second year, the incentive money for diesel PM reduction should be used for diesel trucks.
 - i. Jo Kay Ghosh (SCAQMD) replied that we are required to do monitoring as part of AB 617, and that the money allocated for incentives cannot be used toward monitoring.
 7. **Steering Committee Charter and Meeting Logistics** - Jo Kay Ghosh (SCAQMD)
 - a. **CSC charter:** Jo Kay briefly discussed the purpose of the CSC Charter. Since the document was just sent out there will be a few weeks allocated for comments. The CSC members agreed that they could send us their comments on the CSC charter by November 16.
 - b. **Technical Advisory Group:** Jo Kay announced that SCAQMD staff is forming a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), which will include CSC members from all three Year 1 communities. She asked for volunteers or nominees from this CSC.
 - i. Gary Hamrick (Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association) asked if it can be someone outside of the committee.
 1. Jo Kay said right now we are asking for individuals from the CSC to represent this steering committee.
 - ii. Jesse Marquez (Coalition for a Safe Environment) would like to volunteer himself. He can upload a technology advancement survey of zero emission technologies
 - iii. Sylvia Betancourt (Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma) asked if the technical advisory group would have decision making power.
 1. Jo Kay responded that the technical advisory group would provide technical advice on the program about monitoring and modeling.
 - iv. Sylvia Betancourt (Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma) recommended Jill Johnston from USC. She also said that air pollution info & AB 617 efforts need to be simplified for community members.
 - v. Brissa Sotelo (Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce) suggested that the technical jargon needs to be simplified and translation needs to be done. She suggested someone from the CSC needs to be the one that gets trained and is able to translate this info.

1. Jo Kay responded that we will definitely try to communicate technical information in plain language.
 - vi. Uduak-Joe Ntuk (City of Los Angeles) said he is interested in being on the TAG. He discussed sharing best practices with other AB 617 communities as well as comparing them. He had an agenda item request to summarize the language of AB 617, e.g. legislative language, as well as have a briefing about the evolution of MATES studies I-IV in relation to this specific community.
 1. Jo Kay mentioned that presentation materials can be shared with the community and that we will work to provide this information.
 - vii. Flavio Mercado (Wilmington Resident) would like to volunteer for the Technical Advisory group. He has GIS experience. He could help us digitize the data collected from the meetings and geocoding businesses.
 - viii. Alicia Rivera (Communities for a Better Environment) doesn't want the CSC to be biased. She would like to add a policy of conflict of interest. She suggested that if the regulated industries are involved in the CSC there will be a conflict of interest. She emphasized that CARB said that the majority of CSC members must be residents.
 1. Jo Kay expressed that we take conflicts of interest seriously, but that the CARB Blueprint does specify inclusion of the business community on the CSC. She also confirmed that the CARB Blueprint specified that the majority of CSC members must be residents. However, the Technical Advisory Group is a different group and not part of the resident requirement set out by CARB.
 - ix. Dan Hoffman (Wilmington Chamber of Commerce) agreed with Sylvia & Brissa and discussed the importance of having someone with expertise that is unbiased to explain air pollution to the community.
 - x. McKina Alexander (City of Carson) wanted to make sure that when we're analyzing the impacts to the communities we're hiring professionals to do so.
 - xi. Joseph Luis Pinon (Carson resident) would like to volunteer for the Technical Advisory Group.
 - xii. Whitney Amaya (West Long Beach resident) asked if the technical advisory group will be open to members of the public.
 1. Jo Kay responded that they would be open to the public.
 - xiii. Jo Kay noted that we aren't prepared to decide on who will serve on the TAG at this meeting, but will contact people before the next meeting to follow up.
- c. Agenda Requests:** Jo Kay (SCAQMD) solicited agenda items for future meetings from the community members
- i. Gary Hamrick (Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association) asked what to expect next.
 1. Jo Kay noted that we are scheduling the upcoming meetings and will notify everyone once they are scheduled.
 2. Jo Kay reminded the committee that email addresses will be posted on SCAQMD's website after consent.
 3. Jo Kay reminded the committee to review the charter by November 16th.
 4. Jo Kay showed what agenda items we could expect (as noted in the presentation slides).
 - ii. Jesse Marquez (Coalition for a Safe Environment) mentioned the Imperial Valley model of IVAN and asked that the IVAN guidelines be made available for the AB 617 process. He will bring copies for the next meeting. He also commented that there should be a health study done in Wilmington, focusing on asthma.

- iii. Linda Bassett (Gulf Avenue Elementary School) commented that she would like to hear about air pollution and health studies, such as the studies of how air pollution can affect fetuses.
 - iv. Matt Baca (LA County Public Health) asked to for a calendar of all meetings for next year.
 - v. Lupe Valdez (Rail - Union Pacific) requested more detailed information on air quality monitoring. She would like to have a bigger map in the presentation.
 - vi. Sylvia Betancourt (Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma) encouraged having these meetings in different places. She would like to request childcare for all of those that have kids.
- d. **Moderator/facilitator services**
- i. Uduak-Joe Ntuk (City of Los Angeles) mentioned having a facilitator run the meeting to keep on task and on time and to not deviate too far off topic.
 - ii. Dan Hoffman (Wilmington Chamber of Commerce) mentioned that the moderator could keep on task because there is a lot to get accomplished within a short period of time.

8. Public Comment

- a. Christian Guzman suggested that CSC members need to conserve energy by not using AC, carpooling, and doing campaigns and outreach. Christian mentioned that businesses are struggling to be green and to have zero emissions.
- b. John Greenwood (Wrigley Neighborhood Alliance member) and his organization have been advocating for clean air. He is disappointed that their community was not included in the endeavor. John mentioned the community's hazardous liquid pipelines as a source of emissions. He says the pipelines leak and emit VOCs. He mentioned that CalEPA has a site portal to search individual facilities in the neighborhood, and they have a chemical inventory for those facilities. John is a strong proponent of monitoring and has experience with fence line monitoring stations. He suggested that AB 617 looks at the ultrafine emissions at least out to Long Beach Boulevard.
- c. Ricardo Pulido (Environmentalist for South Bay Area) mentioned that the community knows the hotspots and that they need to get the devices for air monitoring in 2019. He suggested that the committee meeting should be run by the community and not SCAQMD. He mentioned that having minutes is necessary and it should be made public, not verbatim, and that it's not necessary to get technical about the charter, just get it rolling.
 - i. Jo Kay noted that SCAQMD will staff will provide a meeting summary.
- d. Robert Silence (Naval architect and electromechanical engineer and resident of San Pedro) suggested to include the area west of the 110 at Gaffey. He also mentioned that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council said that trucking companies consider truckers as independent contractors, and thus force them to use the trucks that they have. He mentioned that Wilmington the City may want to consider banning internal combustion engines.
- e. Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition) talked about low income solar equity programs, the utilities, the CPUC and the energy commission, , a California Electricity Crisis institute, and community choice aggregation.

9. Next Steps - Jo Kay Ghosh (SCAQMD)

- a. Jo Kay mentioned that SCAQMD will continue to share results and summaries of all community concerns identified during the meeting, and that the next meeting will be in January.