



Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Initiatives

East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community Workshop and Community Steering Committee Meeting #8

Thursday, July 25, 2019
Workshop 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
CSC Meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles Service Center
133 N. Sunol Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Time	Item	Presenter	Why is this important?
5:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doors open – Community Workshop – 30 min	Committee Members Members of the Public	To provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)○ Community Air Monitoring○ Incentives
6:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming Remarks• Meeting #7 Recap & Current Progress: What we've done so far – 10 min	Anna Araujo (Co-Host) Committee Members	To understand where we are in developing the community plans
6:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Update – 5 min	Hector Garcia (Our Lady of Victory Church)	To provide a brief overview of the TAG meeting
6:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Presenter <i>USC Keck School of Medicine</i> – 10 min Committee Discussion – 10 min	Wendy Gutschow (Administrator, Community Engagement, USC Keck School of Medicine) Committee Members	To understand current efforts in the community by CSC members to address air quality concerns
6:35 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the Discussion Draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) Comments Received* – 10 min Committee Discussion – 50 min	Daniel Garcia (Planning and Rules Manager, South Coast AQMD) Committee Members	To discuss community feedback and comments received on the Discussion Draft CERP
7:35 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Air Monitoring Update* – 15 min	Payam Pakbin (Program Supervisor,	To provide an update on the current monitoring efforts being deployed

	Committee Discussion – 10 min	<i>Monitoring, South Coast AQMD)</i> Committee Members	
8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility INformation Detail (FIND) Introduction* – 10 min • Committee Discussion – 10 min 	Brian Roche (<i>Systems and Programming Supervisor, Information Management, South Coast AQMD</i>) Committee Members	To provide introduction to the FIND system
8:20 pm	• Public Comment – 10 min	Members of the Public	
8:30 pm	Adjourn		

* Staff is also available for questions after the meeting.



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Affiliation	Representative (Primary ¹ ; Alternate ²)	Participant in the Committee Meeting Discussion
Category: Community Organization		
East LA Rising	Anna Araujo	Anna Araujo
Hector J. Garcia	H. Jose Garcia ¹ , Luis Reyes ²	Hector Garcia
Mothers of ELA	Teresa Marquez	
Resurrection Church	Father John Moretta	
EYCEJ	Cindy Donis	
COFEM	Leoda Valenzuela	Leoda Valenzuela
Legacy LA	Jacky Rodriguez	Jacky Rodriguez
Category: Active Residents (not representing a Community Organization or a Business)		
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Veronica Polanco	Veronica Polanco
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Nadine Diaz	
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Terry Cano ¹ , Joe Gonzalez ²	
Active Resident - Boyle Heights	Fabiola Rivas	
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	Rafael Yanez	
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	Rudy Perez ¹ , Carina Sanchez ²	Carina Sanchez
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	mark! Lopez	
Active Resident - East Los Angeles	Martha Jimenez	
Active Resident - West Commerce	Jennifer Reyes	
Active Resident - West Commerce	Paulina Becerra	
Active Resident - West Commerce	Johncito Peraza	
Category: Agency, School, University, Hospital		
City of Los Angeles – Department of City Planning	Priya Mehendale ¹ , Jason Douglas ²	Priya Mehendale
City of Commerce	Oralia Rebollo ¹ , Michelle Keshishian ²	Michelle Keshishian
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Cristin Mondy ¹ , Tiffany Romo ²	Cristin Mondy
Los Angeles County Planning Department	Norman Ornelas ¹ , Soyeon Choi ²	
USC	Wendy Gutschow	Wendy Gutschow
AltaMed Health Services	Bernice Nunez Constant ¹ , Corina Martinez ²	
White Memorial Medical Center	Brian Johnston	
Category: Elected Officials		
Asm. Cristina Garcia - District 58	Evelyn Nuño	
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council	Hector-Alessandro Negrete	
Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti	Irene Burga	
First District Supervisor Hilda Solis	Joseph Martinez ¹ , Elizabeth Andalon ²	
Asm. Miguel Santiago – District 53	David Juarez ¹ , Luis Melchor ²	
Category: Business representative, business organization or labor organization		
Railroads – BNSF	Trini Jimenez ¹ , Marisa Blackshire ²	

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Labor - SEIU 721	Maribel Castillon ¹ , Griselda Mariscal ²	Maribel Castillon
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce	Kendal Asuncion ¹ , Olivia Lee ²	Kendal Asuncion
Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce	Jennifer Lahoda	Jennifer Lahoda

Meeting Summary: During CSC Meeting #8, CSC members discussed the previous Technical Advisory Group meeting, a CSC member presented on projects relating to health effects of air pollution, South Coast AQMD staff discussed comments received on the Draft CERP, and Monitoring staff provided updates to monitoring efforts in this community.

- **Welcoming Remarks, Meeting #7 Recap & Current Progress: What We've Done So Far -Anna Araujo (Co-Host)**
 - Anna Araujo (Co-host) reviewed housekeeping duties and outlined objectives for the meeting including: to review the comments from the CERP, update the CSC on community monitoring and introduce the Facility Information Detail (FIND) tool.
 - Valerie Martinez (Facilitator, VMA Communications) described the progress that the CSC has made since November in the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and West Commerce (ELABHWC) community. Valerie described the purpose of AB 617, and reminded the CSC that input on the CERP is critical for this ongoing process. Input from the CSC and members of the community is strongly encouraged.
- **Source Attribution: Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG) Update – Hector Garcia (Our Lady of Victory Church)**
 - Hector Garcia (Our Lady of Victory Church) provided updates from the last TAG meeting, where the TAG discussed the emissions calculation methodology from annual emissions reporting. Hector also talked about improvements in modeling to better understand pollution hot spots, summarized what toxic air contaminants are of major concern, including PM 2.5 from residential cooking and cars. Hector also emphasized that mobile sources continue to dominate as the largest contributor to air pollution. Current and future regulations are estimated to result in a decline in emissions.
- **Committee Presenters- -Wendy Gutschow (Administrator of Community Engagement, USC Keck School of Medicine)**
 - Wendy Gutschow (Administrator of Community Engagement, USC Keck School of Medicine) described her work with a team of researchers from a variety of academic backgrounds. Wendy's main role is to share their research findings with the communities that her team works with, which primarily focuses on health effects of air pollutants. Wendy described her work with local community organizations to look at the impacts of air pollution. Wendy also briefly described the "Truth Fairy Project," where researchers looked at levels of lead in children's teeth. The results showed communities with elevated lead levels in the soil saw an association with high lead levels in children's teeth.
 - Q and A:
 - Veronica Polanco (Resident of Boyle Heights) asked if the monitoring data is available to the community.
 - Wendy answered yes, and that interested parties can contact her and her team from USC to get the data.

- Michelle Keshishian (City of Commerce) asked if kids that have been identified as having elevated blood lead levels are provided with care.
 - Wendy stated that USC provides this information to community groups and they then work with the community to decide what they want to do with the information.
 - Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) commented that there isn't a cure or treatment once children have absorbed lead into their blood stream and bone. Brian stated that the only strategy that works is to prevent exposure. He said the best place to look for lead is in bone, since bone lead levels tell you total body burden.
 - Jennifer Lahoda (Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce) commented that this is a useful tool to improve community awareness, and that this study reinforces the urgency to take action. She said we need to use monitoring to make sure we are moving in the right direction towards reducing exposure to air pollution.
- **Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) Comments Received**-Dan Garcia (Planning and Rules Manager, South Coast AQMD)
- Dan went over CERP updates and comments received on the Draft CERP. Dan announced that a significant portion of the draft will be available July 26, 2019, and that this will be presented at Stationary Source Committee on July 26, 2019. Dan stated that comments on the Draft CERP are due August 6, 2019. He addressed some of the comments staff received and their responses, and explained that additional comments will be addressed in the Draft Final CERP. Some of the main concerns included funding, identifying a baseline to establish emission reduction targets, and improving existing complaint systems. Dan emphasized that comments and questions are strongly encouraged. Dan also presented estimated emissions reduction targets.
 - Q and A on CERP:
 - Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) asked what the denominator of the reductions in NOx and PM emissions that were presented is (e.g., does this reduce emissions by a half or a third, etc.).
 - Dan explained the takeaway message is that reductions will bring positive local impacts. There are additional opportunities to track metrics that could help show the CSC more specific reduction targets. Dan explained that these emission reduction targets are based on what is feasible.
 - Ian MacMillan (Planning and Rules Manager, South Coast AQMD) said that the metric is in tons per year and the source attribution states the baseline emissions of NOx and PM in this community to be 2,600 tons per year and 400 tons per year, respectively.
 - Jo Kay Ghosh (Health Effects Officer, South Coast AQMD) explained that these emission reduction targets are solely based on incentive projects in the community, and does not capture reductions from other sources. For example, if trucks travel in this community, but the truck address is not based in this community, the reductions from that truck would not be captured in these values. Overall projected reductions are outlined in Chapter 3b from existing regulations.
 - Dan said other actions besides the CERP will be taken to reduce emissions in the community.

- Brian Johnston (White Memorial Medical Center) asked how the denominator of NOx and PM emissions related to the overall community. Brian would like the CSC to have an idea of what is being an accomplishment and where the benefits are going to come from.
 - Dan Garcia explained that many air quality concerns in this community are related to proximity. Dan said although overall reductions look very small, it will have a huge benefit to improving health impacts. Dan said we should not minimize the effectiveness of these reductions.
- **Community Air Monitoring Update-** Payam Pakbin (Program Supervisor, Monitoring, South Coast AQMD)
 - Payam Pakbin stated that community air monitoring began on July 1, 2019. Payam Pakbin updated the CSC on the ongoing monitoring efforts, and where staff are conducting mobile and fixed monitoring. Payam Pakbin explained that the Central Los Angeles and Resurrection Church station measurements will serve as the baseline. Payam also explained the benefits of mobile measurements, such as including surveys, source identification, compliance support, identification of diesel PM hot spots, assessment of exposure and tracking progress. Another mobile monitoring platform is used to detect leaks, characterize facility-wide emissions and assess community exposure to toxics. He also briefly discussed flight-based air toxics measurements, which serves to survey large areas, detect plumes and emissions and identify hot spots. He shared that South Coast AQMD launched a community air monitoring website, which allows access to data summaries and reports as they become available. He showed the steps to navigate the webpage.
 - Q and A:
 - Veronica Polanco (Resident of Boyle Heights) asked why NOx is not being monitored at Resurrection Church if it is an emissions reduction targets.
 - Payam explained that NOx is a regional pollutant, and AB 617 calls for localized impacts. Payam also explained that there are electric power limitations at some of the monitoring sites, which may limit the amount of equipment that is used at each site.
 - Veronica Polanco (Resident of Boyle Heights) asked how often mobile monitoring vans are deployed.
 - Payam said it is deployed approximately once or twice a week between all three communities.
 - Wendy Gutschow (USC) asked if the mobile monitoring vans will be deployed enough in each community, since they are spread amongst the three communities.
 - Payam explained that mobile monitoring is used to help inform where South Coast AQMD will install fixed monitoring.
 - Jennifer Lahoda (Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce) suggested that South Coast AQMD show a direct correlation to emission reduction targets outlined in the CERP to what we are actually monitoring. Jennifer emphasized that the CSC and South Coast AQMD should gather specific data that tie back to actions listed in the CERP.
 - Dan explained that each community has identified and prioritized a list of air quality concerns. Dan stated that one of the things staff are doing is looking at multiple emission reduction targets to see what levels South Coast AQMD can achieve from the CERP.
 - Payam added that staff will continue to add features to the webpage. Payam also explained that the webpage is a temporary solution to share data. South Coast AQMD

staff aim to transfer the data to a permanent webpage some time in 2020. Payam requested feedback from the CSC for the new website.

- Valerie reiterated the need to receive comments to ensure that the CERP documents or web tools are developed in a way that addresses community concerns and that this is a community driven process.
- Veronica Polanco (Active Resident of Boyle Heights) asked if there was a chart to distinguish nuisance versus exposure.
 - Payam said that the difference between the two of them is described in the CERP and CAMP
- **Facility Information Detail (FIND) Introduction** – Brian Roche (Systems and Programming Supervisor, Information Management, South Coast AQMD)
 - Brian Roche provided a tutorial of the Facility Information Detail (FIND) tool, a web application that includes South Coast AQMD regulated facilities by name, Facility ID, application number, Notice of Violation (NOV), Hearing Board Case or using a map. The FIND tool provides a list of permitted equipment within each facility. Brian showed the CSC how to locate the tool, and how to search for a facility using the online map. He said these applications are mobile and user friendly and discussed some potential future plans to make adjustments to the FIND tool.
 - Veronica Polanco (Active Resident of Boyle Heights) asked if FIND displays a violation history and if there is a link to submit a violation.
 - Brian explained that FIND does show a history of violations and that there is a link on the website to submit complaints. Brian also said it may be possible to add a link to the South Coast AQMD complaint system to the FIND map.
 - Jennifer Lahoda (Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce) asked if it is possible for violations to be ranked by severity, why there is no data listed under the emissions button, how businesses can submit relevant information, and if South Coast AQMD can specify whether information is not applicable or not available.
 - Brian said the NOV is not specified by severity at this time, but there is a description of the specific rule that is being violated, and the status of the violation. The emissions data is related to AER emissions, which certain large facilities have to submit each year, so not all facilities will have emissions information because not all are required to submit it.
 - Jo Kay Ghosh (Health Effects Officer, South Coast AQMD) provided an example of a facility that described that the NOV was emissions related. Jo Kay explained that the NOV description includes a section on whether a violation is administrative or emissions related.
 - Brian acknowledged the feedback from Veronica about potentially adding additional emissions data for other facilities into the FIND system.
 - Wendy Gustchow (USC) suggested adding a filter for facilities that have been issued NOV's and asked how FIND could enhance interfacing with US EPA facility tools.
 - Brian explained that FIND does not interface with any existing US EPA tools.
 - Carina Sanchez (Active Resident of East Los Angeles) asked what the procedure is if a community member is aware or suspects that a business in FIND is not operating as reported on the FIND tool.

- Brian explained that the community can submit complaints to the South Coast AQMD website or call 1-800-CUT-SMOG and South Coast AQMD staff will send inspectors.
 - Victor Yip (Senior Enforcement Manager, Compliance and Enforcement, South Coast AQMD) explained that if a community member has information about operations of a company that is not reflected in FIND, the community is encouraged to submit a complaint on the South Coat AQMD website or by calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG.
- **Future Meeting Dates and Reminders:**
 - Anna (Co-host) said that the next meeting will be on Thursday August 22, 2019 at the Commerce Senior Center, reviewed the likely agenda items for CSC Meeting #9, reminded the CSC and community members about the Stationary Source Committee Meeting on Friday July 26, 2019, and that the CERP comment period ends on August 6, 2019.
 - **Public Comment:**
 - Denise Campos (Public Affairs Manager, SoCal Gas) recommended using the incentive funding towards existing technology such as Low NOx trucks. She explained that AB 617 incentive funding is meant for immediate reductions, not necessarily long term. Zero emissions trucks are not quite available today, but low NOx are available, and they are cheaper. She said incentive funding should be prioritized to communities that have high traffic of diesel trucks.