

Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Meeting Summary

Southeast Los Angeles Community Steering Committee Meeting #5 and Workshop

Meeting Date: August 27, 2020

Meeting Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/99752275229>

CSC Workshop – Metal Processing Facilities and Green Spaces

South Coast AQMD staff presented an overview of two top air quality priorities: metal processing facilities and green spaces. This was followed by a presentation from LA County Department of Regional Planning staff on their proposed Green Zones Program. The presentations included information on metal processing types, emissions, rules, enforcement, air monitoring, and green spaces in the SELA community.

The information provided will ultimately help the CSC develop more strategic actions to effectively reduce emissions from metal processing facilities and reduce exposure to air pollution in the community.

CSC members asked questions about and emphasized the need for South Coast AQMD coordination with land use agencies on compliance efforts and CERP development for metal processing facilities. Staff explained that this coordination could be included in the CERP, as was done for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce AB 617 community.

CSC members also asked for community outreach materials on how to file air quality complaints and a summary of South Coast AQMD rules that apply to metal processing facilities. Staff agreed that outreach materials and “explainers” could be provided and that rules were just one strategy among a menu of options to reduce emissions from metal processing facilities. Other strategies may include outreach or incentives.

Also, in response to CSC member questions about how the agencies could be more deliberate in its actions to develop the CERP, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia and South Coast AQMD Board Member Gideon Kracov explained that one purpose of the AB 617 program was to make CARB and the air districts more accountable to the AB 617-designated communities which they serve.

Lastly staff reminded attendees that the next meeting and third workshop for the SELA CSC is scheduled for September 17 from 4 to 6 pm. This workshop will focus on rendering and general industrial facilities.

Public Comment was then received from meeting attendees.

This meeting was recorded and can be watched in its entirety at the link provided below:

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