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THE ICAPCD BULLETIN

Official Newsletter of Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

A Successful "LEEP" into 2024



El Centro, CA - On Saturday, May 4th, 2024, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District hosted its 9th Annual Lawn Equipment Exchange Program (LEEP) at SA Recycling Center. With a great turnout from Imperial County residents, ICAPCD staff distributed zero emission mowers, blowers, and trimmers to over two hundred residents which purchased zero emission equipment at local participating STIHL dealers. ICAPCD staff inspected each gas-powered equipment to ensure operability and provided the equipment to SA Recycling for proper disposal and recycling. The total quantity of equipment and emission reductions will be presented to ICAPCD's Governing Board. "LEEP" is one of ICAPCD's community based initiatives designed to improve local air quality.

Ozone Alerts!

Ground-level ozone is the predominant pollutant during high temperature months in Imperial County. Be aware of Ozone Air Quality Alerts, as this pollutant can contribute to coughing, chest pain, and worsening asthma symptoms.

AB 617 Calexico – Heber – El Centro Corridor

Three New Paving Projects Approved by Committee



Kennedy Middle School Parking Lot (El Centro, CA)

The committee approved the paving of an 80,900 square foot lot on the southwest portion of Kennedy Middle School. This lot is heavily utilized for student pick up/drop off and for staff overflow parking. This project is budgeted to cost \$745,902 with AB 617 funding and is anticipated to reduce particulate matter (PM10) emissions by 6.35 tons per year.



Heber Townsite Improvements - Phase II (Heber, CA)

The committee approved the second phase of roadway and sidewalk improvements in the heart of unincorporated Heber, CA. This project seeks to continue reducing dust emissions from passenger and commercial vehicle traffic, and is anticipated to reduce PM10 emissions by 120.80 tons per year. The committee budgeted \$2,435,575 for this 56,440 square foot project.



Center for Employment Training Parking Lot (El Centro, CA)

The committee approved the paving of an 42,000 square foot parking lot at the Center of Employment Training located at 294 S 3rd St, El Centro, CA. This lot is utilized by students enrolled in career training for technical trades. This project is budgeted to cost \$1,136,250 with AB 617 funding and is anticipated to reduce particulate matter (PM10) emissions by 2.46 tons per year.

APCD Enforcement Summary Calexico-Heber-El Centro

Permit Inspections: 162

Active Permits: 282

Complaints: 10

Notice of Violations: 43

*Data is for January 2024 - June 2024.



2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- July 10th: Online via Zoom
- August 14th: In-Person
- September 11th: Online via Zoom
- October 9th: Online via Zoom
- November 13th: In-Person
- December 11th: Online via Zoom

AB 617 North-End Community



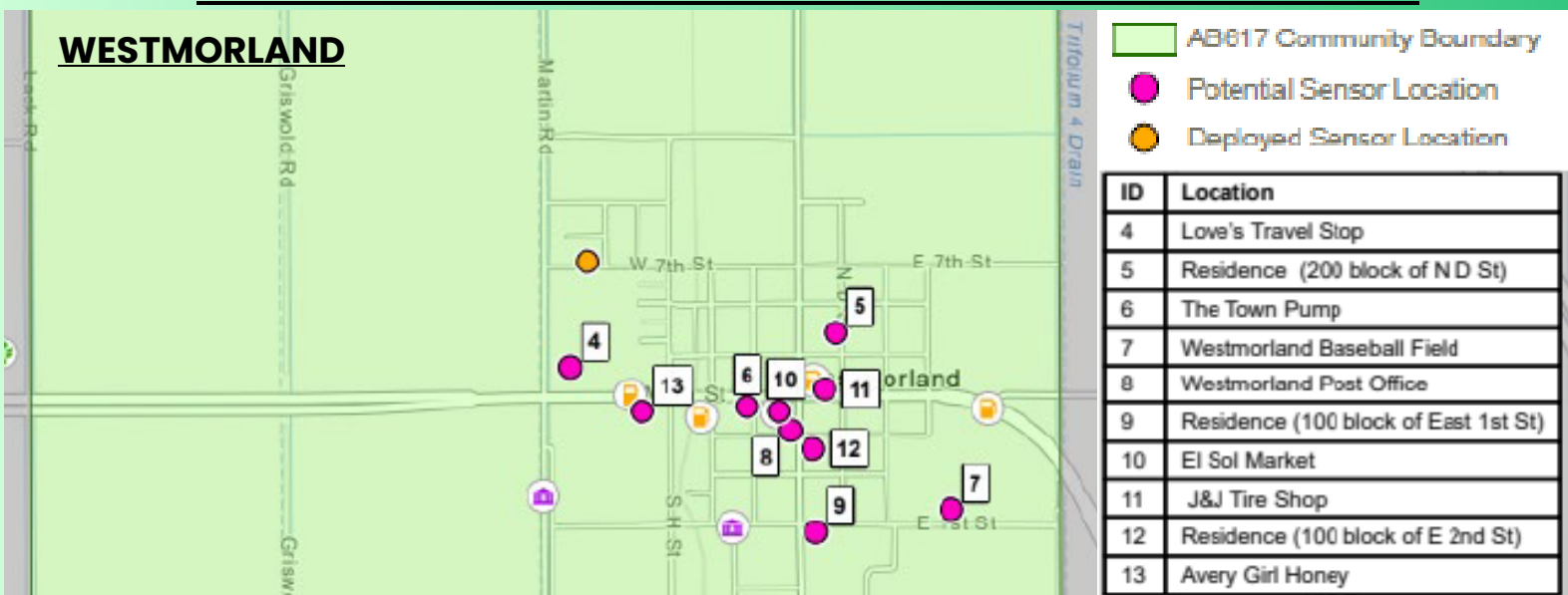
2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- July 15th: Brawley
- August 19th: Online via Zoom
- September 23rd: Westmorland
- October 21st: Calipatria
- November 18th: Brawley
- December 16th: Online via Zoom

APCD Enforcement Summary North-End Community

Permit Inspections: 101
 Active Permits: 202
 Complaints: 7
 Notice of Violations: 22
 *Data is for January 2024 - June 2024.

COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES SET & COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN BEGINS



During April's North-End Meeting, the committee finalized the community boundary lines for Brawley, Westmorland, and Calipatria. Boundary lines are essential in determining which projects will qualify for funding through the Community Emission Reduction Program, and where sensors will be installed to monitor particulate matter emissions through the Community Air Monitoring Plan. The final boundary lines can be found on the AB 617 Website link below.

During June's North-End Meeting, SCS Engineers presented on a third sensor which will be installed at Magnolia Union Elementary School (Brawley, CA). The committee has prioritized five sensor locations in Brawley, four locations in Westmorland, and six locations in Calipatria. Each location is pending installation or pending approval from the site's owner. The committee is optimistic that all fifteen sensors will be installed and monitoring particulate matter by the end of 2024.

Visit the AB 617 Website: icab617community.org

CARL MOYER 26 GRANT PROGRAM

The Carl Moyer Grant Program is accepting applications through August 30, 2024. The program is intended to assist individuals & businesses in reducing pollutants from diesel engines by replacing them with newer, cleaner technologies.

Here are a few details:

- The maximum grant funds awarded are \$95,000 (or 65% of eligible cost)
- Grants will be awarded based on cost-effectiveness and first-come first-served basis
- Cost will be reimbursed after applicant has completely paid or financed the project

For more details, such as the Grant Application, please visit our website under Grants/Carl Moyer or call our office at (442) 265-1800.






EARTH DAY 2024



Imperial County APCD & Central Union High School District hosted Earth Day on April 22nd. Two hundred (200) air purifiers were distributed to students living in El Centro-Calexico-Heber corridor. Students participated in air quality & asthma surveys, and in return were eligible for in-home purifiers.

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