



**AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
Zoom Online Meeting**



**Comite Civico
Del Valle, Inc.**

**MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday June 16, 2021
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Harder+Co.
Chair of Meeting: Matt Dessert (Alternate: Belen Leon)**

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WELCOME

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| 1. Roll Call/Opening Remarks by CSC Members | Co-Chairs |
| 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Members of the public may submit comments via Facebook livestream, email, or using the raise hand Zoom feature (for those calling from the Zoom app you can select the raise hand feature, and for those calling by telephone can dial *9). Comments are to be limited to no more than 2 minutes per person. | Harder+Co. |
| 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Review and approval of Minutes of May 19, 2021 CSC Meeting.
<i>(Attachments: May 19 2021 Minutes)</i> | Co-Chairs |
| 4. ACTION ITEMS: | |
| A. New River Pollutant Monitoring Project – Updated Budget
Air District Staff will present the addition of shelter stamp drawings cost to the budget of the New River Pollutant Monitoring Project that will be conducted by Sonoma Technology, Inc., with the CSC taking a vote to approve this additional required component to the Project budget. | ICAPCD |
| B. School Air Filtration Systems – El Centro
It is recommended for the CSC to approve the School Air Filtration Systems for the following schools: Desert Garden Elementary, Kennedy Middle, Lincoln Elementary, Margaret Hedrick Elementary, Martin Luther King Elementary, McKinley Elementary, and Sunflower Elementary. | ICAPCD |



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5. PRESENTATIONS:

A. AB 617 CAMP – Community Air Monitoring Network Update

CCV

CCV will provide an update on the existing monitors and planned installations of the fifteen AB 617 community air monitors.

(Attachment: [June 2021 CAMN Update PowerPoint](#))

6. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Discussion on formation of AB 617 Technical Subcommittee

ICAPCD

Air District Staff will lead a discussion on volunteered CSC members who are interested in being part of a new AB 617 CSC Technical Subcommittee. The following members volunteered Bob Fischer, Kristian Salgado, John Hernandez, Michael Moore, and Mary Salazar.

B. Joint Letter Filed to DTSC Re: AB 617 Participation

Co-Chairs

Co-Chairs will discuss with DTSC the mailing of a joint letter between ICAPCD and CCV, which invites the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to participate in our local AB 617 Program and attend AB 617 CSC meetings.

C. ICAPCD Policy 17 (Complaints)

ICAPCD

Air District will lead a discussion of revised draft Policy 17: Guidelines for Staff Processing and Investigation of Complaints.

(Attachment: [ICAPCD Policy 17 - Complaints](#))

D. AB 617 Projects Report Card

ICAPCD

Air District will provide an updated AB 617 Projects Report Card for the Community Corridor of El Centro-Heber-Calexico.

(Attachment: [June AB 617 Report Card](#))

7. AGENCY UPDATES

ICAPCD & CCV

8. AGENDA TOPICS & SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Co-Chairs

Discuss and schedule the next CSC meeting for July 14 or August 11, 2021.

9. CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairs

**3. Minutes:
May 19, 2021
CSC Meeting**

AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom Online Meeting
May 19th, 2021

Chair of Meeting: Luis Olmedo (Alternate: Christian Torres)

Facilitator: Milly Ferrer from Harder & Company

I. Attendance:

Primaries: **Matt Dessert**, Air Pollution Control District; **Luis Olmedo**, Comité Cívico del Valle; **Mersedes Martinez**, Community Corridor; **Rene Felix**, Community Corridor; **Blake Plourd**, Community Corridor; **Sergio Cabañas**, Community Corridor; **Mark Baza**, Community Corridor; **Mary Salazar**, Community Corridor; **John Hernandez**, Community Corridor; **Christopher Velasco**, Community Corridor; **Sandra Mendivil**, Community Corridor.

Alternates: **Belen Leon**, Air Pollution Control District; **Christian Torres**, Comité Cívico del Valle; **Rosa Guerrero**, Community Corridor; **Bob Fischer**, Community Corridor; **Tomas Oliva**, Community Corridor; **Chris Gomez-Wong**, Community Corridor; **Michael Moore**, Community Corridor; **Marlene Flores**, Community Corridor; **Sarah Vandiver**, Community Corridor.

Other Agency Staff: **Miguel Hernandez**, Comité Cívico del Valle; **Dave Salardino**, California Air Resources Board; **Marco Perrone**, Air Pollution Control District; **Andrea Juarez**, California Air Resources Board.

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks by CSC Members

Milly Ferrer welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. She mentioned **Daniela Flores** and **Jessica** who will be supporting anyone that has technical difficulties throughout the meeting. She said they have interpretation services for CSC members and mentioned how to access them. She said that they have interpretation services and mentioned how to access this service through the platform. She reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and how CSC members can access the agenda packet, as well as how they and the public can submit their comments.

Daniela Flores mentioned they have reached a quorum.

Luis Olmedo thanked Harder Company for getting them started. He welcomed all the participants. He mentioned there might be good news coming to the Imperial Valley regarding budgets.

Matt Dessert welcomed everyone and was hopeful everyone could get together soon.

Luis Olmedo welcomed **Chris Velasco** as a new member of the committee.

Chris Velasco said he was excited to join the AB 617 committee. He mentioned this was a great platform to bring air quality issues to light and mitigate them.

Belen Leon thanked the committee for making her an alternate.

II. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes

Sergio Cabañas made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21st, 2021.

Bob Fischer seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

IV. Presentations / Questions and Answers

New River Pollutant Monitoring Project, Josette E. Marrero, Steven R. Schill, and Steven G. Brown, Sonoma Technology

Matt Dessert asked if the PCBs were strictly aerial materials or was there any potential to record volatile compounds that are being emitted or evaporated from the New River.

Josetta Marrero mentioned that given how their setup works, it will limit the study to what can be picked up from the air. She mentioned the goal at that moment is not to do any type of sampling of the water but by placing their set up close to the river they hope to pick up the direct emissions coming off it.

Matt Dessert mentioned there was some concern regarding the components in the river. He asked if there was any type of air monitoring that could capture those volatile compounds coming off the river or if it is better to leave that to a water sampling model.

Josetta Marrero said that she is seen chamber studies where they mount a box on top of a body of water and see what is coming off that. She commented that taking a more in-depth analysis of what is in the water would be extremely useful in the future.

Matt Dessert said there's interest in the river bottom. He mentioned that the chamber method was remarkably interesting.

Josetta Marrero commented that it was something they would not be able to do during that study.

Steven Schill mentioned that the monitoring they will be doing is a good representation of what the community nearby might be exposed to coming out of the river.

Luis Olmedo commented that around 10 years prior they requested a study of the new river to the Site Assessment section within the California Department of Health. He recalled that whenever there were obstructions these created conditions where the particles went through volatilization. He said the community that lives closest to the river is gov't subsidized housing which continues the narrative of the disadvantaged communities are closer to these sources. He mentioned that at the time they were speaking to someone that worked in NASA about a technology that would detect certain types of chemicals, but it never came to fruition. He mentioned some of the conversations they had were some of those toxins were possibly illegally entering California. He commented they should restart those conversations.

Bob Fischer said that the samplers will run for 6 or 12 days, he asked how they plan to tie that to the metadata.

Josetta Marrero said that anytime a sample is collected they can look at their measured compounds and wind patterns over that period. She mentioned there are limits to what they can do but the goal is to look at these compounds and compare them to see if there is any correlation.

Steven Schill commented that those are averages over 6- or 12-day periods. He mentioned they are doing the 12 days to increase detection limits. He added that having a shorter period will allow them to identify occurrences of interest.

Mark Baza said they expect to get a summary of what the impacts are and recommendations for further analysis. He asked if they could describe what are the potential health impacts to the residents.

Josetta Marrero said that when they conclude their analysis, they will share a report to the APCD and the committee as well as present it to them.

Michael Moore said that the location they have selected seems to be ideal for detection at the national border. He said there is a lot of agricultural work and use of pesticides in Imperial County that they would not see in the analysis because of the location being in Calexico. He asked if there would be another phase for the analysis and move it further north up the new river.

Josetta Marrero mentioned they are only contracted to do a 6-month monitoring period as close to the river as they could and that is their focus. She said the equipment they will use will stay with APCD after they are finished.

Michael Moore asked if that was the direction, they were given in the selection process.

Josetta Marrero confirmed that having the location near the border was in the original proposal.

Michael Moore mentioned they will get good data from the location but does not think it will reflect what type of pesticides are used in the area.

Steven Schill said it was a great point. He mentioned as you traverse the new river you experience dilution as well as concentration as you cross new contamination sources. He said it is important to keep in mind that wherever they monitor they would be monitoring for whatever sources there are nearby.

Luis Olmedo said the committee had an opportunity to identify the sites they wanted to prioritize. He mentioned the roadmap was not created and it indicates that the committee is now seeing how to better operate the program. He commented they are living in a time where federal agencies are looking into communities like Imperial and how to better represent these communities. He agreed that there is a lot of communities next to the agricultural sector. He mentioned there are studies that BPR did and encouraged Sonoma Tech to look at them.

John Hernandez mentioned he is concerned about the study lasting only 6 months. He said their extreme climate in the summer tends to accelerate evaporation. He asked if they could look at extending it past 6 months.

Josetta Marrero said they want to make sure they capture the correct seasons. She mentioned in the future it is important to capture the correct seasons.

Luis Olmedo said there have been quite a few surveys done in Calexico and the communities have complained about their air conditions. He mentioned a lot of the communities there have suffered from brain tumors and cancers. He thanked Sonoma Tech for their presentation.

AB 617 Community Air Monitoring Network Update, Christian Torres; CCV.

There were no comments regarding this topic.

V. Discussion/Information Items

Railroad Derailment – Incident Update, Lupe Valdez; Union Pacific Railroad.

John Hernandez mentioned he is noticed abandoned tracks in the corridor. He asked if UP the only operator in the corridor and who needed to be contacted regarding this.

Lupe Valdez said to call her and tell her where the areas are. She mentioned a track does not necessarily need to be abandoned, it could be out of service, or a customer changed service. She commented that for it to be abandoned first need to determine that you do not need that line and then it needs to go to the federal govt for approval. She said that there are situations where property owners own a part of the track. She said this was common in California. She mentioned to please send her the areas so she can investigate further.

Luis Olmedo said he appreciates **Lupe Valdez** being there and hopes she continues to be a part of the meetings. He mentioned that every time he goes by freeway 10 between Coachella and Palm Springs, he notices they have a green barrier through the wealthier communities. He commented that in their communities these toxic chemicals keep getting pushed into communities, particularly low-income communities. He hopes they can have a conversation about how Union Pacific can be a better neighbor to these homes.

Lupe Valdez said that the tree line he sees on the freeway was created as windbreaks. She mentioned that the areas of Palm Desert and Palm Springs did not have a lot of development around 60 years ago so they would bring in nonnative trees as windbreaks. She said these trees have now become magnets for homeless individuals and they are now in the process of removing some of them in areas where there is new housing developing so that these houses will become the new sand breaks. She mentioned on June 1st they will open their Union Pacific Foundation application. She said you must be a 501C3 organization to apply. She added the grants are around 5 to 10 grand.

Luis Olmedo mentioned environmental justice organizations sometimes do not pursue these types of grants because they believe they are contributing to pollution. He thanked **Lupe Valdez** for her presentation.

Discussion on Formation of AB 617 Technical Subcommittee.

There were no comments regarding this topic.

Joint Letter Filed to DTSC Regarding AB 617 Participation.

There were no comments regarding this topic.

VI. Agency Updates

Matt Dessert said they have been good at managing funds but now is the time to get more aggressive and start utilizing them. He mentioned they have an open solicitation that **Belen Leon** will speak about. He commented there will be an agenda item next month regarding the increase in Sonoma Tech monitoring work and how this will need a change to the scope.

Belen Leon reminded everyone that they are still requesting proposals for urban greening projects which end on the 27th of May at 5 pm. She reminded the public of the details of the proposals, which were available on the APCD website.

Christian Torres mentioned there will be a virtual roundtable with local leaders and state officials regarding the future of California's Salton Sea. He added the registration for the event is open which will be on the 25th of May. He reminded the public of their COVID response program and economic relief assistance program.

Luis Olmedo mentioned they need to get projects implemented. He reminded the members of their ability to vote and would like to hear more of their recommendations. He said the state will bring more money so they can build the necessary infrastructure.

Matt Dessert said it is time to pick up the tempo and get the projects done sooner than later. He mentioned if **Belen Leon** or **Christian Torres** could send him the information about the meeting of the Salton Sea.

Christian Torres clarified that the link he sent was for the media only, but the public would be able to join over YouTube and Facebook.

Dave Salardino mentioned there is a workshop about the Community Air Grants on May 26th to discuss this.

Luis Olmedo proposed a presentation from the Industrial Strategies Division in CARB.

Dave Salardino said he will get back to them on when they could have their presentation.

Chris Velasco was willing to offer ideas about green infrastructure strategies at the next meeting. He said if anyone had any questions to please send him an email.

Matt Dessert mentioned the RFP that was going to close the following week was only their first one. He said there will be more in the future if your projects are not complete.

Luis Olmedo thanked **Chris Velasco** for his energy and expertise.

VII. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

Matt Dessert mentioned he will be the chair of the next meeting. He said they will focus on the RFP's.

Belen Leon said they have a pending presentation from CARB about climate investment.

Luis Olmedo invited the city of Calexico so they could talk about the lack of sanitary infrastructure.

Matt Dessert reminded everyone that their CERP is a living document and can be updated.

Luis Olmedo proposed June 16th for the next meeting.

Sergio Cabañas made a motion and **John Hernandez** seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

VIII. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Luis Olmedo asked for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.

Sergio Cabañas made a motion and **John Hernandez** seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Programa Comunitario de Protección Atmosférica Bajo el Auspicio del Proyecto de Ley AB 617
Minuta de la Reunión del Comité Directivo
Reunión vía Zoom
19 de mayo de 2021

Preside la reunión: Luis Olmedo (suplente: Christian Torres)

Facilitador: Milly Ferrer de Harder & Company

I. Asistencia:

Primarios: **Matt Dessert**, Distrito de Control de la Contaminación del Aire; **Luis Olmedo**, Comité Cívico del Valle; **Mersedes Martínez**, Corredor Comunitario; **Rene Félix**, Corredor Comunitario; **Blake Plourd**, Corredor Comunitario; **Sergio Cabañas**, Corredor Comunitario; **Mark Baza**, Corredor Comunitario; **Mary Salazar**, Corredor Comunitario; **John Hernández**, Corredor Comunitario; **Christopher Velasco**, Corredor Comunitario; **Sandra Mendivil**, Corredor Comunitario.

Suplentes: **Belén León**, Distrito de Control de Contaminación Atmosférica; **Christian Torres**, Comité Cívico del Valle; **Rosa Guerrero**, Corredor Comunitario; **Bob Fischer**, Corredor Comunitario; **Tomas Oliva**, Corredor Comunitario; **Chris Gómez-Wong**, Corredor Comunitario; **Michael Moore**, Corredor Comunitario; **Marlene Flores**, Corredor Comunitario; **Sarah Vandiver**, Corredor Comunitario.

Otro personal de la agencia: **Miguel Hernández**, Comité Cívico del Valle; **Dave Salardino**, Junta de Recursos Atmosféricos de California; **Marco Perrone**, Distrito de Control de Contaminación Atmosférica; **Andrea Juarez**, Junta de Recursos Atmosféricos de California.

I. Bienvenida y Comentarios Iniciales por parte de los Integrantes del CSC

Milly Ferrer dio la bienvenida a todos a la reunión virtual. Mencionó que **Daniela Flores** y **Jessica** estarán apoyando a cualquier persona que tenga dificultades técnicas durante la reunión. Dijo que tienen servicios de interpretación para los miembros de CSC y mencionó cómo acceder a ellos. Comentó que tienen servicios de interpretación y mencionó cómo acceder a este servicio a través de la plataforma. Les recordó a todos que la reunión se está grabando y cómo los miembros de CSC pueden acceder al paquete de la agenda, así como también cómo ellos y el público pueden enviar sus comentarios.

Daniela Flores mencionó que han alcanzado quórum.

Luis Olmedo agradeció a Harder Company por ponerlos en marcha. Dio la bienvenida a todos los participantes. Mencionó que podría haber buenas noticias en el Valle Imperial con respecto a los presupuestos.

Matt Dessert les dio la bienvenida a todos y tenía la esperanza de que todos pudieran reunirse en persona pronto.

Luis Olmedo dio la bienvenida a **Chris Velasco** como nuevo miembro del comité.

Chris Velasco dijo que estaba emocionado de unirse al comité AB 617. Mencionó que esta era una gran plataforma para sacar a la luz los problemas de calidad del aire y mitigarlos.

Belén León agradeció al Comité por nombrarla suplente.

II. Periodo de Comentario Público

No hubo comentarios públicos.

III. Aprobación de la Minuta

Sergio Cabañas hizo una moción para aprobar las minutas del 21 de abril de 2021.

Bob Fischer secundó la moción.

La moción fue aprobada.

IV. Presentaciones / Preguntas y Respuestas

Nuevo Proyecto de Monitoreo de Contaminantes de Río, Josette E. Marrero, Steven R. Schill y Steven G. Brown, Tecnología de Sonoma

Matt Dessert preguntó si los PCB eran materiales estrictamente aéreos o si existía algún potencial para registrar compuestos volátiles que son emitidos o evaporados del Río Nuevo.

Josetta Marrero mencionó que dada la forma en que funciona su configuración, limitará el estudio a lo que se puede recoger desde el aire. Mencionó que el objetivo en ese momento no es hacer ningún tipo de muestreo del agua, sino que al colocar el conjunto cerca del río esperan recoger las emisiones directas que salen de este.

Matt Dessert mencionó que había cierta preocupación con respecto a los componentes del río. Preguntó si había algún tipo de monitoreo del aire que pudiera capturar esos compuestos volátiles que salen del río o si es mejor dejar eso a un modelo de muestreo de agua.

Josetta Marrero dijo que ha visto estudios de cámara donde montan una caja sobre un cuerpo de agua y ven qué sale de eso. Comentó que realizar un análisis más profundo de lo que realmente hay en el agua sería muy útil en el futuro.

Matt Dessert dijo que hay interés en que hay el fondo del río. Mencionó que el método de la cámara era muy interesante.

Josetta Marrero comentó que era algo que no podrían hacer eso durante ese estudio.

Steven Schill mencionó que el monitoreo que harán es una buena representación de lo que la comunidad cercana podría estar expuesta al salir del río.

Luis Olmedo comentó que hace alrededor de 10 años solicitaron un estudio del Río Nuevo a la sección de Evaluación del Sitio dentro del Departamento de Salud de California. Recordó que siempre que había obstrucciones, estas creaban condiciones en las que las partículas pasaban por volatilización. Dijo que las comunidades que vive más cerca del río son viviendas subvencionadas por el gobierno, lo que continúa la narrativa de que las comunidades desfavorecidas están más cerca de estas fuentes. Mencionó que en ese momento estaban hablando con alguien que trabajaba en la NASA sobre una tecnología que detectaría ciertos tipos de químicos, pero nunca llegó a buen término. Mencionó que algunas de las conversaciones que tuvieron fueron que algunas de esas toxinas posiblemente estaban ingresando ilegalmente a California. Comentó que deberían reiniciar esas conversaciones.

Bob Fischer dijo que los muestreadores se ejecutarán durante 6 o 12 días, preguntó cómo planean vincular eso a los datos.

Josetta Marrero dijo que cada vez que se recolecta una muestra, pueden observar sus compuestos medidos y patrones de viento durante ese período. Mencionó que existen límites para lo que pueden hacer, pero el objetivo es observar estos compuestos y compararlos para ver si existe alguna correlación.

Steven Schill comentó que esos son promedios en períodos de 6 o 12 días. Mencionó que están haciendo los de 12 días para aumentar los límites de detección. Agregó que tener un período más corto les permitirá identificar ocurrencias de interés.

Mark Baza dijo que esperan obtener un resumen de los impactos y recomendaciones para un análisis más detallado. Preguntó si podían describir cuáles son los posibles impactos en la salud de los residentes.

Josetta Marrero dijo que cuando concluyan su análisis compartirán un informe con la APCD y se lo presentarán al comité.

Michael Moore dijo que la ubicación que seleccionaron parece ser ideal para la detección en la frontera nacional. Dijo que hay mucho trabajo agrícola y uso de pesticidas en el condado de Imperial que no verían en el análisis debido a que la ubicación está en Calexico. Preguntó si habría otra fase para el análisis y moverlo más al norte del nuevo río.

Josetta Marrero mencionó que solo están contratados para hacer un período de monitoreo de 6 meses lo más cerca posible del río y ese es su enfoque. Dijo que el equipo que usarán permanecerá con APCD una vez que estén terminados.

Michael Moore preguntó si esa era la dirección que se les dio en el proceso de selección.

Josetta Marrero confirmó que tener la ubicación cerca de la frontera estaba en la propuesta original.

Michael Moore mencionó que obtendrán buenos datos de la ubicación, pero no cree que reflejen qué tipo de pesticidas se utilizan en el área.

Steven Schill dijo que era un gran punto. Mencionó que mientras atraviesa el nuevo río experimenta dilución y concentración a medida que cruza nuevas fuentes de contaminación. Dijo que es importante tener en cuenta que donde sea que monitoreen, estarán monitoreando las fuentes cercanas.

Luis Olmedo dijo que el comité tuvo la oportunidad de identificar los sitios que querían priorizar. Mencionó que la hoja de ruta no se creó e indica que el comité ahora está viendo cómo operar mejor el programa. Comentó que están viviendo en una época en la que las agencias federales están investigando comunidades como Imperial y cómo representar mejor a estas comunidades. Estuvo de acuerdo en que hay muchas comunidades próximas al sector agrícola. Mencionó que hay estudios que hizo BPR y alentó a Sonoma Tech a que los examinara.

John Hernández mencionó que le preocupa que el estudio dure solo 6 meses. Dijo que su clima extremo en el verano tiende a acelerar la evaporación. Preguntó si podían considerar extenderlo más allá de los 6 meses.

Josetta Marrero dijo que quieren asegurarse de capturar las temporadas correctas. Ella mencionó que en el futuro es importante capturar las estaciones correctas.

Luis Olmedo dijo que se han realizado bastantes encuestas en Calexico y las comunidades se han quejado de las condiciones del aire. Mencionó que muchas de las comunidades allí han sufrido tumores y cánceres cerebrales. Agradeció a Sonoma Tech por su presentación.

Actualización de la Red de Monitoreo Atmosférico Comunitario AB 617, Christian Torres; CCV.

No hubo comentarios sobre este tema.

V. Temas de Diálogo /Informativos

Descarrilamiento del Ferrocarril - Actualización del incidente, Lupe Valdez; Union Pacific Railroad.

John Hernández mencionó que ha notado pistas abandonadas en el Valle . Preguntó si UP era el único operador en el corredor y quién necesitaba ser contactado con respecto a esto.

Lupe Valdez dijo que le llamaran y le dijeran en dónde están las áreas. Ella mencionó que una pista no necesariamente necesita ser abandonada, podría estar fuera de servicio o un cliente pudo haber cambiado de servicio. Comentó que para que se abandone primero debe determinar que no necesita esa línea y luego debe ir al gobierno federal para su aprobación. Dijo que hay situaciones en las que los propietarios poseen una parte de la pista. Dijo que esto era bastante común en California. Ella mencionó que por favor le envíe las áreas para que pueda investigar más.

Luis Olmedo dijo que aprecia que **Lupe Valdez** esté allí y espera que continúe siendo parte de las reuniones. Mencionó que cada vez que pasa por la autopista 10 entre Coachella y Palm Springs, se da cuenta de que tienen una barrera verde a través de las comunidades más ricas. Comentó que en sus comunidades estos químicos tóxicos siguen siendo empujados a las comunidades, particularmente a las comunidades de bajos ingresos. Espera que puedan tener una conversación sobre cómo Union Pacific puede ser un mejor vecino de estas casas.

Lupe Valdez dijo que la línea de árboles que ve en la autopista se creó como cortavientos. Ella mencionó que las áreas de Palm Desert y Palm Springs no tenían mucho desarrollo hace unos 60 años, por lo que traían árboles no nativos como cortavientos. Dijo que estos árboles ahora se han convertido en imanes para las personas sin hogar y ahora están en el proceso de eliminar algunos de ellos en áreas donde se están desarrollando nuevas viviendas para que estas casas se conviertan en los nuevos rompedores de arena. Mencionó que el 1 de junio abrirán su solicitud de la Fundación Union Pacific. Dijo que tienes que ser una organización 501C3 para postularte. Añadió que las subvenciones rondan los 5 a 10 mil dólares.

Luis Olmedo mencionó que las organizaciones de justicia ambiental a veces no buscan este tipo de subvenciones porque creen que están contribuyendo a la contaminación. Agradeció a Lupe Valdez por su presentación.

Discusión sobre la formación del Subcomité Técnico AB 617.

No hubo comentarios sobre este tema.

Carta Conjunta presentada al DTSC con respecto a la participación en AB 617.

No hubo comentarios sobre este tema.

VI. Actualizaciones por parte de las Dependencias

Matt Dessert dijo que han sido buenos administrando fondos, pero ahora es el momento de ser más agresivos y comenzar a utilizarlos. Mencionó que tienen una solicitud abierta de la que **Belén León** hablará. Comentó que habrá un tema en la agenda el próximo mes con respecto al aumento en el trabajo de monitoreo de Sonoma Tech y cómo esto necesitará un cambio en el alcance.

Belén León recordó a todos que todavía están solicitando propuestas de proyectos de ecologización urbana que finalizan el 27 de mayo a las 5 de la tarde. Recordó al público los detalles de las propuestas, que estaban disponibles en el sitio web de la APCD.

Christian Torres mencionó que habrá una mesa redonda virtual con líderes locales y funcionarios estatales sobre el futuro de la Laguna Salton de California. Agregó que están abiertas las inscripciones para el evento que será el 25 de mayo. Recordó al público su programa de respuesta COVID y su programa de asistencia de ayuda económica.

Luis Olmedo mencionó que necesitan implementar proyectos. Recordó a los miembros su capacidad para votar y le gustaría escuchar más de sus recomendaciones. Dijo que el estado traerá más dinero para que puedan construir la infraestructura necesaria.

Matt Dessert dijo que es hora de acelerar y terminar los proyectos más temprano que tarde. Mencionó si **Belén León** o **Christian Torres** podrían enviarle la información sobre la junta de la Laguna Salton.

Christian Torres aclaró que el enlace que envió era solo para los medios, pero el público podría unirse a través de YouTube y Facebook.

Dave Salardino mencionó que se celebraría un taller sobre Subvenciones Atmosféricas Comunitarias el 26 de mayo para discutir esto.

Luis Olmedo propuso una presentación de la División de Estrategias Industriales de CARB.

Dave Salardino dijo que se comunicará con ellos cuando puedan tener su presentación.

Chris Velasco estaba dispuesto a ofrecer ideas sobre estrategias de infraestructura verde en la próxima reunión. Dijo que si alguien tenía alguna pregunta que le enviara un correo electrónico.

Matt Dessert mencionó que la RFP que iba a cerrar la semana siguiente era solo la primera. Dijo que habrá más en el futuro si sus proyectos no están completos.

Luis Olmedo agradeció a **Chris Velasco** por su energía y experiencia.

VII. Temas de la Agenda para la Próxima Reunión

Matt Dessert mencionó que será el presidente de la próxima reunión. Dijo que se centrarán en las RFP.

Belén León dijo que tienen una presentación pendiente de CARB sobre inversión climática.

Luis Olmedo invitó a la ciudad de Calexico para que pudieran hablar sobre la falta de infraestructura sanitaria.

Matt Dessert recordó a todos que su CERP es un documento vivo y puede actualizarse.

Luis Olmedo propuso el 16 de junio para la próxima reunión.

Sergio Cabañas hizo una moción y **John Hernández** la secundó.

La moción fue aprobada.

VIII. Observaciones Finales / Clausura

Luis Olmedo pidió una moción y quien la secunde para levantar la sesión.

Sergio Cabañas hizo una moción, **John Hernández** la secundó y la moción se aprobó.

Se levanta la sesión.

5. Presentations:

A. AB 617 CAMP – Community Air Monitoring Network Update (CCV)

Community Air Monitoring Update



June 2021

Overview

CAMN Update

- Potential Hosts

Preliminary Analysis

- Data collected for May 2021
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Potential Hosts

Heber - Dogwood Elementary

- Superintendent was to take item for consideration by his School Board. Awaiting final response.

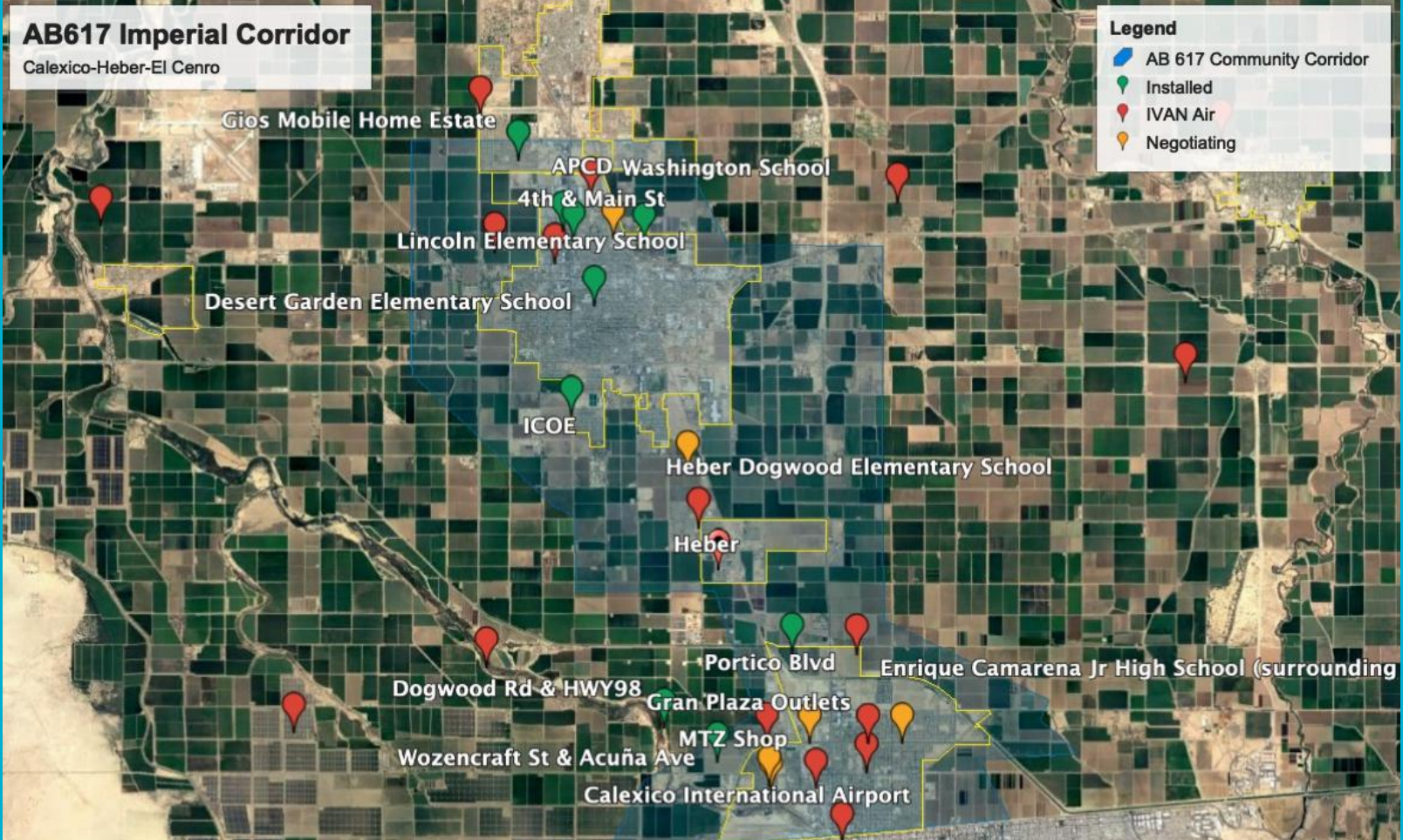
Calexico - Private Business

- Owner to provide final response.

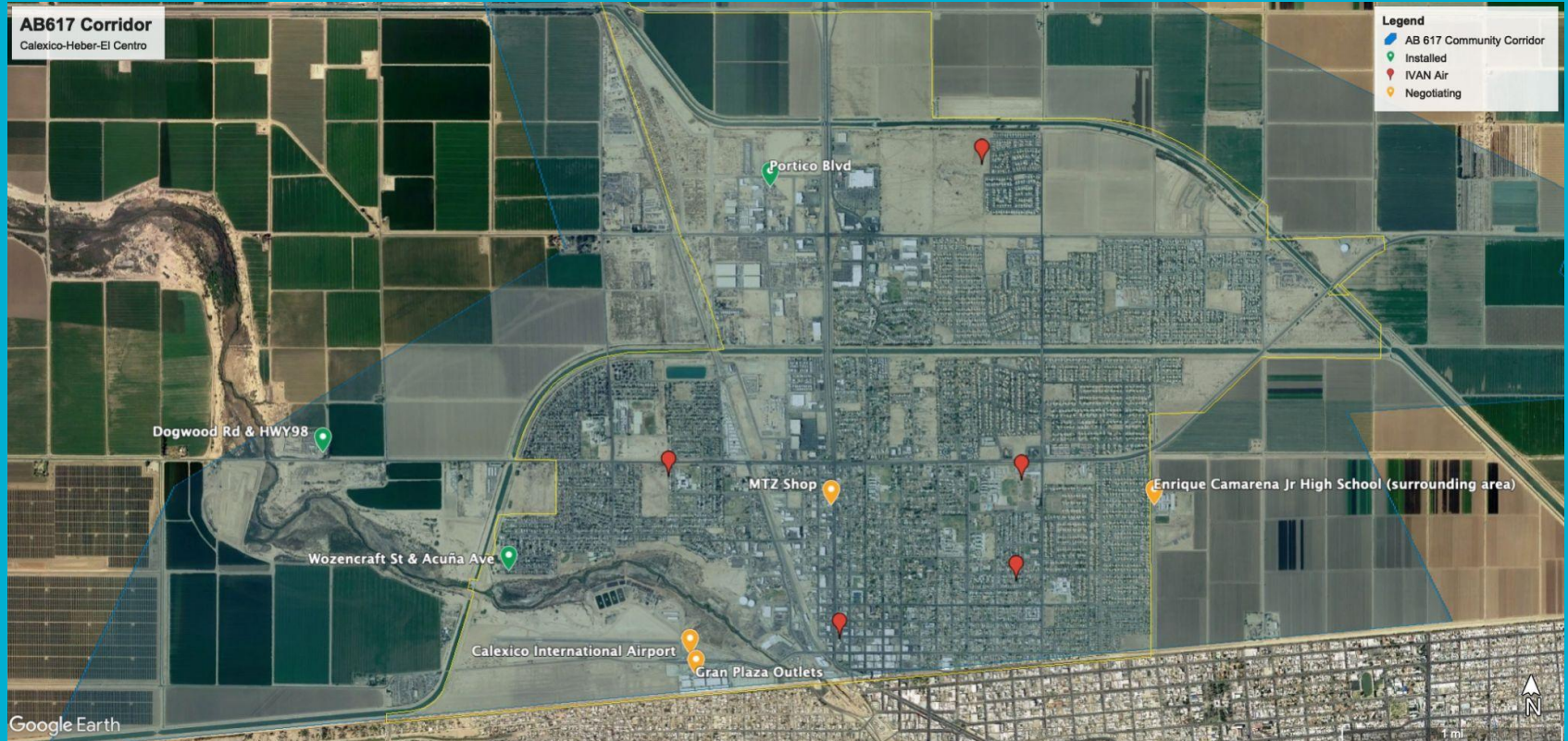
ECRMC Location (4th Street)

- Met with manager, discussing with facilities to see if feasible, open to installation.

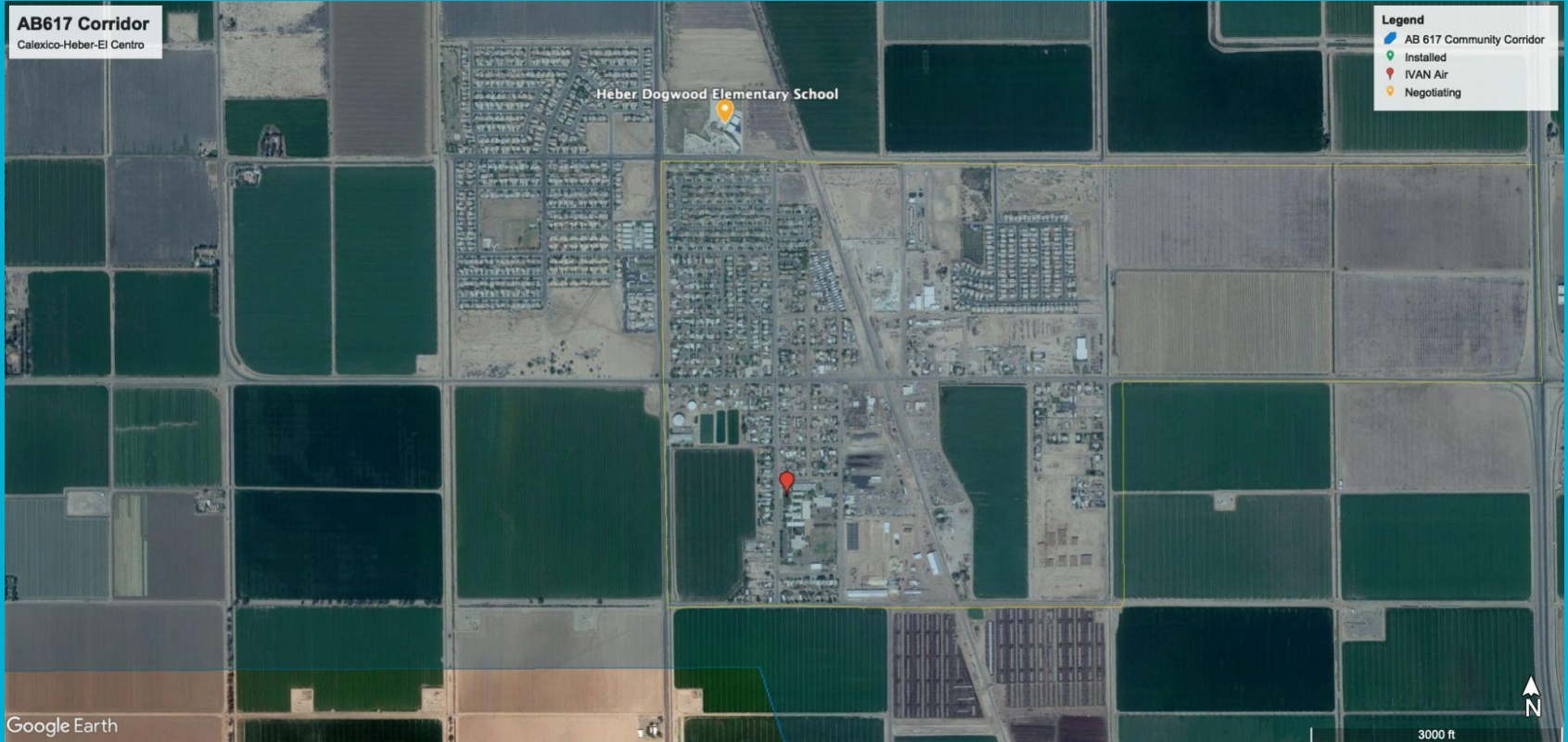
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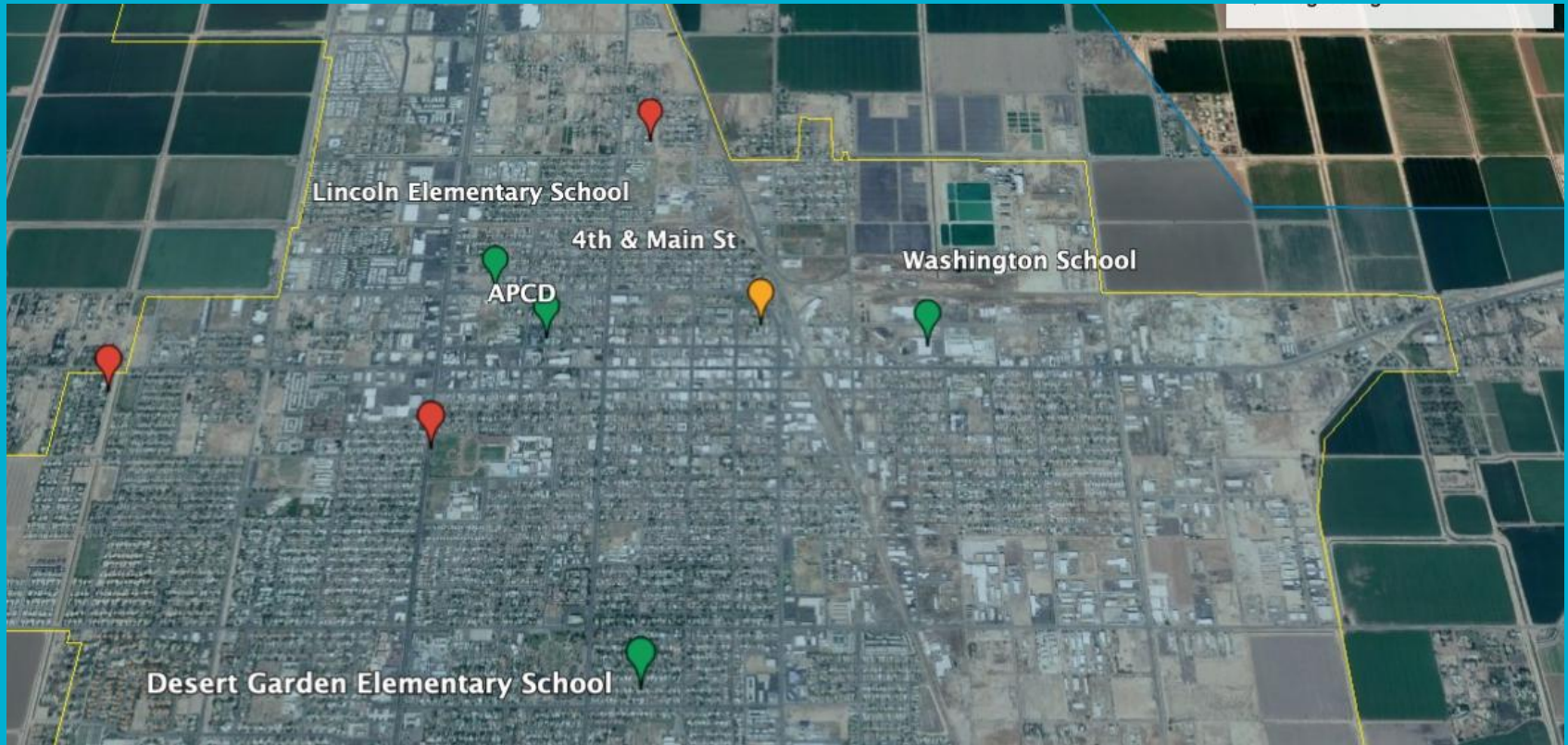
Corridor Update - Calexico



Corridor Update - Heber



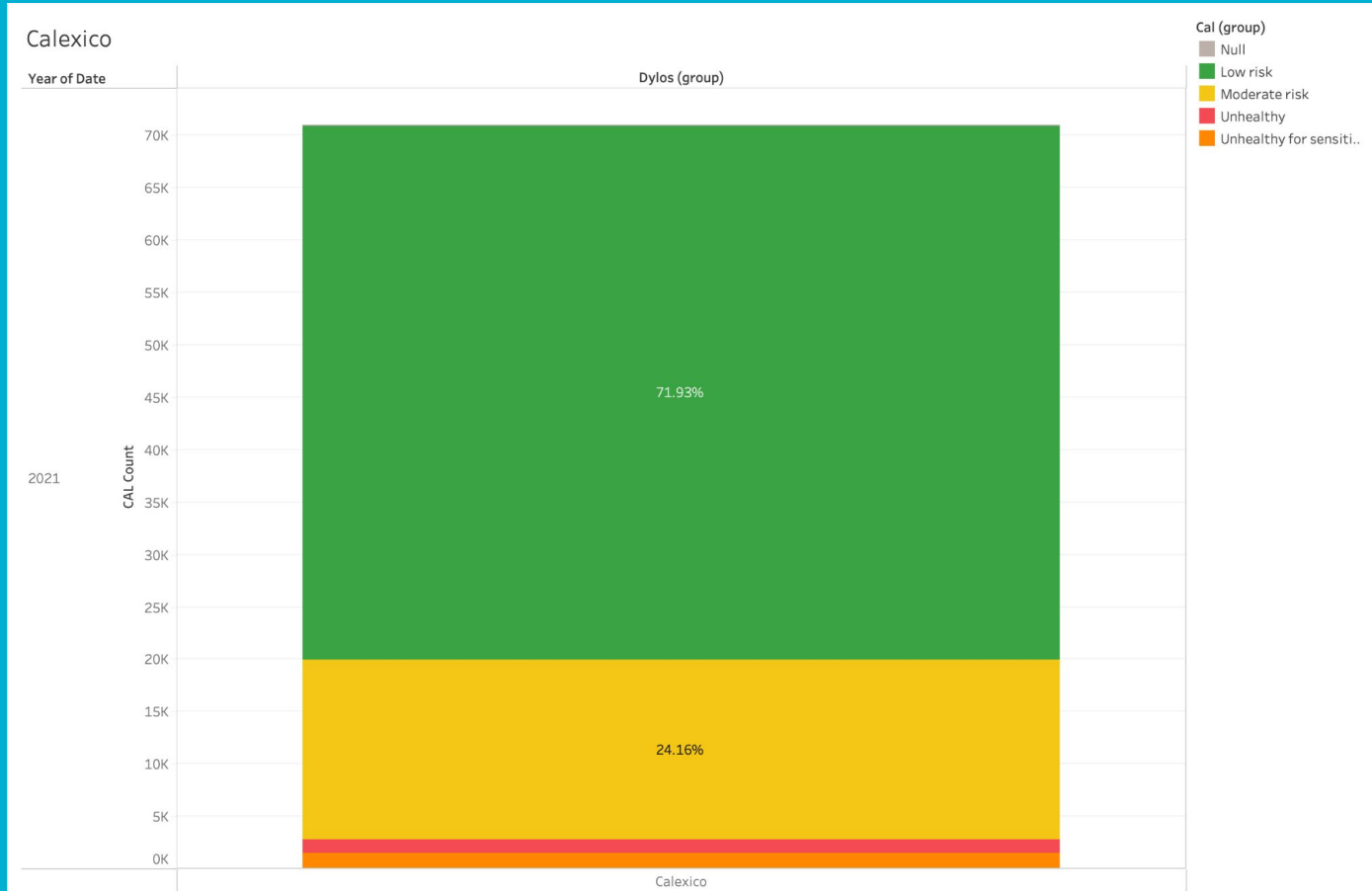
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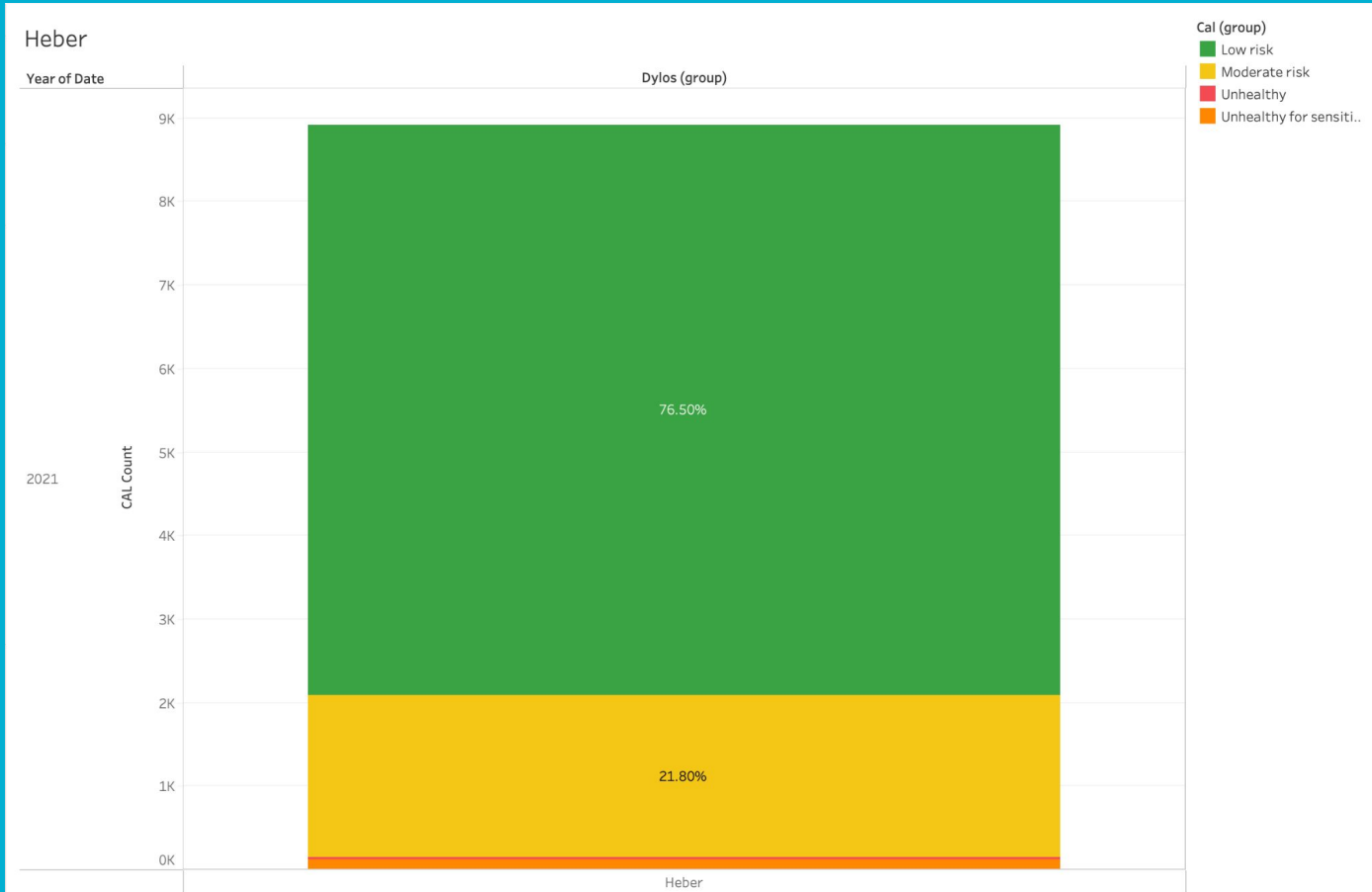
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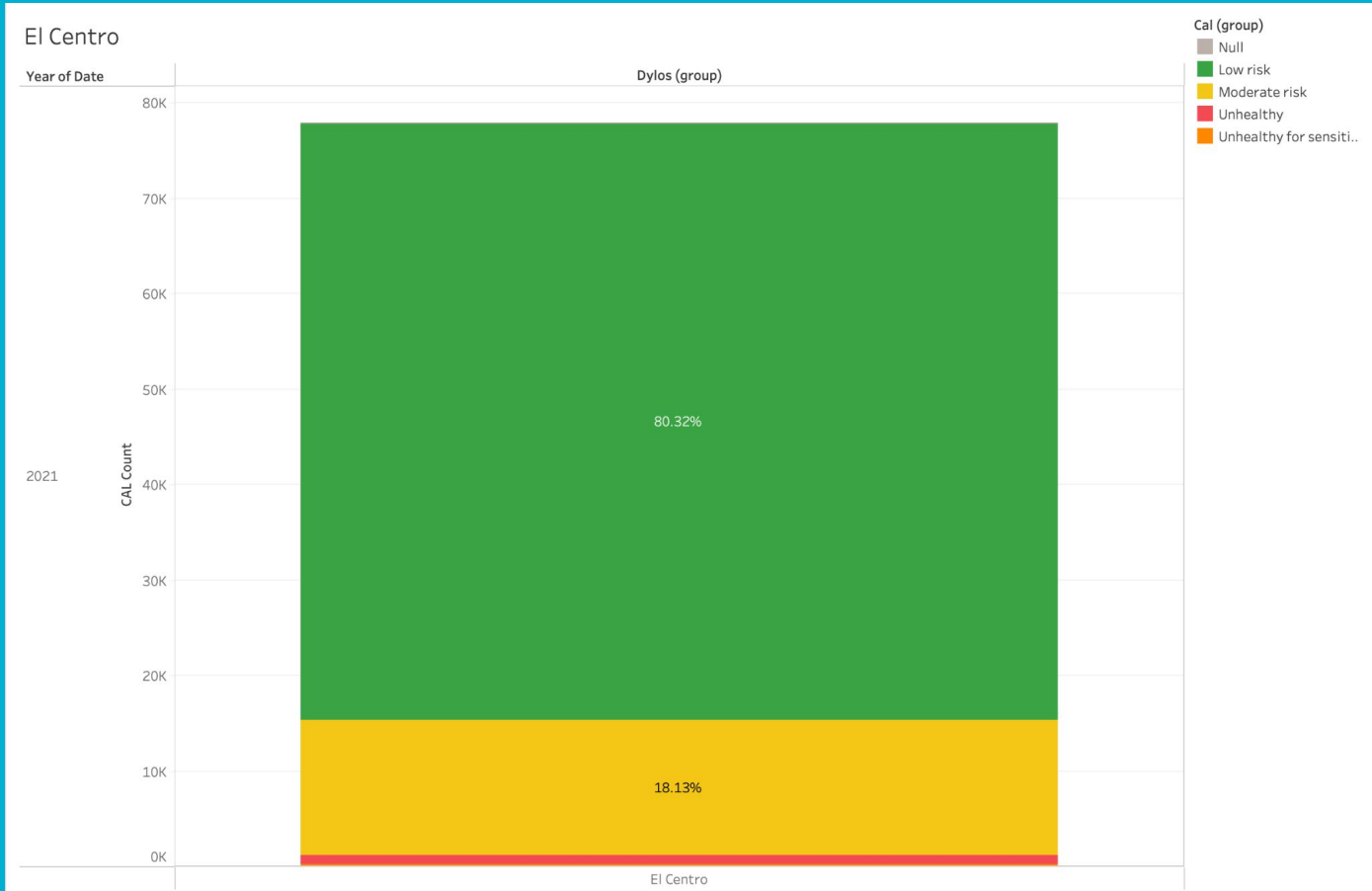
Preliminary Analysis - Calexico



Preliminary Analysis - Heber



Preliminary Analysis - El Centro



6. Discussion/Information

Items:

**C. ICAPCD Policy 17-
(Complaints)
(ICAPCD)**



AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

POLICY: Guidelines for Staff Processing and Investigation of Complaints

EFFECTIVE: September 14, 1993
May 14, 2021 (revised)

POLICY NUMBER: 17

GENERAL:

The District will investigate all complaints within 24 hours after they are received, unless the Air Pollution Control Division Manager of Compliance determines special circumstances exist. Complaints received after regular business hours will be processed the next business day. Complaints received on the weekend will be investigated as soon as possible, but no later than the next business day.

At least 90% of all complaints will be investigated by a physical, onsite investigation.

All complaints reported to the District will be logged.

Clerical staff will prepare and maintain a Complaint Log to be kept in the front office. The log shall contain the following information: complaint number, date complaint reported to the District, inspector assigned to complaint, nature and location of complaint, name, address, and phone number of the reporting party.

Clerical staff will prepare and maintain a binder to be kept in the front office. The binder will be used for filing all completed complaint forms and related documentation for each complaint.

COMPLAINT RELAY PROCEDURES:

1. Clerical staff receiving the complaint fill out a Complaint Form (Exhibit A). If someone other than clerical staff receives the complaint, the information should be forwarded to the front office. If the on-call inspector receives the complaint after regular business hours or during the weekend, the inspector must complete the Complaint Form.
2. The Complaint Form is scanned and emailed to all inspectors and the Enforcement Division Manager.
3. The Enforcement Division Manager, or designee, will assign the complaint investigation to an inspector as soon as possible. If an inspector receives the complaint, he/she should follow up on the complaint with the Enforcement Division Manager, or designee, to verify it has been completed.
4. After the investigation has been completed, the inspector gives the completed Complaint Form and all related documents to the Enforcement Division Manager for completeness review.
5. The Enforcement Division Manager gives the completed Complaint Form and all related documents to clerical staff for logging and filing.

COMPLAINT LOGGING AND FILING PROCEDURES:

1. Completed complaint received and entered into Complaint Log.
2. Completed Complaint Form and all related documents scanned and saved in the computer database.
3. Completed Complaint Form and all related documents filed numerically in complaint binder.
4. Copies of completed Complaint Form and all related documents filed in source file, if applicable.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE INSPECTOR:

When a complaint is received by an inspector in the field, the inspector will log the complaint when he/she returns to the office, or call the front office and request a Complaint Form be filled out.

AREA-WIDE COMPLAINT EPISODES:

1. Area-wide complaint episodes are generally the result of an unusual occurrence, such as a large, accidental fire or an industrial incident resulting in emissions of air contaminants that are readily detected by the public.
2. When a complaint episode occurs which is of such magnitude that it cannot be handled by a designated inspector, enforcement division staff should immediately alert the Enforcement Division Manager in order to assign additional personnel to handle the situation.
3. Area-wide public notification will be done through the District website and/or social media.

ARB, EPA REFERRAL:

Complaints referred by the ARB or EPA are normally received by email. These complaints will be entered into the computer database and assigned as soon as possible. Inspectors will be sent a copy of ARB and EPA's written complaint as soon as it is received.

HANDLING DUPLICATE COMPLAINTS:

Multiple complaints from one household or from the same individual multiple times on the same day, regarding the same issue, will be considered as duplicate complaints and therefore be processed as one single complaint. Duplicate complaints will be logged by the District, but would investigate such complaints as a single complaint. A complaint may be processed as a duplicate complaint for the following reasons:

1. A second complaint is received on the same day for the same source from the same person.
2. A second complaint is received on the same day from a related person in the same household.
3. The source of the complaint is located outside the District.

4. The source of the complaint is not within the scope of the District's authority.

In all cases, the reporting party should be contacted and advised of the District's actions or referred to a corresponding agency. If referred to another agency, District will provide contact information of corresponding agency to the reporting party, and also establish contact with corresponding agency to provide information on the complaint.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES:

The inspector will conduct a complaint investigation in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Complaint responses will take precedence over all other assignments, with the exception of violations in progress.
2. After a complaint has been assigned, the inspector must decide whether to first begin with investigating the alleged or suspected source, or make initial contact with the reporting party to obtain additional information prior to investigating the alleged or suspected source.
3. Every effort will be made by the inspector to avoid obvious identification of the reporting party, and the reporting party will not be identified to anyone who is not an employee of the District, unless necessary due to legal action.
4. After the investigation is complete, the inspector will contact the reporting party with the results. If the reporting party is not available, the inspector will leave a message, if possible.

INSPECTOR CONDUCT:

The following guidelines will be followed when conferring with the reporting party:

1. Inspectors will identify themselves by name and agency in a friendly manner.
2. Inspectors will be courteous and objective.
3. The reporting party will be allowed to tell their story without unnecessary interruptions. When facts appear, the inspector should repeat them aloud for verification and write them down.
4. After the reporting party has expressed themselves, the inspector should proceed with a line of questions which will determine the cause, nature, and source of the air pollution problem cited in the complaint.
5. Inspectors will explain the laws involved and evidence necessary to proceed with enforcement action. Inspectors will not promise any legal action nor commit the District to any course of action.
6. Inspectors will not solicit complaints.

INSPECTION OF ALLEGED SOURCE:

The inspector will check the alleged or suspected source premises, or adjacent areas, for

emissions complained of (smoke, dust, open fire, odors, or other). This may require driving around in the area surrounding the source. The inspector will write and document how this was done. Additionally, the inspector will note in the report whether or not another potential source of the emission was found. If evidence of emissions which could cause the complaint are found, the inspector will track the emissions upwind from the alleged or suspected source by visual or olfactory observations.

If no evidence of emissions is found, the inspector will ask the reporting party for a description of the emissions and for other information which may help to determine their source, such as time of day and weather conditions.

After identifying the emissions and their source, the inspector, using the process of elimination, will check all possible areas surrounding the alleged or known source to exclude any other potential source.

When inspecting source premises the inspector should:

1. Identify him/herself and explain that he/she is investigating a complaint.
2. Ask to see the responsible person at the source.
3. Ask pertinent questions based on the information acquired from the investigation.
4. Inspect the equipment and/or operation and compare actual operating conditions, cycles, and times of operation with the times and frequencies of complaint(s). Evaluate any permitted or unpermitted processes that could be attributing and/or generating emissions.
5. Obtain wind direction and velocity information, if appropriate, and establish the specific equipment or process responsible for the emissions. This involves inspecting all vents, stacks, and openings where the emissions occur or may occur, and checking for Permits to Operate for equipment or dust control plans for construction and earthmoving activities.

When conducting inspections, all safety measures will be followed as outlined in Policy 23, Safety While Conducting Inspections.

COMPLAINT CONFIRMATION:

A confirmed complaint means either an inspector, another employee of the District, or a reliable reporting party is able to testify that a particular operation, or combination of operations, is the source of the air contaminants. Confirmation may be accomplished in the following ways:

1. Personal observation by an inspector or another District employee of a release of air contaminants taking place. Such release is, or can potentially be, in violation of an Air District Regulation, Permit Condition, State Regulation, or Federal Regulation.
2. Personnel from other agencies (i.e., Environmental Health Department, Fire or Police Departments) who have knowledge and documented the problem may be used to confirm a complaint.
3. The identification of a source of air contaminants that is supported by data, such as operational records, wind charts, and air monitoring devices that show a correlation between complaints and source activities.

PUBLIC NUISANCE:

RULE 407

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 41700

“No person shall discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause injury or damage to business or property.”

1. Exemptions

Rule 407 and Health and Safety Code, Section 41700, do not apply to odors from agricultural operations necessary for the growing of crops or the raising of fowl or animals.

2. Criteria

A nuisance can occur under a variety of conditions and circumstances. The following criteria are general guidelines to be considered in determining whether a nuisance has occurred, and can go beyond the criteria listed below, taking into consideration for example the nature of the complaint and/or the resulting damage. The final determination of the occurrence of a nuisance remains the responsibility of District management.

- a. When five complaints from different individuals have been confirmed in a 24-hour period. One household represents one complaint.
- b. When ten complaints from different individuals have been confirmed in a 7-day period. One household represents one complaint.
- c. When less than five complaints have been confirmed in a 24-hour period but special circumstances are present, such as when there are a limited number of affected people in the vicinity of an offending source, or a representative of a school complains on behalf of the students or staff.
- d. The receipt of one or more confirmed complaints, with required documentation, from a public agency.
- e. When a source is discharging air contaminants that cause injury to a person or damage to a business or property, one confirmed complaint may be grounds to classify the occurrence as a nuisance.

3. Chronic, Ongoing Nuisances

For those sources of emission which have been determined by the Enforcement Division Manager to be responsible for chronic, ongoing nuisance situations in a given community, the regular procedure for confirmation of odor complaints will not be required in all cases. Confirmations can be allowed when all of the following conditions are met:

- a. An inspector detects the emissions within a reasonable distance of the reporting party's address within two hours of the time of the complaint.
- b. The inspector confirms that the emissions in the community on the day in question are

attributable to the given source's operations.

4. The inspector confirms at least one other complaint against the source on a face-to-face basis, in the general vicinity of the given reporting party's address. Civil Injunction, Abatement Order, Permit Revocation, and Additional Remedies

Persistent public nuisance cases will be initially handled through an office conference and, when appropriate, also under CH&SC Section 42402.

When the problem cannot be resolved at the office conference level, an Abatement Order may be sought under CH&SC Section 42451 or a Civil Injunction under CH&SC Section 41513.

In all actions brought before the Hearing Board for the abatement of a nuisance, the reporting parties must be notified of the Hearing.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT AND OUTCOME:

The Inspector shall complete a Complaint Investigation Report and submit to the Enforcement Division Manager for review and approval within three business days after the investigation of the complaint. The Enforcement Division Manager may grant an extension of time for completing and submitting the report upon request by the inspector. At a minimum, the Complaint Investigation Report must contain the following information:

1. Complaint number, date, and time received.
2. Reporting party name, address, and phone number.
3. General nature of complaint received (smoke, dust, open fire, odors, or other) and location of the source of air pollution.
4. Start date and time of investigation.
5. Name of inspector investigating complaint.
6. A statement from the reporting party.
7. All areas inspected, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and contact persons for all suspected sources.
8. Source's statement (if available).
9. Outcome of the complaint (i.e., In Compliance, No Further Action, NOV Issued, Notice to Comply Issued, Problem Not a Violation, Unable to Verify Problem).
10. Inspector's observation and investigation.
11. Attachments of pictures, documents, or any other supporting documentation taken or provided during inspection.
12. Was an explanation on Rule 407 provided to the reporting party and to the source?
13. Was reporting party informed of investigation results?

When the investigation has been completed, the inspector will contact the reporting party(s) and notify them of the results of the complaint investigation, unless they have specifically requested not to be notified.

Complaint follow-up investigations shall be conducted when necessary, and the follow-up shall be referenced in the initial complaint investigation.

If more than one complaint has been received against the same source within a 10 day period, the inspector will evaluate the compliance status of the source with the District prohibition against creating a public nuisance.

(Exhibit A)

IMPERIAL COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
COMPLAINT # _____

Date	Time	Initial	Supplemental		
Complainant Name: _____					
Complainant Address: _____					
Phone: _____					
Smoke:	Dust:	Open Fire:	Ag Related:	Odors:	Other:
Statement of Source (Inspector's Report):					

Inspector's Observation and Investigation:

Explained Rule 407, Nuisance?	Yes	No	Source:	Yes: ___ No: _____
Offered Nuisance Complaint Form?	Yes	No		

Informed Reporting Party of Investigation Results?	Yes	No
Investigation Started (Date/Time):		
Investigation By:		

Inspector's Signature:	Date:
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6. Discussion/Information

Items:

**D. AB 617 Projects Report Card
(ICAPCD)**









Name Calexico-Heber-El Centro Corridor Community Steering Committee
 Year June 2021
 Chairs Matt Dessert, ICAPCD, & Luis Olmedo, Comite Civico del Valle

Report Card

Projects & Description	Status	Emissions/ Exposure Benefit	Cost	Funding Source
Parking Lot Paving Calexico High School Paving Project - Paving of Staff & Bus Parking Lots	 COMPLETED	Emissions Reductions PM10: 2.26 Tons/Year	\$203,240	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Bus Replacement Calexico Unified School District - Replaced 1 Diesel School Bus with 1 Electric School Bus and 1 Charging Station	 COMPLETED	Emissions Reductions NOx: 0.09 Tons/Year ROG: 0.01 Tons/Year PM10: 0.01 Tons/Year	\$314,449	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Heber School in Heber	 COMPLETED	Enhanced Air Filtration in 105,098 sq. ft., Benefitting 783 Students & Faculty	\$148,688	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Dogwood Elementary in Heber	 COMPLETED	Enhanced Air Filtration in 58,402 sq. ft., Benefitting 645 Students & Faculty	\$97,982	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at De Anza Magnet School in El Centro	 COMPLETED	Enhanced Air Filtration in 29,551 sq. ft., Benefitting 546 Students & Faculty	\$58,243	SEP Policy Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Booker T. Washington Elementary in El Centro	 COMPLETED	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 412 Students & Faculty	\$86,272	SEP Policy Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Harding Elementary in El Centro	 COMPLETED	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 517 Students & Faculty	\$94,085	SEP Policy Funding / CAA Trust (\$12,773)
APCD Policy Revision Policy #34, <i>Agricultural Burning Procedures</i> . Daily limit for burn acreage was reduced from 2,000 to 1,600 acres/day	 COMPLETED	Estimated to Result in a Reduction of up to 6.6 Tons of PM2.5 per Day	APCD Staff Costs Covered by AB 617 Administration Funds	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Mains Elementary in Calexico	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 530 Students & Faculty	\$101,925 (Estimate)	SEP Policy Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Enrique Camarena Jr. High School in Calexico	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 683 Students & Faculty	\$89,451 (Estimate)	SEP Policy Funding

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Report Card

Projects & Description	Status	Emissions/ Exposure Benefit	Cost	Funding Source
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Jefferson Elementary in Calexico	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 733 Students & Faculty	\$133,708 (Estimate)	SEP Policy Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Kennedy Middle in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 372 Students & Faculty	\$102,577 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Lincoln Elementary in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 368 Students & Faculty	\$41,183 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Margaret Hedrick Elementary in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 532 Students & Faculty	\$71,555 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Martin Luther King Elementary in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 437 Students & Faculty	\$60,659 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at McKinley Elementary in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 411 Students & Faculty	\$34,598 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Sunflower Elementary in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 436 Students & Faculty	\$66,731 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding
School Air Filtration High-Performance Air Filters at Desert Garden Elementary in El Centro	 IN PROGRESS	Enhanced Air Filtration, Benefitting 361 Students & Faculty	\$35,400 (Estimate)	AB 617 CAPP Funding

Comments:

Work to be completed in 2021 consists of further implementation of Tier 1 Projects (school air filtration, electric school bus, parking lot paving projects, etc.) and the development of Tier 2 Projects.