

## **Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Meeting Summary**

### **Southeast Los Angeles Community Steering Committee Meeting #4 & Workshop**

**Meeting Date:** July 23, 2020

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

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

**Meeting Co-Host:** CSC Member Miriam Burbano

#### **CSC Workshop - Truck Traffic and Freeways Railyards and Locomotives**

South Coast AQMD and CARB staff presented an overview of two top air quality priorities: truck traffic and freeways, and railyards and locomotives. The presentation included information on emissions, regulatory authority and enforcement, air monitoring, and potential emission reduction strategies related to these two priorities. Staff answered questions on enforcement, which will ultimately help the CSC develop effective emission reduction strategies for both air quality priorities in the CERP.

CSC members asked questions about enforcement mechanisms for out-of-state trucks and how truck fleet owners comply with CARB regulations. Staff responded by stating that partnerships with other agencies such as the California Highway Patrol and US EPA help enforce rules for trucks which are only in the state temporarily. They also mentioned that fleet and desk audits are conducted to check for compliance violations. Furthermore, SB 1 now allows DMV truck registration holds for trucks that do not comply with CARB regulations.

The CSC also asked why incentives are necessary for replacing locomotive equipment to newer, cleaner locomotives and how they are regulated. South Coast AQMD Governing Board member Judith Mitchell, explained that CARB and South Coast AQMD have limited authority to regulate the railroads due to federal exemptions. Incentives is a strategy that agencies can use to address railyard emissions. Staff also highlighted incentives were distributed for the purchase of 13 new Tier 4 locomotives.

Lastly staff reminded attendees that the next meeting and second workshop for the SELA CSC is planned for August 19 from 4 to 6 pm and will focus on metal processing facilities and green spaces. The third workshop is scheduled for September 17 from 4 to 6 pm and 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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