



COACHELLA VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

November 28, 2018 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, 43420 Trader Place, Indio CA 92201

Welcome & Introductions: Attendees

Environmental & Local Agencies:	Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 7 (RWQCB-7) South Coast AQMD City of Coachella California Air Resources Board (CARB) (multiple, on the phone) US EPA Region 9 (on the phone)
Nonprofits:	Comite Civico del Valle Leadership Counsel
Agriculture:	California Association of Pest Control Advisers Growing Coachella Valley (x2)
Tribes:	29 Palms Band of Mission Indians
Community & Other:	Asm. Garcia's Office Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert CV Housing Coalition (x2)

Updates & Announcements

- **Leadership Counsel (Rebecca Zaragoza & Lesly Figueroa)**
Kick-off meeting for Transformative Climate Communities Plan and Thermal/Oasis Mobility Plan in Mecca on November 15 in North Shore and November 27 in Mecca went well, two more tonight and tomorrow (Nov 28 & 29).
 - **Comment:** concerned about the air quality impacts of the Salton Sea drying up.
Response: Transformative Climate Communities funds could potentially be used for projects *within* the communities to address the negative impacts.
 - [Paradise Valley](#) project meeting tonight (Nov 28) @ CVWD, Leadership Counsel and other EJ and environmental groups are opposed.
- **29 Palms Band of Mission Indians (Marco Perez):** Community Air Grant from CARB in progress
- **Other (submitted by email after the meeting)**
[The Southern California Incentive Project \(SCIP\)](#) promotes easy access to zero-emission vehicle infrastructure by offering rebates for the purchase and installation of eligible public electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties; higher rebate maximums available for DAC's ([see flyer](#)).

IVAN Reports – Problem Solver (Maria Davydova, RWQCB – 7)

- **New IVAN report submitted: “Ammonia Smell in Thermal”, submitted 11/08/18**
<https://ivan-coachella.org/report/348>
 - The report was submitted by an unidentified third party for an anonymous complainant, making it difficult to follow up on. Imperial Western Products is identified as a potential source, which is in Coachella and the complaint address is in Thermal. AQMD is working on following up. If you submit a complaint as a third party,

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try to direct the complainant directly to the appropriate agency's complaint system, and/or take their info and provide your contact information in the IVAN report.

Presentations

- **Community Air Protection Funds**

Kyle Goff, California Air Resources Board

CARB staff gave a presentation on the Community Air Protection funds available through the Moyer and Prop 1B programs, and asked the attendees about local priorities for incentive projects to reduce air pollution (see [Item Sheet](#) for more details).

- See [Presentation](#)
- Contact kyle.goff@arb.ca.gov if you have questions
- Question: are there funds for pulmonary health programs?
Answer: yes, from different pots of money. To put such programs in place, community capacity building is important to help increase participation.
- Question: can the funding you discussed be applied to school buses?
Answer: yes, that's a big part of the Carl Moyer program.
- Question: is there a vehicle replacement program in CV?
Answer: yes, "[Replace Your Ride](#)" is administered by South Coast AQMD

- **Air Resources Board's research planning process**

Sarah Pittiglio, California Air Resources Board

CARB staff will describe current and planned research related to health and environmental justice (see [Item Sheet](#) for more details).

- See [Presentation](#)
- If you have a research concept you wish to be considered, email a one-paragraph description to sarah.pittiglio@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible.
- Comment: There is a data gap in wind blown dust emissions in Coachella Valley, current research does not look at soil from ag operations and from disturbed vacant lands soils. (Earl Withycombe, CARB)

Monthly Salton Sea Update

- **SSMP Engagement Committee (Maria Davydova, RWQCB-7)**

10-year plan and Engagement Committee joint meeting was [held on November 13](#). The Engagement Committee is planning on holding a public workshop for Species Conservation Habitat in El Centro; will be stepping up the outreach efforts from "inform" to "engage / consult", particularly for communities directly affected by each project.

- **California Air Resources Board (Earl Withycombe, CARB)**

USEPA issued a grant to CARB. CARB is now working with Imperial County Air Pollution Control District to install a viewshed camera west of Calexico.

- **SSMP – Other (Earl Withycombe, CARB)**

At the SWRCB hearing on the SSMP a month ago, a group of non-profits submitted a detailed proposal to set up a joint powers authority for SSMP construction & implementation, which would consist of the two counties, the Tribes, and others. Sen. Hueso put in a similar bill earlier this year ([SB-1365](#)).

- **Question:** are water import options being considered?
Answer: Yes, DWR solicited proposals and selected 3 for further consideration.

Next Meeting - December 19, 3:00 – 5:00 pm (date moved due to holidays)

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