

Public comment on ab6170cap18

There is one important element missing in my opinion and a place should be made for it in this program.

Every major construction project in the LA/OC basin has to prepare an EIR a portion of which includes the impact of the project on air quality to the surrounding community. For example in my community, the 405 improvement project that is now just getting started, and the LA DPW demolition of two old electric generating stations and their oil tanks, and the AES Alamitos electric power generating station construction near Seal Beach. Every one of these projects submits an EIR that confidently claims there will be no negative impact to the air quality both during and after the project is concluded. However, no one ever checks after the project is completed if in fact the claims of the EIR were in fact met. There is no requirement that the project owner report on how the air quality was monitored during the project and how the data lined up with their predictions within the EIR. I have personally asked the folks who created the EIRs for the 405 Improvement Project and the AES construction project if they are required or even volunteer to reconcile their EIR claims to the actual outcome and they all said they don't have to and don't intend to. How are we to know if these EIR plans are worth more than the paper they are written upon if there is no follow up after the work is done.

So I suggest that an element be added to the program in question that will require any major project within a community that is required to get an EIR approved for the project to do a follow up study and show that the claims of the EIR held true. This is a no cost to ARB item and a way to hold a project owner accountable so that for example if they do not meet their EIR claims then their next project knows about it.

Thank you,
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