Hi Veronica & Karen,

LCJA & CRPE had a community meeting where we discussed AB 617 this past Saturday in Fresno, and it brought together residents from Fresno and Shafter in Kern County. I wanted to share some of the points residents raised at this meeting with you.

• Roofing company in Shafter- bad smell of tar at night, it’s getting worse and worse ==> residents know best what times of day emissions seem to increase

• Don’t know how to access the existing ozone monitor in Shafter, some didn't even know it existed. Monitors need to be in accessible locations and data must be made available to all residents. Better outreach is needed.

• How to access? Do not have easy access to the internet or know how to use it

• Text messages might be helpful but we should consider that folks might be charged for text messages, might depend on how many warnings are sent a day.

• Automated phone calls

• Radio, bilingual radio

• frequent community newsletter, but wouldn't show real-time changes, but could show trends

• People watch the news in the morning & at night

• Need for PM2.5 monitor, pesticide monitoring

• Shafter - Community hosts a superfund site

• Pesticides are a huge problem

• Need notices for when pesticides are applied so they can be prepared

• Notice on the Television would work - like the flash flood warnings on TV

• A letter to households could be easily missed & would not be real-time

• Need education on what to do when you are sprayed with pesticides

• Save clothes

• Take pictures

• Concerned their small community will not be prioritized under AB 617 compared to larger cities, & different communities have different contaminants & sources. i.e. Malaga & Calwa areas in Fresno are surrounded by pollution on all sides - freeways, glass factory, biomass.

Ways to Identify Community

• Use health metrics

• Community members have personal stories and have heard many stories - go to any health clinic for data, clinics could be possible source of data.

Community Steering Committee Make-up

• Majority community members

• Community members are experts of their own communities

• provide mechanism for direct communication with polluting industries nearby & in communities.

• City council members/BOS should have seats.

• A few advocates/non-profits

• A representative from a local school?

As we continue to discuss this with folks, we'll be sure to let you know what other points come up. Let us know if you have questions. Thanks!

Nikita