

## Meeting Overview

### Working Group Meeting to Solicit Comments on the Imperial/Mexicali Air Quality Work Plan

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850 Encinas Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231

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#### Winter media campaign

- Questions
  - o Has ICAPCD or the Municipality received feedback from the public on the media campaign? Short survey or town hall to solicit feedback.
- Comments
  - o Municipality mentioned desire for a permanent campaign in 2019 but a series of steps must be taken first.

#### Mexicali low-cost sensor network

- Questions
  - o Has the Municipality considered the impact of diesel emissions from trucks at fire stations for placement of sensors?
  - o What is the sustainability of network in changing administration? What is the transition plan?
  - o What is the financing plan to sustain the monitors?
- Comments
  - o Low-cost sensors will expand current network and include a site in the Port of San Felipe.
  - o Sensors will be placed at police stations, fire stations, Universities, and potentially other government buildings. Monitoring locations are in quadrants of the City.
  - o Municipality has a contractor for maintenance and calibration of the sensor equipment.
  - o Municipality is looking to provide data on other IT platforms with a mobile app in addition to the Purple Air site.
  - o Metrics are needed for successful monitoring and for accountability.
  - o Need defined roles and responsibilities among agencies.
  - o Data will give citizens information they need to move air quality improvement projects forward.

#### Vehicle Emissions

- Comments
  - o Imperial County Transportation Commission stated that 99% of trucks that cross the border are dual plated (U.S./MX) so they get through the inspection process quicker.
  - o There are no carpool lanes at the POEs.

- There are only five (5) Smog stations in Imperial County, so if County does go to a basic program this will need to be considered.
- More frequent CARB truck inspections should be done.

#### Agricultural burning in Mexicali

- Comments
  - State has authority for regulating agricultural burning.
  - Agricultural burn program is going to the State Congress soon for approval.

#### Vehicle Verification Program

- Comments
  - Will require additional collaboration in Mexico to regulate and issue fines for noncompliance.

#### Unpaved Roads

- Comments
  - There is a lack of pavement and rain pipes in Mexicali.
  - City Hall has been presented with P+P=S proposal (Paving + Rain = Health) but the financial resources are lacking.

#### Regulating Mexicali Sources

- Comments
  - The Municipality IT department is working on a database that will be available in 2019 that lists the commercial and service businesses by different sector.
  - Businesses are audited for compliance with the environmental regulations.
  - There are currently 500 registered businesses/licenses in Mexicali.
  - Municipality has four (4) vehicles for inspection and surveillance.

#### Other Items Discussed

- Comments
  - Healthy environment non-profit in Mexicali started last year. Interest with schools and have air quality monitors already running.
  - Starting in 2019, COLAB will start quarterly meetings with industry, agriculture, and businesses to talk about fines and how to cut them down. These meetings will be open to the public and enforcement agencies will be involved.
  - CARB will send out the web link to the work group on the December 13 board hearing on Imperials PM10 SIP and the Work Plan.