

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee previously met on December 15, 2016 at Panhandle Health Office, Kellogg, Idaho.

February 16, 2017

Pinehurst City Hall, Pinehurst, Idaho

1. Introductions – In attendance were Lauren Chavez, Andy Helkey, Bob Jutila, Brian Nansel, John Rupert, Matt Nykiel, and Karen Maravilla. DEQ staff included Shawn Sweetapple, Ralph Paul, and Dan Smith.

2. Committee Business:

New Business – Coeur d’Alene Regional Office Air Quality Manager is Shawn Sweetapple. Shawn replaces Mark Boyle, who has taken another position within DEQ.

3. Action items:

Messaging – We will continue to educate the public on the importance of purchasing, storing, and burning dry firewood.

4. Topic Discussion:

Ralph indicated that 2016 turned out to be a very good monitoring year for the area and the annual average was $9.53 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ which brings the 3 year design value for the monitor (2014-2016) to $11.98 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ which is below the Nation Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). In designated nonattainment areas where monitored data demonstrates that the NAAQS has been achieved, EPA has interpreted that the Clean Air Act requirements are suspended. The policy is referred to as the Clean Data Policy. Based on the Clean Data Policy and the most current data, DEQ will submit a request, putting the SIP on hold for so long as the area continues to attain the standard or the area re-violates the NAAQS, at which time the State will need to submit a SIP. It has been determined that the policy will not affect the grant.

Dan Smith reports he is currently writing specs for the wood stove change outs. It is his goal to get the application process of prospective participants completed and then start meeting with qualified applicants in April 2017.

The highest priority of approved applicants will be based on the following geographical areas: 1. City of Pinehurst 2. Pine Creek 3. The remaining nonattainment area.

Those areas are then broken down by income, providing qualified applicants with low income, (based on Federal poverty guidelines, which vary year to year) first priority.

Dan also reports the Vendor Meeting is set for February 23, 2016. Wood stove vendors are encouraged to attend, provide input and feedback, which will allow us to streamline the change out process even more.

5. Next meeting – March 16, 2017 from 6-7pm at Panhandle Health Office, Kellogg ID

Meeting adjourned.