

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Meeting
January 22, 2015

The West Silver Valley Citizen Advisory Committee met on Thursday January 22 at Kellogg Middle School. In attendance were 10 local residents. The meeting started off with information regarding the formation of a more formal group to address emission reduction strategies. A review of the last meeting and AQI presentation indicated that some adjustment of the AQI in the newspaper was still required. Forms were distributed to encourage citizens to become “official” members of the group. Four people attending the meeting committed to participating and returned a completed form.

1. Introductions

Cathleen Sanborn*, Bob Launhardt*, Rona Liller*, Commissioner Jay Huber, Marleen Martin, Teral Ellis, Karen and Barry Pearson, Andy Helkey*, Maureen Gilbert, DEQ Staff: Mark Boyle, Denna Grangaard, Ralph Paul

*Completed commitment form

2. Committee Business

Establish operating procedures for future meetings

- Regular meetings/Day of the week
 - Monthly meetings were established for the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Pinehurst City Hall unless other arrangements would be necessary.
- Time of meetings
 - Meeting times were established as one hour in length, 6-7 PM.
- Notification of meetings (email, phone DEQ webpage)
 - Emails between the group will be utilized for information distribution
- Leadership of group (rotating or for duration)
 - Not established at this meeting
- General public’s role during the meetings
 - A public comment item will be added to the agenda

Group roles, responsibilities and activities

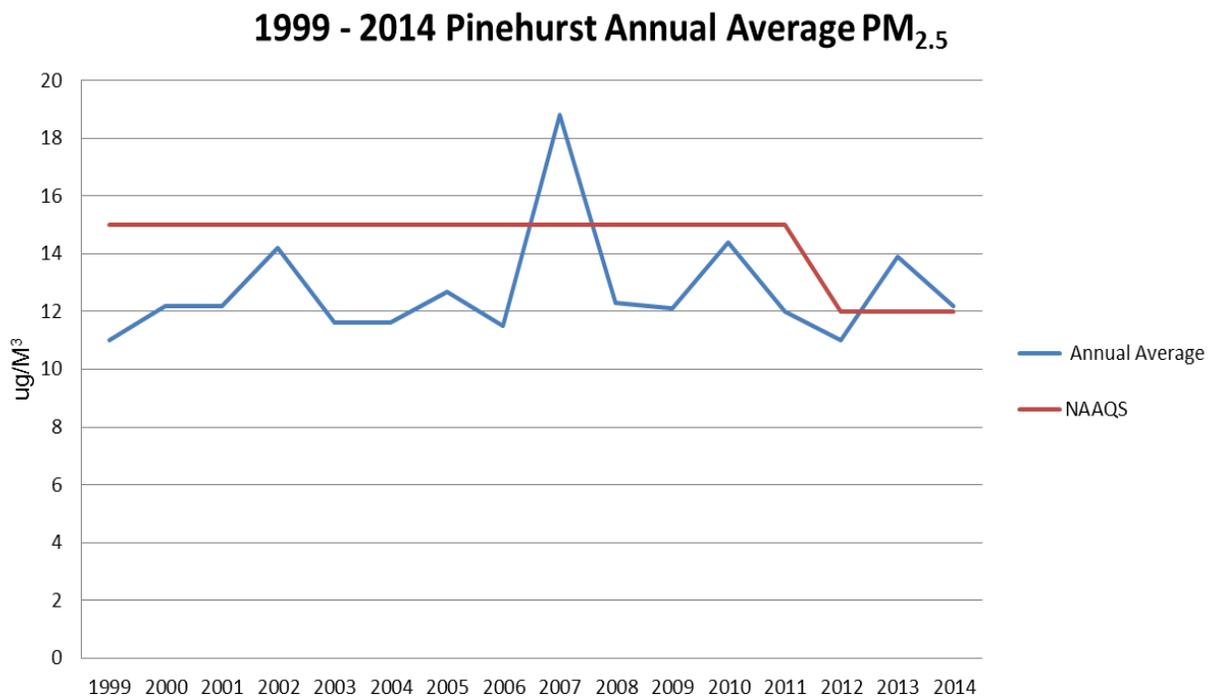
- Provide input on air quality issues facing the West Silver Valley
 - The group will need to provide input on reduction measures for development of State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Provide feedback to DEQ
 - The group will need to provide information to DEQ on how best to inform the public on air quality issues.
- Provide feedback/information to stakeholder groups

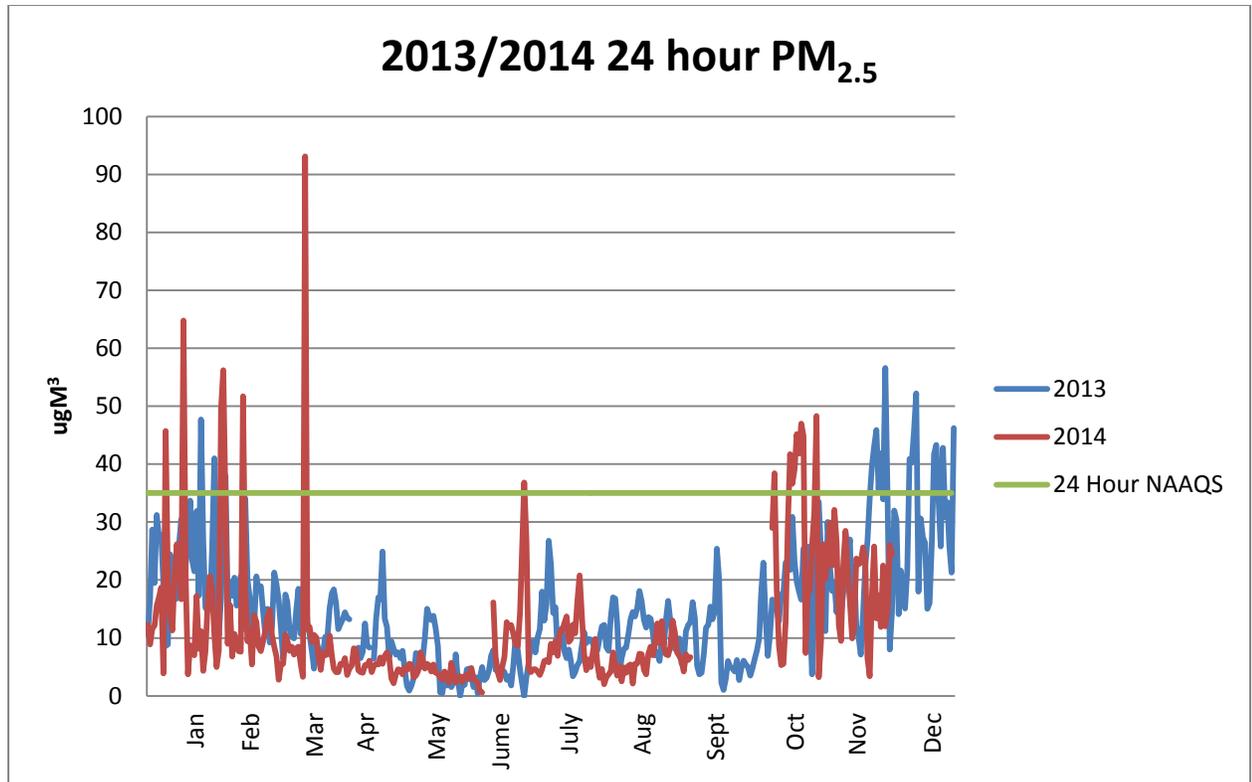
- Group members will need to “pass along” information from the meeting to other stakeholders
- Assist DEQ in public outreach activities
 - The group will need to provide DEQ with feedback on content for education materials and the best way to disseminate information to the public.
- DEQ’s roles, responsibilities and activities for the SIP effort
 - Arrange meeting facilities and technical information
 - Publicize the meetings
 - Facilitate meetings and provide agendas
 - Provide summaries of the meetings and maintain the WSV webpage

3. Action Items

- Data Update

Current annual and 24 hour data





- The group was in general agreement that the AQI page had improved but thought that the burn advisory message needs to be added in some manner. If necessary the health advisory could be replaced with burn information.
- The group also identified a couple possible reduction efforts such as issuing burn permits year round and outreach/education. These items will be pursued in future meetings.

4. Topic Discussion

- Group Goals: SIP development/establishing and codifying reduction techniques
 - The group agreed that the open burning issue would be a good place to start a discussion on emission reductions. The group expressed interest in hearing from prescribed burners, possibly IDL and the fire department. DEQ is committed to inviting representatives from these and other groups to attend future meetings.
- SIP samples, components to a SIP, timeline to a SIP
 - The SIP must be completed within 18 months of being designated as a NAA. Several examples of State Implementation plans were on hand for the group to review (Klamath Falls and Cache Valley).
- Group expectations/commitments

- Four residents signed the commitment form to be on the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- DEQ assignments
 - The Shoshone News Press will be contacted about adjusting the message in the newspaper.
 - The IDL and SCFPD#2 were identified as sources of information the group would benefit in hearing from. They will be contacted and asked to address the group at a future meeting.

5. Comments

- One resident who attended the meeting spoke of the threat that radon poses in the area to indoor air quality and how particulates can offer a pathway into the lungs.

6. Next Meeting

- Established as third Thursday of each month; next meeting 2/19/15 from 6-7 PM at Pinehurst City Hall.