

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

The West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee previously met on October 20, 2016 at Panhandle Health Office, Kellogg, Idaho.

November 17, 2016

Pinehurst City Hall, Pinehurst, Idaho

1. Introductions – In attendance were 3 residents; Karen Maravilla, John Rupert, and Kjell Truesdell. DEQ staff included Mark Boyle and Dan Smith.

2. Committee Business:

New Business – Dan Smith reported he is working with other DEQ staff members on the Operational Procedures Manual. These guidelines will outline the criteria, application process, inspections, and decision making process for the wood stove change out program. His goal is to have this process completed, reviewed, and approved by December 31, 2016.

3. Action items:

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

4. Topic Discussion:

SIP elements – Mark Boyle explained DEQ needs to have permanent and enforceable reductions in order to reduce emissions. Following are the four items which will provide permanent and enforceable reductions for the SIP to contribute to the demonstration of attainment.

*DEQ identified 19 woodstoves had been replaced since 2013 and prior to 2016. Reductions from these stoves will be taken in the attainment plan analysis.

*An additional 35 woodstove replacements in the City of Pinehurst would provide reductions.

*DEQ's technical analysis identified Federal vehicle and fuel standards being phased in through 2017 would provide reductions for the SIP to contribute to the demonstration of attainment.

*The last reduction technique used by DEQ for this SIP is voluntary allowances for SIP. The EPA will allow the use of these reductions but only up to 6% of the total reductions needed for the SIP attainment demonstration.

Mark added that the amount of reductions expected through the various targeted airshed grant funded projects will be noted in the SIP to provide a weight of evidence for EPA to consider while reviewing.

The community did not support establishment of local open burning and woodstove reductions ordinances in support of this SIP. DEQ and the community have effectively "picked clean" the easy reduction techniques in order to demonstrate attainment. Therefore if the community fails to achieve or maintain the annual standard or the 24 hour daily standard in the future, the community and DEQ are likely left with woodstove and open burning restrictions as the only available reductions.

DEQ is expecting a Smoke Management Plan will be drafted by December 31, 2017. The plan will be designed to help reduce smoke impacts from all levels of prescribed burning and could also provide other regulatory options for data impacts in the future.

The committee voiced appreciation to continue with SIP updates during the monthly meetings.

5. Next meeting – December 15, 2016 from 6-7pm at Panhandle Health Office, Kellogg ID
Meeting adjourned.