

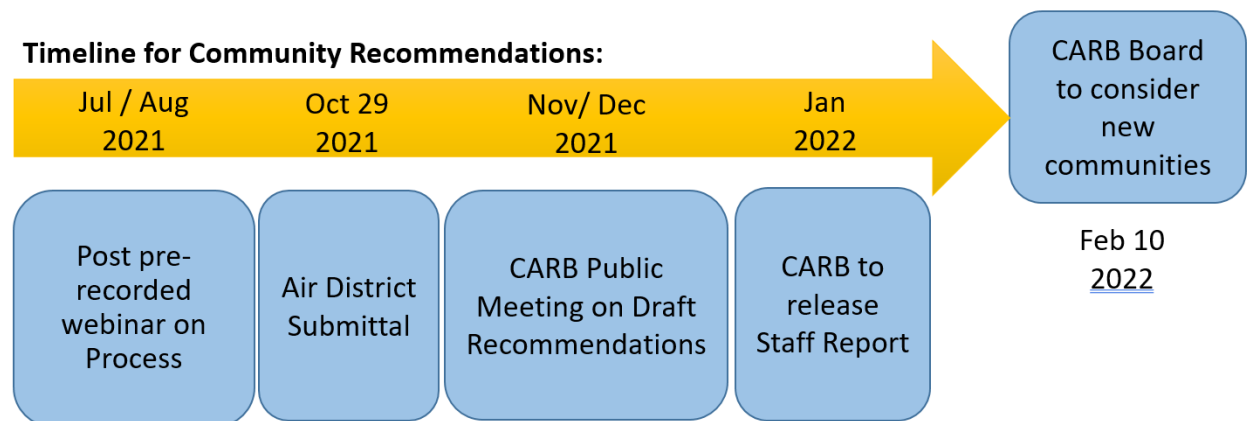
2021 AB 617 Community Recommendation and Selection Process DRAFT, June 9, 2021

CARB established the Community Air Protection Program (Program) in response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017). AB 617 requires the CARB Governing Board annually consider selection of communities for community air monitoring and/or community emissions reduction programs. Since the Program inception, of hundreds of eligible communities most impacted by air pollution, fifteen selected communities are implementing or developing emissions and/or monitoring plans for focused action to reduce emissions and exposure of air pollution.

In 2020, CARB worked with air districts to draft a list of communities recognized as having strong community support, released in June 2020¹. For the next round of community selections, CARB staff intends to recommend communities based on CARB Governing Board direction to:

- prioritize moving the air monitoring communities to emission reduction programs, if the community recommends and the data supports;
- consider the prior air district recommendations of communities not yet selected; and
- consider the community and community-based organization-supported communities.

The following is the anticipated timeline for 2021.



Community Recommendations Process:

The Blueprint is current being revised². A final revised Blueprint will be taken to the CARB Board in early 2022. In the interim and similar to prior years, the Community Recommendation and Selection Process will follow the process outlined in the

¹ See 2020 Community Recommendations Process Materials from June 2020 Webinar https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/CAPP_2020ComRecWebinarInfoSheet_0.pdf

² See **Blueprint Revision Status** <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp-blueprint>

October 2018 Blueprint for the recommendations. Appendix B³, page B-5 provides preliminary information, page B-6 through B-9 provides details on the assessment, and page B-10 provides specifics on outreach requirement.

In developing their recommendations, air districts should consider CARB Board priorities described above as well as available resources for implementing AB 617 in their existing and nominated communities.

Air District Submittal by October 29, 2021

Air districts may re-evaluate their community priorities with any new or updated information or data that is relevant for a previously submitted list and update their community priorities for this year and future years. **If there is no change to the district priorities for communities, the air district does not need to resubmit information.** However, the air district should submit a letter to confirm their interest in submitting a prior submitted community for this year's consideration.

Please submit air district recommendations or confirmation letter to:

Laura Z. Schmidt, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at Laura.ZSchmidt@arb.ca.gov. If you have questions, please email or call at 951 465-7105.

Community Self-Nominations:

Since February 2018, the Community Air Protection Program has been accepting community nominations for consideration. A list of community nominations can be found on the Program website⁴.

Any community self-nominations can be emailed to Laura.ZSchmidt@arb.ca.gov, communityair@arb.ca.gov, or airecomunitario@arb.ca.gov (Spanish). Community members are encouraged to work with their local air districts to nominate their community.

³ <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/final-community-air-protection-blueprint-appendix-b>

⁴ <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program/community-selection/2018-community-selection-and>