

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider the Proposed Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the Proposed Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Date: January 27, 2022

Time: 9:00 A.M.

This public meeting may continue at 8:30 a.m., on January 28, 2022. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the January 27, 2022 Board Meeting, for important details, including, but not limited to, the day on which this item will be considered and any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person – in addition to remote access – it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

Background

In establishing the state's approach to achieving clean air, the Legislature declared that an effective research program is an integral part of the statewide effort to combat air pollution in California. The legislature therefore directed CARB to administer and coordinate all air pollution research funded, in whole or in part, with state funds. CARB established objectives for air pollution research, and in accordance with legislative direction, appointed a Research Screening Committee (RSC). The RSC is composed of outside experts to provide advice and recommendations with respect to air pollution research projects funded by CARB's research program.

On March 25, 2021, the Board approved the Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Triennial Strategic Research Plan (Plan). The Plan provides details on past and current research activities, as well as remaining research needs that serve as a guide for the development of future research projects that will support the Board's mission. Staff will present updates and progress on fulfilling the initiatives presented in the Plan, including CARB's goal to operationalize racial equity in CARB research.

For Fiscal Year 2022-2023, CARB is proposing seven research projects that each address multiple research initiatives identified in the Triennial Strategic Research Plan. By investing in these projects, CARB can address long-term goals and challenges holistically. CARB is also proposing two white papers that will analyze the state of the science and identify research gaps for emerging priority areas to shape future research projects.

The research program continues to focus on issues that are unique to California and its priority populations and communities, and to leverage and complement research supported by other funding organizations. The projects proposed for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 will inform the state's efforts to maximize health, environmental, and economic co-benefits, create additional health endpoints to assess our programs, leverage new tools and methods to identify and refine mitigation strategies to support air quality goals, and support the equitable development of sustainable communities.

The proposed research projects will support the Board's decision-making and effective program implementation. A research budget of approximately \$3.8 million is anticipated to fund seven new projects and two white papers in fiscal year 2022-2023. Staff will also outline additional potential research projects if more funding becomes available.

Proposed Action

Board approval of the Proposed 2022-2023 Research Projects will authorize staff to proceed with developing these research projects. CARB staff will present a document that provides an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Research Projects. Copies of the document may be obtained from CARB's Research Program website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/topics/research> on December 17, 2021. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not submitted during the meeting, must be received **no later than Tuesday, January 18, 2022**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Sonya Collier, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Research Planning and Climate Analysis Section, or (designated back-up contact) Sarah Pittiglio, Air Resources Supervisor, Research Planning and Climate Analysis Section at research@arb.ca.gov.

Special Accommodation Request

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: December 17, 2021

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