

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Hear Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Report Update

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to hear an informational update on progress to implement the Community Air Protection Program (CAPP or Program).

Date: July 24, 2025

Time: No earlier than 4:00 pm

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on July 25, 2025. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the July 24, 2025, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

The Board will hear an informational update on progress to implement the [Community Air Protection Program](#) (CAPP or Program), including related updates on monitoring, enforcement, community air grants awards, and on-going efforts to support consistently nominated communities.

California's air quality programs continue to significantly improve public health statewide through various measures such as regional air quality planning, advancements in technology-based solutions, and risk reduction efforts near industrial facilities. However, despite these efforts, certain communities, particularly low-income and disadvantaged communities, still experience environmental and health inequities from air and other forms of pollution. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 617](#) (C. Garcia, Stats. 2017, Ch. 136) was signed into law in July 2017. AB 617 requires new community-focused action to reduce health-harming emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.

CAPP Annual Progress Update

This informational item will include presentations from CARB staff, an air district representative, an academic expert, and a panel discussion featuring community

members. The staff presentation will highlight the Program's progress over the past year, including commitments outlined in [Blueprint 2.0](#). The update will cover the status of Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) communities, key actions taken to implement CERPs, progress on Community Air Protection (CAP) incentives, and new tools developed by air districts and CARB. It will also provide updates on air quality monitoring, efforts to support [consistently nominated communities](#) through grants and other funding, and commitments for the upcoming year.

This year marks a significant milestone as the first cohort of Program communities prepare to transition after five years of CERP implementation. The Board will hear from a panel of Community Steering Committee members from some of the year one communities, who will share progress highlights, lessons learned, and strategies to address remaining challenges.

No new community has been nominated for formal selection this year. Air districts and CARB are closely coordinating to expand resources, projects, and grant opportunities to the 64 consistently nominated communities. The CAPP Blueprint 2.0 established the priority to support these consistently nominated communities. The Board will also hear from a Community Air Grant recipient about their progress in implementing a Local CERP within their community. Additionally, air district staff will present updates on their ongoing work to support these consistently nominated communities. Finally, the various evaluative efforts to assess the Program undertaken in recent years will be discussed. An invited academic researcher will present information to the Board on their AB 617 evaluation efforts.

For further information, the CAPP Annual Progress Report delivers a comprehensive update on the Program's yearly advancements in a refreshed format. The accompanying [StoryMaps](#) will incorporate first-hand community perspectives and direct narratives from participants' experiences.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present a written CAPP Annual Progress Report at the meeting as an informational item. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp/mdc/annual-reporting-and-progress-tracking>, by June 20, 2025. Please contact Lindsay Garcia, Regulations Coordinator, at Lindsay.Garcia@arb.ca.gov or (916) 546-2286 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during 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 July 14, 2025**, and addressed to the following:

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

[Electronic submittal](http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php): <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 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.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Nicole Bruns, Air Pollution Specialist, Office of Community Air Protection, at (279) 208-7488 or (designated back-up contact) Amaya Hernandez, Air Resources Engineer, Office of Community Air Protection, at (279) 208-7167.

Special Accommodation Request

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- An interpreter to be available at the hearing;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Date:

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