

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2018-2021
TRIENNIAL STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider draft initiatives for the CARB 2018-2021 Triennial Strategic Research Plan.

DATE: January 26, 2018
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

During the workshop, CARB staff will provide a summary of the draft research initiatives for the 2018-2021 Triennial Strategic Research Plan, followed by an open discussion for public comment and feedback. The agenda for the meeting will be available at least ten days before the workshop, on January 13, 2018 at the following web link:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/research-planning>.

BACKGROUND

The Legislature created the Board's research program in 1971 and identified it as an integral part of an effective air pollution control program. With the mandate as its foundation, the program encompasses all aspects of air pollution. CARB's research program continues to play an important role in meeting the challenges of increasingly stringent federal air quality standards and long-term climate goals, and serves as the foundation for effective regulatory decisions.

The program sponsors fundamental air pollution and climate studies, supports the development of new and innovative pollution reduction strategies, and evaluates ongoing programs and regulatory efforts. To assist the Board in managing a technically sound research program, the Legislature created the Research Screening Committee (<https://www.arb.ca.gov/research/rsc/rsc.htm>) to oversee the program. CARB's scientific technical staff serve as contract managers and closely monitor and manage the work performed by outside contractors.

CARB has released an annual research plan describing the projects to be funded in a given fiscal year for the past two decades. Previous research plans can be found here: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/research-planning/annual-research-plan->

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archives. However, in response to increased interest from external stakeholders to engage in the research planning process, CARB is making several changes to the planning process. Staff are currently developing a Triennial Strategic Research Plan for 2018-2021 to provide a longer-term vision than our typical annual research plan. Rather than identifying individual research projects, the Triennial Plan will identify broad research initiatives that will be the focus of funding for the next three years.

The draft research initiatives will be presented at this public workshop in order to guide the development of the draft Plan, which will be presented at the Board meeting on April 26, 2018. A list of recommended research projects to fund in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will also be presented to the Board at the April Board meeting.

After the development of the 2018-2021 Triennial Strategic Research Plan, CARB will continue to solicit research concepts every fiscal year from CARB staff and the public in order to take a list of recommended research projects to the Board each spring, and will develop Strategic Research Plans every three years for Board approval.

We encourage your participation in our research planning process and look forward to your input. For any questions regarding this workshop, please contact Sarah Pittiglio at sarah.pittiglio@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 324-0627.

For more information about CARB's research program, please visit <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/topics/research>.

PROPOSED AGENDA

CARB staff will begin the workshop with a presentation on past and on-going research initiatives supported by CARB, followed by the proposed research initiatives for the next three years. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion that will allow the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed research initiatives and ask questions of CARB research planning staff.

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 after the meeting. To be considered by CARB staff, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be postmarked on or before February 9, 2018. Comments that are submitted electronically must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m., February 9, 2018**.

Postal mail: Sarah Pittiglio, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submission: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/research-planning>

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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. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Sarah Pittiglio, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Climate Action and Research Planning Section, at (916) 324-0627.

LIVE VIDEO/AUDIO WEBCAST

If you are unable to attend the workshop in-person, a live video/audio webcast will be available. The link for the webcast will be available the day of the workshop at the following link: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

WORKSHOP MATERIALS

The agenda and staff presentation material will be distributed prior to the public meeting. Staff's presentations and any associated documents will be posted in advance on CARB's website at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/research-planning>.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

If you require special accommodation, please contact Sarah Pittiglio, Staff Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 324-0627 or sarah.pittiglio@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

NOTICES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND MATERIALS

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https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/subscriber/new?topic_id=research

Sincerely,

/s/

Bart Croes, Chief
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