

Community Air Protection Program

CARB's Community Air Protection Program is focused on reducing exposure and improving public health in communities most impacted by air pollution. Community partnerships and leadership are central to the success of the Program.

Here are some of the ways that the Program addresses community air pollution:



Community-Driven Local Plans to Measure and Reduce Air Pollution

- CARB selects communities to develop community air monitoring plans and community emissions reduction programs.
- Local steering committees (community residents, local businesses, local public agencies, and other stakeholders) guide development and implementation of these plans.



Increased Access to Tools and Data

- New databases, policy resources, technical guidance, and more are available online to help communities understand local air quality, identify reduction strategies, and build capacity.
- To learn more, visit arb.ca.gov/capp-resource-center



Agency Actions to Reduce Air Pollution

- The Program includes new CARB and local air district regulations and other strategies to reduce air pollution from freight, transportation, industry, and other sources.
- For information on CARB rulemaking, visit arb.ca.gov/rulemaking. For information on air district rulemaking, contact your local air district.



Funding

- CARB's Community Air Grants help community members participate in the Program. For information on Community Air Grant availability, visit arb.ca.gov/capp-cag
- Funding for cleaner technologies is an important tool to deliver reductions.
- For more information, visit fundingwizard.arb.ca.gov/

Key Roles and Responsibilities



CARB

- Implement new statewide strategies
- Design program requirements
- Provide oversight
- Issue Community Air Grants



Community Members

- Provide direction on community concerns and priorities
- Partner with air districts on community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs



Air Districts

- Partner with communities on community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs
- Provide incentive funding
- Require stronger pollution controls
- Engage with local agencies

Milestones

Community Air Protection Blueprint

In July 2017, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 617 to reduce air pollution and the associated health impacts in highly impacted communities. To implement AB 617, the CARB Board approved the Community Air Protection Blueprint on September 27, 2018, which includes strategies to reduce emissions and establishes Program requirements. The Blueprint is available at arb.ca.gov/capp-blueprint

Selected Communities and Community Steering Committees

Every year, the CARB Board considers selecting

communities. This map shows the 13 communities that were selected in 2018 and 2019. Each community has a steering committee that works with the air district to develop and implement monitoring plans and emission reduction programs. While all communities are unique, steering committees provide many "lessons learned" that can benefit other communities.

For information on the community selection process, visit arb.ca.gov/capp-selection

How to Get Involved

- Attend community steering committee meetings, available at arb.ca.gov/capp-communities
- Participate in CARB or air district rulemaking workshops and board hearings
- Apply for a Community Air Grant or financial incentives to fund a pollution reduction project
- Contact your air district to learn more about ongoing activities in your area arb.ca.gov/air-pollution-control-districts



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