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Mr. Ryan Hayashi
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Sent via email: ryan.hayashi@valleyair.org

Dear Mr. Hayashi:

Thank you for your December 7, 2020 letter requesting California Air Resources Board (CARB) to consider an extension of time until March 31, 2021 to develop a community emissions reduction program for the Stockton community. CARB understands that this year's circumstances have significantly affected the way communities, air districts, CARB, and other stakeholders must work together to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, 2017).

While AB 617 does not give CARB the authority to adjust the statutory twelve-month deadline for community emissions reductions programs, we believe the progress made to date and the path forward outlined in your request meet AB 617's intent for fast action to clean up communities. CARB staff will coordinate with you and the community steering committee (CSC) on when CARB will hold a formal hearing to consider approval of the complete community emissions reduction program once received.

CARB commends the approach that the Stockton CSC and air district have taken to continue their work developing a community emissions reduction program and community air monitoring plan. Thank you for the continued dedication the CSC and air district have shown for improving air quality for the Stockton community.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

cc: Vernon Hughes
Acting Director
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