

**AB 617 Consultation Group
8/31/21 Planning Call**

Goal: Prepare for September 21 Consultation Group Meeting

RSPVs: Ms. Margaret Gordon, Martha Dina Arguello, Michael Kleinman, Gustavo Aguirre Jr., Penelope (Jenny) Quintana, Kevin Hamilton, Deidre Sanders, Tung Le (tentative)

Attendees: Ms. Margaret Gordon, Michael Kleinman, Gustavo Aguirre Jr., Penelope (Jenny) Quintana, Kevin Hamilton, Deidre Sanders, Veronica Eady

CARB/Facilitation: Deldi Reyes, Karen Buckley, Liliana Nunez, Ariel Ambruster

Suggested Meeting Agreement:

- **Focus on planning only for the next meeting on 9/21**
- **Make sure full Consultation Group can participate in content-focused discussions.**

Suggested Agenda

(Removed items shown in strikethrough)

- **Welcome and Intros**
- ~~**Debrief August 12 meeting**~~
- **Review agenda topics submitted to date (not a final list) → Suggest additional topics**
- **Identify main topic for Sept 21**
- ~~**What can we do to stay on topic on Sept 21? → How to improve CG process**~~

Key Outcomes

Priority Topics for Sept 21

Not a heavy agenda – place priority items first

- **Brief CG Process discussion: ask group for ways we can hear from everyone**
- **CG Purpose (2 votes)**
 - Process recommendations for this agenda item:
 - Veronica: Structure discussion carefully, provide straw proposals for the group to react to, and envision the group's likely end products, to help the group have a productive discussion and reach shared agreement.

- Background/orientation re CG and role in 617 - introduce via history, invite Richard, Chanell present; share running list
- Request Richard/Chanell in the room for discussion
- Notes:
 - (KH) To show value, Richard EO/Board proclamation stating what CG is/does/role/responsibilities
 - CARB seems to see it as an ad hoc committee, does not value it. (MG, KH)
 - Veronica: Original role: vehicle for CARB to engage all listed groups in 617 + academics/scientists. Now time to revisit. Specific questions were brought to CG, wasn't best agenda-consultation process – more work needed to capture EJ/community topics/questions.
 - Straw proposals for Purpose:
 - (KH): oversight/advisory to CARB on AB 617 implementation at multiple levels from the CSCs to policy development around air toxics, BACT/BARCT, on all 5 pieces of the CAPP.
 - (MK) 1) identify needs to be done at state level 2) what happening at local 3) how effective 4) how to improve
 - Includes CG serving as advisor to CSCs
- **Review topics to date & seek to prioritize**
 - Suggestion that each interest caucus identify its priority topics (this could help to balance agendas for all interests)
- **Budgeting: where are gaps in participatory budgeting process now? (1 vote)**
- **People's Blueprint status & timing – when good for a CG meeting? (timing not yet clear)**

Consultation Group Process – How to Improve

Goals:

- More productive meetings
 - How to shape and move items forward
- Create space for free & hearty debate among all stakeholders, including those now quiet
 - How can we create space to hear from everybody? How to support people to feel comfortable sharing?

Recommendations

Productivity:

- Produce flowchart of org and how stakeholders interact with it
- **Group needs to prioritize all the ideas in a simple document – key new CG tool**
- Each caucus has their topics – industry, AD, (OPR), EJ in agenda-setting
 - Those reps produce more clarified agenda items
- Facilitator work more actively to curb circular discussions, keep people on topic, create room for other voices (people who wax long know that they do)

Inclusivity in discussions:

- ADs, CAPCOA, industry - Ask specific individuals/interests to speak
- Industry wants to share – CG/CSCs invite them in re specific issues communities may have: their intent, process, efforts to educate themselves on EJ/equity. How happen in way acceptable for EJ? Public comment not the best place. ✓
- Industry asked to speak on topics relevant to CG, such as regulation, CG concerns, etc.
- CG can task industry to poll their members on key issues ✓
- Best for CG member industry reps to present/represent those issues
- Groups who may feel disenfranchised – give more public time, or written comments collected/discussed/categorized/out on table
- Engage/draw people out with clarifying questions: what do you mean by this?

Additional Proposed Agenda Topics Organized in Bins

Topic List [BINS] that were sent by CG members via email with NEW ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING MEETING SHOWN in BLUE

[BIN: Consultation Group Composition and Governance]

- New Members
- Purpose
- Decision making
- [BIN: Overall AB 617 Program]
- Funding 101
- Plan for Expansion of Program

- Process for bringing a proposed blueprint to the CARB Board
- Discussion of Peoples Blueprint
- Sept Convening Debrief
- Roles of various organizations (such as CAPCOA) (MG)
- Focus on statewide issues & engage influential organizations on those issues
- Anticipated funding sources & implications for program/s
- Quarterly staff report on CSCs – seen, discussed, distributed to CSCs. CG discuss who develops
- Background/orientation re CG and role in 617
- CG serves as advisor to CSCs

[BIN: Building Capacity at CARB and Air Districts]

- CARB and EJ, Equity, Community Engagement and Participatory Budgeting
 - Training and skills development for CARB - when will internal staff trainings start on these topics? (MG)
 - Internal/external EJ policy advancement - More EJ policy throughout all departments and divisions. We must start having updates on EJ division and how they engage internal to staff, external to AD and community regarding EJ, policy, using equity and training. (MG)
 - Annual meeting with stakeholders - We as EJ must request a once year forum or annual update engagement from the EJ communities with Legislature and CARB Directors (MG)
- Air Districts and EJ, Equity, Community Engagement and Participatory Budgeting
 - Training and skills for AD staff (MG)
 - CSC level: Clarify (via BP update) industry vs. resident representation

[BIN: Non-CSC Aspects of AB 617 Implementation]

- Criteria and Toxics Reporting Rules
- Expedited BARCT implementation
- Monitoring led by industry for community and fenceline
- Statewide Strategies Progress and Status