

April 15, 2021

Portside Environmental Justice Community Steering Committee  
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Dear Portside Environmental Justice Community Steering Committee:

On March 12, 2021, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) received a letter from the Portside Environmental Justice Steering Committee (Portside Committee) stating that on February 16, 2021, the Portside Committee discussed and unanimously voted in favor of requesting an additional two months to adopt Phase II of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP). We appreciate your commitment to submit the final CERP in August 2021. The request is due to overlapping of community engagement efforts as a result of the USS Bonhomme Richard Fire disaster that directly affected the Portside communities, and the organizational structure transition of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDCAPCD) as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 423 (Gloria, 2019). While AB 617 (C. Garcia, 2017) does not grant CARB the authority to adjust the statutory twelve-month deadline for the CERP, CARB acknowledges additional time is necessary to finalize a comprehensive CERP with strategies and actions that will reduce air pollution in the community, and supports your request.

Thank you for providing a summary of progress to date. CARB appreciates the Portside Committee's efforts to this point, including taking a set of early-action strategies to the SDCAPCD Board for immediate implementation, while additional CERP strategies and actions continue to be developed and finalized. CARB staff commends the Portside Committee on their ongoing collaboration and progress in implementing AB 617. The progress made to date and the path forward outlined in your request meets AB 617's intent for fast action to address harmful emissions in communities.

CARB staff are available and happy to assist the Portside Committee in achieving a comprehensive final plan that meets the requirements of the Community Air Protection Blueprint. We will coordinate with you and the air district on when CARB will hold a formal hearing to consider approval of the final CERP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your CARB Liaison, Liliana Nunez, at [Liliana.Nunez@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Liliana.Nunez@arb.ca.gov).

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Thank you for your continued dedication to the success of this program and improving air quality in the Portside Environmental Justice Neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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