

California Air Resources Board

Office of Community Air Protection (OCAP)

December 2022 Updates for AB 617 Consultation Group

Please reach out to learn more or discuss any of the updates below by emailing CommunityAir@arb.ca.gov. CSC members are encouraged to contact their CARB liaison directly.

Item 1- Follow Community Air Protection Activities on CARB's Environmental Justice Blog

- Interested in signing up for the CARB EJ blog where you can get the latest on CARB's EJ and community air protection activities? Subscribe to the CARB EJ blog through this [link](#). With this subscription you will receive an automated email with CARB's latest EJ and Community Air Protection Program news updates.

Item 2- Three CARB Data Tools Highlight Stationary Source Controls, Air District Rules and Incentives Spending

CARB OCAP has made available three data tools to view best available control technologies for stationary sources, search Air District rules, and AB 617 incentives projects.

- The [Technology Clearinghouse](#) identifies the best available control technology (BACT) and the best available retrofit control technology (BARCT) for criteria air pollutants, and related technologies for the control of toxic air contaminants from stationary sources. Included in this clearinghouse:
- The [Air District Rules](#) tool allows users to search, view and download information related to current air district rules.
- The AB 617 [Community Hub](#) is an online dashboard that provides visual summaries of key AB 617 efforts on community air monitoring and community emissions reduction programs, incentive investments, and enforcement activities in communities.
- [Community Air Protection Incentives Project Dashboard](#), a tool to track incentives projects across the state and in specific AB 617 communities.
- A new [Stationary Source Permitting - Community Questions](#) webpage answers questions related to stationary source permitting raised by community advocates.
- The [Enforcement Data Visualization System](#) is a map-based tool for users to visualize CARB's enforcement activities throughout the State, including field inspections and case settlements.

Item 3- December 14, 2022, Workshop to Kick-off Community Air Grants Funding Process with \$10 million Available for Funding (from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm)

CARB's [Community Air Grants Program](#) will conduct a virtual (online) public workshop to kick-off the Program's request for applications to help support community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and tribal governments to participate in the AB 617 process and implementation. \$10 million dollars will be available for funding, which can be used to help communities build capacity to become active partners with government to identify, evaluate, and reduce air pollution and exposure to harmful emissions in their communities.

Grants Request for Applications: Begins December 5, 2022

Application Deadline: March 3, 2023

A workshop agenda and remote access registration information will be provided on the [Community Air Grants Events webpage](#) prior to the workshop date.

For the first time, Community Air Grants can now be used to allow communities to write their own local Community Emissions Reduction Plans, along with other types of projects such as:

- Community engagement and outreach related to AB 617
- Hiring consultants and/or technical experts
- Travel and logistical support for hosting and/or attending meetings related to AB 617 (i.e., room rental, meeting facilitation, transportation)
- Support for community operated air monitoring
- Data collection and analysis, including community based participatory research projects

More information available on the [CARB CAG website](#).

Item 4- CARB Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Research Project Solicitation.

CARB's Research Division requests research proposals from Universities of California or California State Universities to improve indoor air quality in California. Universities may work in collaboration with community based nonprofit organizations to understand the effects of indoor air pollution impacts in California's vulnerable communities.

\$3.8 million in funding is available for the 2022-23 fiscal year to fund up to 8 projects.

- Final pre-proposals are due on January 11, 2023
- Applicants notified of award on February 1, 2023
- Full proposals due to CARB on February 22, 2023

More information available on the [CARB Research Division webpage](#).

Item 5 – OCAP Welcomes Leisa Bush, Acting Branch Chief in OCAP

We are pleased to share that Leisa Bush has joined our OCAP team as a Rotational Branch Chief for the Community Assessment Branch. Leisa has been with CARB for 11 years and was previously a Supervisor in the Enforcement Division, she will serve as the Branch Chief for the next four months.