

Community Engagement Model Workshop

January 19, 2023

The following statements are key takeaways and/or a summary of comments heard during the meeting. Some comments fall outside of the scope of the meeting but have been included in this document to acknowledge them and will be shared with relevant divisions within CARB.

Meeting Notes

Less talk and more action and accountability.

- More aggressive action on climate change, air quality, health, and land use decisions are needed, and CARB should take more accountability for its history. Actions that go beyond the commitments already made in the Scoping Plan are needed.
- Participation and engagement with CARB currently don't accomplish enough.
- Communities of color and low-income communities who bear the largest burden of air pollution should not be left out of the process and continue to be overlooked for funding, outreach, engagement, infrastructure, etc.
- CARB should be inclusive across engagement efforts and not forget to include Asian and Middle Eastern people at the table.
- CARB should work with community experts beyond those that CARB has already built relationships and worked with for past efforts.
- CARB must be accountable for its role in lack of action taken, including taking a tougher stance (more than a slap on the wrist) on people (such as community-based organizations, companies/industry, local governments, air districts) who are not following a path of more equitable outcomes for all.
- CARB could be a champion at the state and local level for land use decision making processes by sending comment letters, attending tours, providing resources, and being more present in communities.
- The Community Engagement Model has potential, but stakeholders want to see how far CARB is willing to step up in this work and how equitable CARB is willing to pay communities for their time. CARB has begun to do this, but still but still needs to do more.

CARB must go outside the status quo to truly engage and do what is right for communities.

- Racial equity (and equity work overall) cannot just be a talking point or check the box.
- Procedures, design, time commitments, and desired program outcomes require close thought and community input before work begins.

People's experience/stories are data.

- CARB is a data driven agency, and must consider qualitative, community-centered, lived experiences on how air pollution impacts daily lives as data with equal consideration.

- Communities are requesting more in-person tours and visits from CARB staff to gain first-hand, visual experience of communities' challenges.
- CARB staff must properly follow up with communities after in-person tours and visits, otherwise communities continue to face the challenges with no change.

Partnership with communities requires co-creation and rethinking how, when, where, and who CARB engages with.

- It is a process of two-way communications (not transactional) and must be focused on follow-up and measurable actions.
- CARB needs to rethink requirements around solicitations such as resumes and other requirements.
- CARB should be intentional about where meetings/workshops are occurring. Workshops should be made more accessible by providing childcare, food, water, and transportation. Please see our [Chat log/Questions and Answers](#) for more information about this topic.
- CARB needs to equitably pay community experts, especially in disadvantaged communities of color.
- CARB needs to connect with communities to understand why we need electric cars and provide infrastructure and incentives to those communities.

Communities have not been marginalized in the same way.

- Long periods of marginalization require more resources for these communities, especially to communities of color.
- Marginalized groups do not want to be lumped together; this only further contributes to marginalization.

Provide more accurate information and build awareness.

- Many experiences and stories were shared, including where CARB leadership, local governments, and air districts have gone against communities' lived experience such as health concerns saying the data did not support what they are seeing and feeling on the ground.
- CARB should take a leadership role and not take what local governments are doing at face value. If industry and others are not complying with state standards, CARB needs to step in.
- Systems and process change, information transparency, and visible, positive health and climate outcomes are all required for true engagement and benefits to occur.

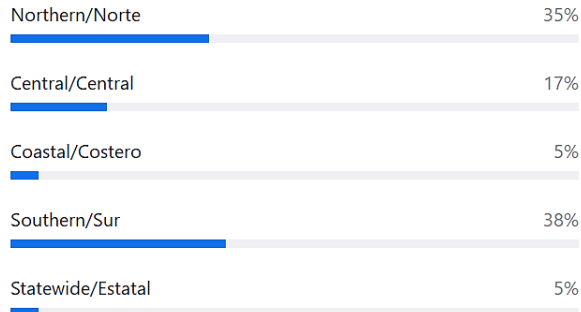
Next steps:

- CARB will set up a meeting for those who indicated an interest to understand State contracting barriers (e.g., what CARB can and cannot do in contracts).
- CARB will relook at the solicitation based on stakeholder feedback and will develop a fact sheet to answer questions.
- CARB will respond to questions raised in the chat and emails.

The following are poll question results from the workshop with summaries:

Region/Región

1. What region of California is your community located in?/¿En qué región de California se encuentra su comunidad? (Single Choice) *

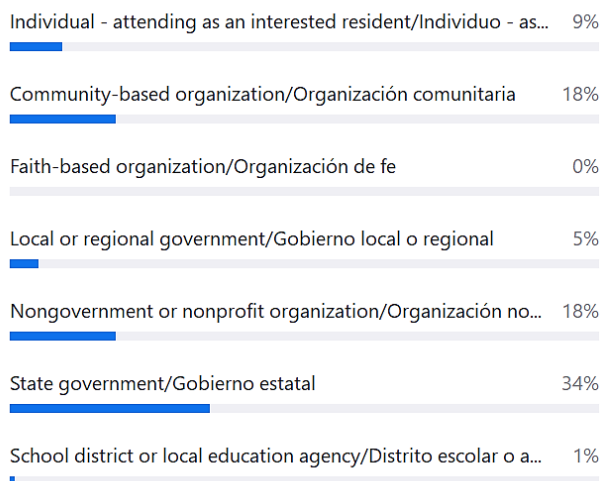


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Based on the poll results workshop stakeholders were primarily from Northern and Southern California.

Entity/Entidad

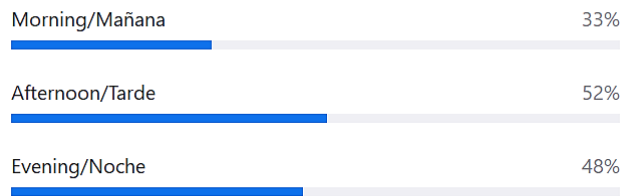
1. Which entity best represents you?/¿Qué entidad lo representa mejor? (Single Choice) *



Based on the poll results workshop stakeholders were primarily from State government and community-based and non-governmental organizations.

Question/Pregunta

1. In general, what time works best for future public meetings?/En general, ¿qué hora funciona mejor para futuras reuniones públicas? (Multiple Choice) *



You did not answer this question

Based on the poll results workshop stakeholders identified a mix of times that works best for future public meetings.

CE at CARB/Participación Comunitaria en CARB

1. On a scale of 1-5 (1 = very poorly, 5 = very well) how well do you think CARB currently engages with community stakeholders across CA?/En una escala de 1-5 (1 = muy mal, 5 = muy bien), ¿qué tan bien cree que CARB se relaciona actualmente con las partes interesadas de la comunidad en CA? (Single Choice) *



You did not answer this question

Based on the poll results, most workshop stakeholders felt neutral or that CARB was doing a poor job of engaging communities.