



# **Welcome to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Consultation Group Meeting**

July 26, 2023

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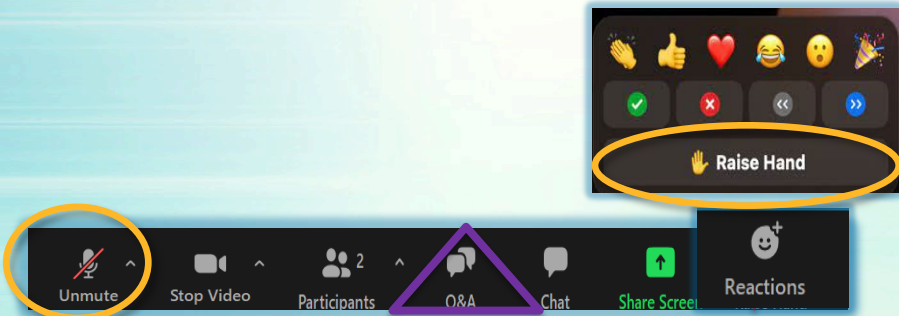
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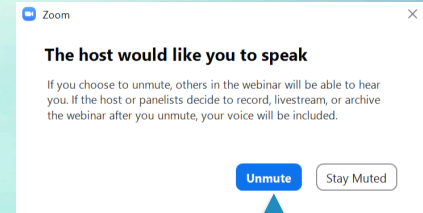
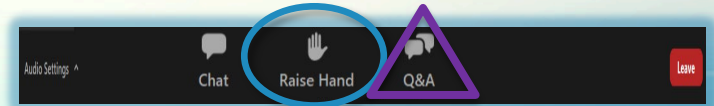
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# CG Membership Update

## Consultation Group Members (Quorum = 18 members, 10 quorum)

1. Davina Hurt – CARB Board Member
2. John Balmes – CARB Board Member
3. EJ Org – Nayamin Martinez, CCEJN
4. EJ Org – Jesse Marquez, CFASE
5. EJ Org – Kevin Hamilton, CCAC
6. EJ Org – Luis Olmedo, CCV
7. EJ Org – Ms. Margaret Gordon, WOIEP
8. Tribal Govt – Jana Ganion, Blue Lake Rancheria
9. Air Districts – Tung Le
10. Air District – Samir Sheikh/Ryan Hayashi/  
Jess Olsen, SJVAPCD
11. Air District – Veronica Eady/Phillip Fine,  
Ph.D. /Suma Peesapati, BAAQMD
12. Air District – Wayne Natri/Kathryn  
Higgins, SCAQMD
13. Biz/Industry – Cathy Reheis-  
Boyd/Christine Zimmerman – WSPA
14. Biz/Industry – Christine Wolfe – CCEEB
15. Academia/SRP – Michael Kleinman, Ph.D.  
– UC Irvine
16. Public Health Org – Paul English, Ph.D., –  
Tracking California, Public Health Institute
17. Public Health Org – OEHHA – Dave  
Edwards, Ph.D.
18. Public Health Org – Will Barrett –  
American Lung Association
- Local Govt – Vacant

# Meeting Objectives and Agenda

**Objective:** CARB consult with a range of stakeholders in developing the statewide strategy (Blueprint) to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.

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1. Welcome
2. Recap and Discussion of [Part One of the Draft Blueprint 2.0](#) on June 28, 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion of [Part Two of the Draft Blueprint 2.0](#)
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn and Next Steps

# Meeting Agreements

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- Keep comments short and focused on agenda topics
- All perspectives are welcome
- Support a respectful environment
  - We can respect others even when we disagree
  - Please refrain from accusations, innuendo, personal attacks, or maligning others'
- Be comfortable
  - Take personal breaks as needed
  - Use video as desired
  - Please stay muted until ready to speak

# What's in the draft Statewide Strategy?

## Part One

### 5-Year Strategic Plan

- Vision
- Mission
- Guiding Principles
- Goals
- Actions

Informed by  
**People's BP**  
and **CSCs**

## Part Two – Implementation Guidance

### Selected Communities

- Improve process for CERPs and CAMPs in 19 CSCs
- Significantly informed by People's Blueprint

### 65 Plus Places

- Highlight 65 consistently nominated communities
- Local CERPs via Community Air Grants
- More flexibility to tap Community Air Protection Incentives
- Community-Focused Enforcement



# Blueprint 2.0 discussion recap - June 28<sup>th</sup>

- ❑ More clarity on purpose of L-CERPs; how will they be implemented
- ❑ Support for Goal 3: BP 2.0 strong equity lens; needs more clarification on civil rights law compliance
- ❑ Support for Goal 7, recommendations for improving accessibility
- ❑ Concern about delegating the CARB Board's authority to approve CERPs to the EO
- ❑ Need greater technical support for CSCs
  - ❑ Information sharing across CSCs
  - ❑ OEHHA work more closely with AB 617
- ❑ Health disparities should be discussed in Blueprint 2.0
  - ❑ Measurable goals around emissions and exposure reductions
  - ❑ Public health metrics to assess progress

# Continued Recap June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting: Topics of interest

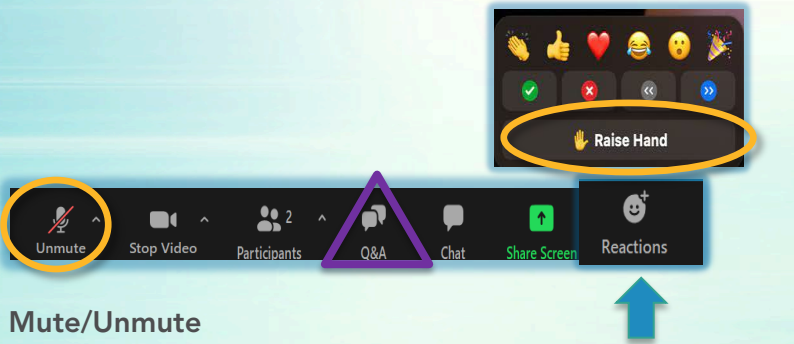
- With affected communities – What does Title 6 and Section 11135 mean in plain, practical terms?
- Criminal enforcement authorities of CARB and Air District
- L-CERPs - identifying examples, major challenges and factors for success
- Community-focused enforcement

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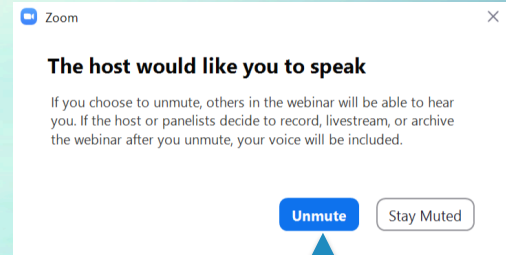
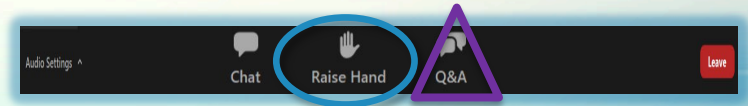
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# Questions to think about

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- What, if any, are your concerns over EO delegation for community selection?
- What other pathways would support the 65-plus communities that have not been selected?
- What areas of the BP 2.0 update do you think will support the community work in the Program's 19 communities?

# PART TWO: Implementation Guidance



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## Program Background



### Program Elements

What AB 617 requires



### Working Together

Guidance and partnering to fill in the gaps



### Transparency and Accountability

Shining a light on funding, progress and barriers

**19 Community  
Steering Committees**

Two Implementation Tracks

**Consistently Nominated  
Communities**

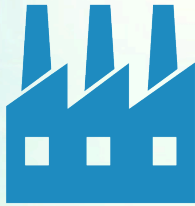
# Elements of the Program

Required by law

CARB's discretion



Community emissions reduction programs



Accelerated retrofit of pollution controls on industrial facilities



Community-level air quality monitoring



Enhanced emissions reporting and permit transparency



Grants for community groups (Local CERPs and community-convened pathways)



Community-focused enforcement access to CAP incentives



# Funding Transparency



- Budget FAQ and Table of Funding Amounts
- CAP Incentives Dashboard
- Annual Reports from Districts re: Operating Funds
- Community Air Grant Project Scopes of Work Posted Online



# Two Concurrent Implementation Tracks

## 19 Community Steering Committees

- Ensure completion of CERP's
- Streamlined CERP approval
- Support frequent exchange across CSCs
- Program Evaluation
- Governance
- Tracking and Accountability



Discussed at  
June 28 meeting



## Consistently Nominated Communities

- Engagement with 65-plus communities



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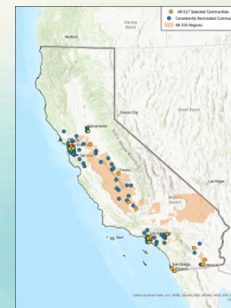
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# PART TWO: New Implementation Approaches

## Reimagining the Program To Serve More Communities:

1. Use Community Air Grants to support Local Community Emission Reduction Plans
2. Community-Focused Enforcement
3. Increased flexibility for use of CAP Incentives.



# Community Air Grants – New Project Type

- **Purpose:** Technical assistance funding to **community based non-profit organizations** and **California tribal governments**
- **A new CAG project type - Local CERP -** will support community-convened CSCs in prioritizing, planning, and implementation
- Learn from current examples/projects
- Public process to refine the next cycle of CAG Request for Applications



# Community-Focused Enforcement

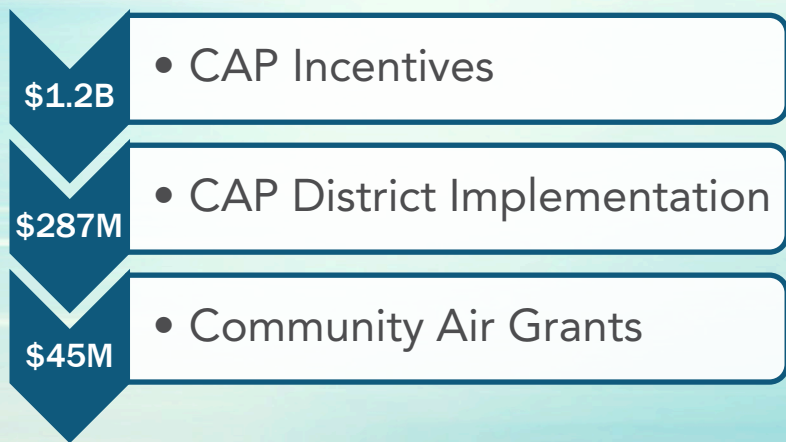
- Partner to understand issues not being addressed
- Concentrate on community-identified areas, some which we traditionally do not enforce
- Co-develop enforcement plans
- Can be used in:
  - Currently selected communities
  - L-CERP developed by a CAG
  - Other community-led partnership



# Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives Overview

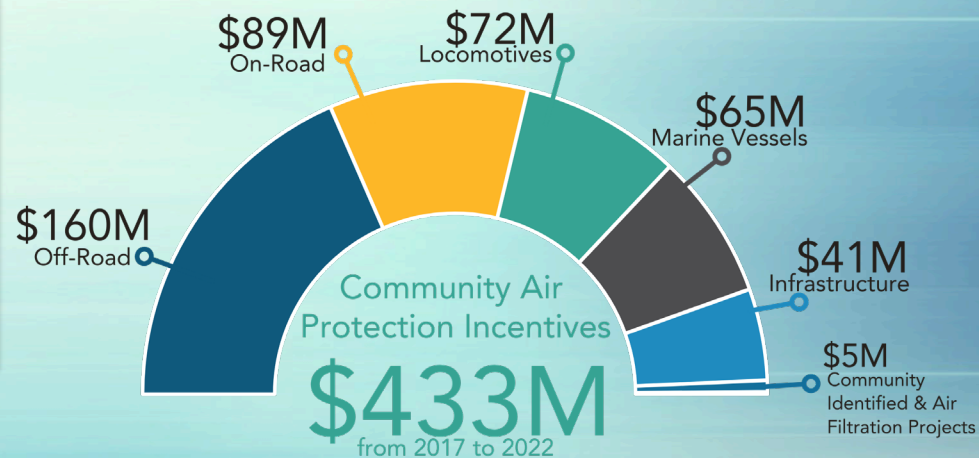
## CAP Incentives

- One of three funding pots to implement AB 617







## Incentives Expenditures to Date

- AB 617 Funding FAQ ([link](#))






# New and Updated Statewide Incentive Strategies

## Updated Chapters

-  • Hexavalent Chrome Plating Facilities
-  • Reducing Air Pollution in Schools
-  • Community Identified Projects
-  • Stationary Source Projects

## New Chapters

-  • Agency Partnerships
-  • Vegetative Barriers and Urban Greening
-  • Emergency Diesel Generator Replacement
-  • Paving, Sidewalk, and Bike Path Projects
-  • Dial-A-Ride Vehicle Replacement

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# Draft Blueprint 2.0 Public Online Workshops

July 2023



# Blueprint 2.0 Development Timeline

Summer 2022 through September 2023

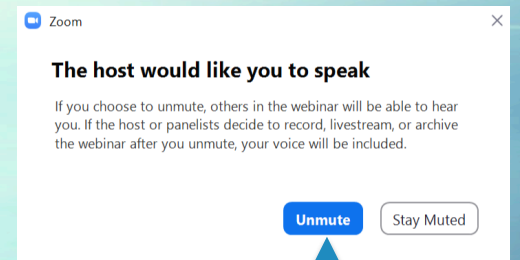
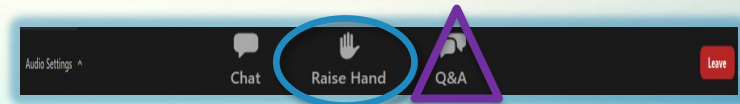
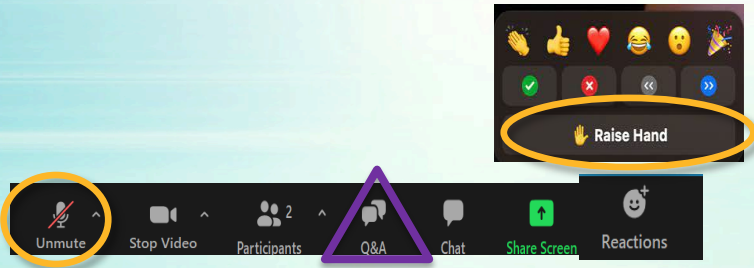


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