

Draft Blueprint 2.0 Goals and Actions

Goal 1 – Engage and Partner in Evolving the Community Air Protection Program

Priority Actions

1. Ensure that all CARB staff who engage with communities have taken training on public participation, popular education approaches, environmental justice, addressing structural racism, and conflict resolution. (December 2024)
2. Establish a community of practice with air districts to share training materials and approaches for internal capacity building. (December 2024)
3. Apply good practices to support meaningful engagement in our work by early scoping, timely provision of accessible information, and follow up with participants. (2023)
4. Reinvigorate the AB 617 Consultation Group by supporting an ad hoc group of members to refresh the charter around the common purpose established by statute. Updates to the Consultation Group would include establishing term lengths and expanding membership to include representatives of communities not selected into the Program.

Goal 2 – Apply Regulatory Authorities to Reduce Exposures and Emissions

Priority Actions

1. Implement the regulation to reduce diesel particulate matter (DPM) emissions from locomotives by requiring owners, operators, sellers, lessees, renters, or manufacturers to move to the cleanest available locomotives¹. (ongoing)
2. Enforce the 2022 amendments to the Commercial Harbor Craft regulation² that include more vessel types, requires cleaner upgrades and newer technology, resulting in greater control of DPM. (ongoing)
3. Enforce amendments to the Drayage Trucks at Seaports and Rail Yards regulation, incorporated into the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation³. The goal is to achieve a zero-emission truck and bus California fleet by 2045, where feasible. (Board consideration in April 2023 with final regulation anticipated in Fall 2023).
4. Enforce amendments⁴ to the chrome plating control measure which places restrictions on new hexavalent chromium plating facilities and requires modification of existing facilities until a phase-out of hexavalent chromium is complete. (Board consideration of amendment anticipated in late Spring 2023).

¹ <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/reducing-rail-emissions-california>

² <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/commercial-harbor-craft>

³ <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/advanced-clean-fleets>

⁴ <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/chrome-plating-atcm>

5. Evaluate the use of air district regulatory authorities in CERPs and lift up innovative examples for consideration by other air districts. (2024)
6. Encourage and support targeted facility risk reduction audits and actions. (2024)

Goal 3 – Center Non-Discrimination Laws and Protections

Priority Actions

1. Update CARB's 2016 Civil Rights Policy and Discrimination Complaints Process⁵. (2023-2024)
2. Ensure that OCAP's orientation for new AB 617 Community Steering Committee members includes a focus on civil rights and communicates the process for making a complaint
3. Update terms and conditions in all grant agreements administered by OCAP to ensure consistency with guidance from the California Department of Civil Rights and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's External Civil Rights and Compliance Office. (2024)
4. Apply a racial equity lens to the current process for applications for Community Air Grants.
5. Ensure that CARB staff are trained on civil rights responsibilities.
6. Participate in national efforts led by U.S. EPA to further develop environmental justice and permitting tools.

Goal 4 – Ensure Completion of CERPs

Priority Actions

1. Work with air districts to ensure completion of strategies in all CERPs adopted to date, including for CERPs that will require more than 5 years to implement, with a priority focus on CERPs that in their fourth or fifth year of implementation. (ongoing)
2. Co-design, with air districts and representatives of the Community Steering Committees, peer-to-peer learning opportunities across air districts. (2023)
3. Conduct a programmatic evaluation of the Program through a third-party evaluator and publish findings and recommendations. (2023-2025)

Goal 5 - Focus on Consistently Nominated Communities

Priority Actions

1. Publish online an easily accessible *list of the 65 communities***Error! Bookmark not defined.** that have been consistently nominated but not selected. (completed)

⁵ <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/2016-11-03%20CARB%20Civil%20Rights%20Policy%20Revised%20Final.pdf>

2. Develop and implement an engagement plan focused on the 65 places that have been consistently nominated but not selected. (2024)
3. Partner with U.S. EPA to identify resources to address air quality priorities.
4. Partner with the Strategic Growth Council to leverage the CAPP and Transformative Climate Communities goals to improve air quality, land use decisions and climate resilience.
5. Target outreach to representatives of the 65 communities about opportunities to apply for Community Air Grants.
6. Community-driven enforcement is a priority for CARB's Enforcement Division, and CARB staff will be conducting community-prioritized enforcement work in overburdened communities, including those not selected for the program, going forward.
7. As part of the process to develop Blueprint 2.0, staff will also revise the [CAP Incentives 2019 Guidelines](#) (CAP Guidelines or Guidelines) to increase opportunities for disadvantaged communities, particularly those that have been consistently nominated, to replicate selected CERP strategies and stationary source project categories statewide in partnership with communities. In advance of this action, staff will also publish new learning materials for community members participating in the Program, to empower them to make their voices heard and contribute to these Guideline revisions as staff continues to work through the Blueprint 2.0 public process.

Goal 6 – Use Community Air Grants to Build Community Capacity and Local CERPs

Priority Actions

1. Support the community-conceived innovation of a “Local” CERP (L-CERP), which is an emission reductions plan developed by a Community Air Grantee for a local community. This concept was proposed and accepted for a Community Air Grant in Stanislaus, Madera, and Tulare counties in the San Joaquin Valley in 2021. Conduct a case study to understand how best to replicate this approach in future Requests for Applications. (2023-2024)
2. Develop and provide training to future L-CERP community air grant recipients to support successful outcomes. (2023)
3. Workshop the 2024 Request for Applications to support the use of CAGs in developing emission reduction plans that are based on full and authentic community participation in partnership with Air Districts and CARB.
4. Host an online inventory of promising practices related to governance and power sharing. (2023)
5. Share information with CAPP stakeholders about how to engage in CARB's regulation development process. (ongoing)
6. Make program funding information more accessible to communities in support of participatory budgeting. (ongoing)
7. Redesign the Community Air Protection webpages to align with this strategy to support accountability to progress towards commitments. (2023)

Goal 7 – Make Program and Air Quality Information and Tools More Accessible to Communities

Priority Actions

1. Complete the *Stationary Source Permitting – Community Questions* document, an effort to increase public understanding of how stationary source air quality permitting is conducted in California relevant to the jurisdiction of local air districts and CARB. CARB and the *California Air Pollution Control Officers Association* (CAPCOA), which is an association that represents the air districts throughout California, formed a temporary subgroup to develop responses to each question. (2023)
2. Launch the Technology Clearinghouse which will include a searchable database of CERP strategies (2024).
3. Launch a uniform statewide system to annually report emissions of criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants. (end of 2024)
4. Complete a *video series on Air Quality Fundamentals* in response to requests received from community members (2023)
5. Publish information about program funding online.
6. Establish an online dashboard to track overall program and CERP progress, including the status of commitments made in Part One of Blueprint 2.0.