

California Air Resources Board
DRAFT AB 617 Consultation Group (CG)
Meeting Highlights and Action Items
July 26, 2023 (1pm - 4pm)

1. Recommendations for Part One of Draft Blueprint 2.0*

- Blueprint 2.0 should mention the role of local government in L-CERPs and specific procedures to involve them.
- Blueprint 2.0 should clearly indicate that Air Districts must make a formal commitment as partners to AB 617 communities, as required by statute.

2. Recommendations for Part Two of Draft Blueprint 2.0*

- **65+ Consistently Nominated Communities**
 - Concern raised over how to assess the capacity of the 65 listed communities, and how to give them greater capacity.
 - Identify how the 65 listed communities will be prioritized and how the level of care each community receives will be determined.
 - Clarify the definition of “consistently nominated communities,” i.e., how many times a community needs to be nominated, and if it is possible for new communities to be added to the list.
 - Proofread the list of consistently nominated communities; incorrect labelling for San Francisco County communities.
- **Evaluating CERPs and Program Implementation**
 - Provide guidance on how to develop metrics of success, not just metrics of completing tasks, to evaluate CERPs. Consider community priorities as potential metrics of success.
 - Create a more formal process to evaluate CERPs, CAGs, and other Program elements, such as putting together a clearinghouse of techniques that were successful.
 - Mention health disparities and outcomes as an important element of the Program in Blueprint 2.0.
 - **Action item:** Have a future meeting with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) experts, community members, and staff to discuss DEI issues related to enforcement (i.e., CARB discussions of “enforcement” may seem threatening to overpoliced communities) and access to stipends for community members.

- **Collaboration with OEHHA**
 - Recommendation for OEHHA to assist with building technical capacity in the 65+ consistently nominated communities.
 - Develop stronger partnerships with OEHHA to help create exposure reduction goals for the Program, health assessments, and metrics of success.
- **L-CERPs**
 - Provide more specific standards for what L-CERPs should include, what agencies should be involved, and how L-CERPs will be enforced compared to CERPs without required Air District involvement.
- **Role of Air Districts in the Program**
 - Some comments that Air Districts should have a stronger role in the L-CERP process moving forward; concerns from others that Air Districts lack the capacity or resources to do so.
 - Air Districts should play a consulting role for communities, not a leadership role, in the overall Program; the role of communities should be more expansive (Page 24, Part 2).
- **Technology Clearinghouse**
 - Excitement about website and digital tools, but concern that tools will not be completed in time for community use—clearinghouse is still not up.
 - Technical information needs to be made available in everyday language for community members.
- **Role of Regulated Industries in L-CERPs**
 - What should the role of regulated industries be in developing and implementing L-CERPs? It depends on the preferences of the specific community. Some community members may feel intimidated by industry being present at early-stage meetings.
 - **Action item:** Request for a discussion at a future meeting of CARB’s vision for how regulated industries should engage in spaces where environmental justice communities have been historically excluded.

**Recommendations related to Blueprint 2.0 have been compiled in the “Blueprint 2.0 Summary of Comments” document and are being addressed in revisions. A response to comments summary will be released as part of the Oct 26 Board item to consider Blueprint 2.0.*

3. Next Steps

- Final Draft Blueprint will be released no later than September 26, 2023.
- Draft Blueprint 2.0 will be considered by the Board on October 26, 2023.