

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MODEL - COMMUNITY EXPERTS MEETING #1

Meeting Summary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023, 5PM – 8PM

This document provides a summary of California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Community Engagement Model-Community Expert Meeting held on October 10, 2023. This summary is an accompaniment to the presentation slide deck and meeting recordings, both available for review on the [CARB Community Engagement Model website](#) along with other meeting materials.

This meeting was attended by all 20 Community Experts (CE) in addition CARB Community Engagement Capacity Building (CECB) Workgroup Staff and facilitation staff:

- Community Experts
 - Gustavo Aguirre Jr.
 - Jasmine Elisa Beltran
 - Leonora Camner
 - Ambrose Carroll
 - Alec Castellano
 - Carolina Correa
 - Lisa Flores
 - Richard Falcon
 - Lillian Garcia
 - Catalina Gonzalez
 - Elena Hernandez
 - Anetha Lue, P.E.
 - Emily McCague
 - Maria Ridoutt Orozco
 - Violeta Sandoval
 - Vanessa Suarez
 - Ciara Thrower
 - Esperanza Vielma
 - Heather Zappia
- CARB CECB Staff

Attended full meeting

 - Amanda Anderson
 - Antonio Amaro
 - Samantha Aguila
 - Karina Aguilera
 - Jonathan Blufer
 - Pablo Cicero Fernandez
 - Aldo Chaney
 - Lisa Chiladakis
 - La'Shaye Cobley, Ph.D.
 - Jose Lopez
 - Victoria Villa
 - Lana Wong
 - Joyce Wong
 - Deidre Zoll

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- **Facilitation Staff**
 - Julia Csernansky, Lead Facilitator, California State University Sacramento (CSUS)

The meeting procedures were designed by CARB in advance and in collaboration with the CECB to encourage active participation and engagement among Community Experts through various interactive platforms, including hand raising, chat interactions, and poll responses. The overarching aim was to establish a collaborative and inclusive environment that allowed CEs to make meaningful contributions to the development of the Model. These sessions, conducted via Zoom in the evening to accommodate diverse schedules, prioritized inclusivity, ensuring that all voices could be heard.

Ahead of each Zoom meeting, CEs were provided with comprehensive materials, offering them the opportunity to review and provide written feedback. During the Zoom meeting, the feedback process employed three main methods: general poll questions presented during the meeting to gauge immediate opinions, the stoplight method poll for more nuanced and specific feedback, and post-meeting surveys to follow up on pending decisions and gather additional insights. The stoplight method, utilizing color-coded responses (green for approval, yellow for reservations, orange for suggestions or questions, and red for strong disagreement), provided a visual representation of the consensus within the group. This multifaceted approach not only facilitated real-time input but also encouraged CEs to elaborate on their points of agreement or disagreement, fostering a comprehensive and inclusive dialogue.

It is crucial to emphasize that CARB is committed not only to considering Community Expert's comments but also meticulously recording and responding to every comment received, and indicating whether it has been incorporated into the revised Model. In cases where a comment is not integrated into the Model, CARB will provide transparent explanations for their decisions. A written record of CARB's decisions and action items in response to comments from this meeting can be found at the end of this summary in the section "Carb Decisions and Action Items."

The meeting began with a warm welcome from the Facilitator, Julia Csernansky, and gratitude for the Community Experts' presence. This was the first Community Expert Meeting for CARB's Community Engagement Model (Model). Community Experts were reminded of the unanimous decision to record all four meetings and post them on the CARB Community Engagement Model [website](#) along with information about each community expert.

Instructions for using the Zoom language interpretation function were explained, and participants were guided on choosing between English and Spanish channels to accommodate all Community Expert's preferred languages.

Ms. Csernansky reviewed the meeting agenda, which covered various topics, including community engagement principles, decision-making approaches, an overview of the Model,

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and a discussion regarding the locations of upcoming Public Dialogue Sessions. Ms. Csernansky introduced the Zoom polls function as a method for collecting Community Experts feedback on select topics in the agenda.

During the introduction session, Ms. Csernansky shared information regarding where the Community Experts are from, and the diverse range of locations in California being represented. Community Experts introduced themselves, verbally and in the Chat, and shared their names, pronouns, affiliations, represented communities, and what brought them to the process. Participants represented diverse regions and organizations, emphasizing environmental justice, community advocacy, and policy expertise. More information about each of the Community Experts is available on CARB's Community Engagement Model website [here](#).

Ms. Csernansky introduced the Community Engagement Capacity Building Workgroup and its members, who worked on the drafting of the Model. Not all members were able to attend this meeting, but several were in attendance, presenting on agenda topics, and available to answer questions regarding the Model.

Ms. Csernansky encouraged active engagement through hand raising, chat interactions, and poll responses and emphasized the goal of establishing a collaborative and inclusive environment for Community Experts to contribute to CARB's Community Engagement Model, fostering meaningful dialogue and shared understanding.

Jose Lopez, CARB Research Division, provided an overview of the contract-related agenda item. Mr. Lopez explained that the contract, officially executed, began on September 1, 2023, and will continue until April 30, 2024, with compensation of up to \$5,000 per contract.

He outlined the six specific tasks associated with the contract, including the current meeting, reviewing the draft model, providing comments, and participating in subsequent virtual meetings. Mr. Lopez highlighted the role of the contract managers, assigned to each Community Expert, and their responsibility in communication and form submissions. He emphasized the importance of timely invoice submissions given slow processing time, and assured participants that they will be compensated.

The invoice template was presented, with instructions on filling out essential information and selecting the relevant task. Mr. Lopez explained the process of saving and converting the invoice to PDF before submission via email to the designated address, with copies to accounts payable, and the respective contract manager.

The presentation concluded with an invitation for questions and clarifications. In response, Community Experts requested:

- Clarification on invoice numbers.
- Written instructions for the invoicing process.
- The sharing of future meeting dates.

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Ms. Csernansky outlined the collaborative approach of these meetings, sharing three distinct methods for feedback: surveys, polls, and the stoplight model poll. She underscored the importance of obtaining comprehensive feedback, encouraging participants to delve into detailed responses regarding reasoning even when opinions align.

She elaborated on the three methods: surveys for information gathering, polls for immediate feedback, and the stoplight model poll for broader discussions. Ms. Csernansky emphasized the significance of documenting all comments, questions, and suggestions throughout the process. Ms. Csernansky paused to address any questions from Community Experts regarding these collaboration methods and shared that Community Experts would have the opportunity to experiment with polls and the stoplight method later in the presentation.

Ms. Csernansky introduced the meeting core principles:

- Participate Fully
- Focus on the Agenda
- Keep Equity Central
- Assume Good Intent
- All Ideas and Points of View Have Value

Ms. Csernansky invited Community Experts to comment on the existing principles and share suggestions for additional meeting principles to facilitate effective collaboration.

MEETING PRINCIPLES – COMMUNITY EXPERT DISCUSSION

Community Experts actively engaged in discussions both verbally and through Zoom chat, providing valuable insights and suggestions related to the meeting's core principles. Generally supportive of the existing principles, the Community Experts recommended enhancements, such as emphasizing the importance of making space for everyone to contribute, maintaining focus on the agenda for efficiency, promoting genuine conversations without taking offense to diverse viewpoints, and adding a principle to “agree to disagree.”

CARB committed to incorporating these recommendations into an updated version of the meeting core principles, reflecting their dedication to incorporating the Community Experts' valuable feedback.

Throughout the discussion, Community Experts shared thoughtful verbal input, encouraging the principle of making space and taking space, advocating for agenda efficiency, promoting genuine conversations, and suggesting strategies for managing detailed discussions, including the use of breakout rooms. The chat also reflected these sentiments, with a focus on making and taking space, efficiency considerations, fostering real conversations without offense, and inquiries about agenda development and the process for proposing agenda items. CARB Staff responded to the queries with appreciation, highlighting structured topics for future meetings and assuring Community Experts of opportunities for in-depth discussions, breakout sessions, and the ability to propose agenda items for consideration.

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MEETING PRINCIPLES – STOPLIGHT POLL

A stoplight poll was conducted to ascertain Community Experts opinions of the meeting core principles. All 20 Community Experts responded to the poll and their responses were recorded.

The results of the poll are reflected here below:

- Poll Question: Are you supportive of the current list of meeting core principles?
 - Green - I approve the principles.
 - 19 Community Experts selected this response.
 - Yellow - I have reservations but can live with it.
 - One (1) Community Expert selected this response.
 - Orange - I have something to say, suggest, or ask.
 - Red - I can't live with this, need major discussion.

This portion of the meeting created space for Community Experts ask questions or express any concerns they may have regarding the Community Expert Meetings. Ms. Csernansky reiterated the unanimous decision of Community Experts to record and post all four meetings on the CARB Community Engagement Model web page. The decision to record and post meetings reflects a desire to encourage members of the public to listen in and provide comments.

A Community Expert sought clarification on the information they could share, with CARB staff affirming the public nature of the process, encouraging sharing and public participation. Another Community Expert expressed concern about sharing the draft Model before finalization, and the CARB team assured them sharing the Model was encouraged, emphasizing its status as a living document, and promising to send a revised version with page numbering for improved accessibility.

Community Experts raised questions about the “must-haves” for the community engagement model and its starting point or template. CARB staff responded, outlining the focus on air quality, climate mitigation, public health, environmental justice, and racial equity. Insights into the collaborative development process involving CARB staff, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), and extensive editing were provided, incorporating considerations from legal teams and management. The CARB team acknowledged looking to other resources from organizations such as the Government Alliance of Race and Equity, for guidance and incorporating diverse perspectives into the Model itself. Community Experts emphasized the need for clarity on the steps taken to reach the current draft of the Model.

This discussion touched on CARB's main concerns, such as putting communities first, partnering with communities, and addressing various environmental aspects. The discussion concluded with the suggestion that further clarification might be provided in the upcoming presentation on the community engagement model.

Lana Wong, CARB Sustainable Transportation and Communities Division, presented a comprehensive overview of the Model. Ms. Wong emphasized the need for robust and

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consistent community engagement efforts across the agency, acknowledging past shortcomings. The Model is designed to establish a process shaped by community expertise, enhancing collaboration with stakeholders to influence CARB's projects, programs, policies, and regulations.

Ms. Wong outlined the four main components of the community engagement model: Narrative, Plan, Implement, and Close. The narrative section provides historical context, underscoring the significance of community engagement. The plan template serves as a guide for staff, helping them plan engagement efforts with a focus on clear goals and flexibility to address diverse community needs. A series of steps in the plan template were discussed, covering essential aspects such as setting goals, identifying stakeholders, understanding historical involvement, and examining racial and social equity considerations. Logistical needs, language access, and ground truthing were also highlighted as crucial steps in the engagement planning process.

The implement template was presented as the section focusing on implementing outreach and engagement activities. It offers practical resources and guidance on leveraging community stakeholder relationships, emphasizing the importance of translation, interpretation, and ADA accessibility.

The close template, the final part of the community engagement model, guides staff on closing the loop with stakeholders. It involves informing stakeholders about the impact of their feedback, potential next steps, and improvements. The template includes steps for public follow-up, assessing engagement effectiveness through surveys, and recommending improvements based on the feedback received.

Ms. Wong encouraged Community Experts to actively engage in the review process, providing both verbal and written comments, emphasizing CARB's goal to establish a collaborative approach and foster ongoing discussions in future meetings for further refinement of the Model.

Ms. Csernansky invited Community Experts to comment on the presentation of the Model share questions and comments.

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A Community Expert sought clarification on the focus of the discussion, emphasizing that it should strictly pertain to the Model rather than specific issues affecting regions or communities. They also highlighted past concerns from the community, emphasizing the need for tangible outcomes from community engagement rather than just a process. They emphasized the importance of community-driven mitigation strategies, where the strategies are developed and led by the community members themselves to address and reduce the impact of environmental issues.

Another Community Expert echoed the sentiment, stating that the community seeks to be seen, heard, listened to, engaged, and instrumental in bringing about change. They emphasized the need for a shift from a minimal policy position to more engaging and community-driven

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approaches. Several Community Experts agreed and discussed the historical context of community engagement cycles, noting past sentiments about the effectiveness of engagement efforts. They referred to a previous CARB meeting held around nine months ago, where the focus was on introducing a new community engagement cycle. They expressed that in the meeting there was a notable sentiment expressed by the community members of concern that community engagement efforts might lack meaning if the outcomes were consistently unfavorable or not aligned with the community's needs and concerns. Community Experts emphasized that the community was looking for tangible policy changes that would address the specific issues faced by various communities and regions. While engagement activities were taking place, there remains uncertainty about the actual impact on policies affecting the communities.

A Community Expert suggested creating meeting reports accessible to the public to track comments and address patterns of feedback. They emphasized the importance of justifying CARB's position if community recommendations are not implemented. In response, CARB staff acknowledged the need for change in policies and expressed commitment to working together for more effective community engagement. The importance of transparent meeting reports, effective follow-up, and addressing community concerns was emphasized.

Several Community Experts raised questions about the Community Engagement and Capacity Building Workgroup, seeking clarification on its status and members and advocating for the inclusion of information about the Community Engagement and Capacity Building Workgroup in the Model document for transparency. They also inquired about the Model's applicability as a tool for both CARB staff and communities. In response, CARB staff clarified that the intended audience for the Model is CARB staff but highlighted the need for community input on the Model and the possibility of developing additional tools for communities to navigate CARB effectively.

A Community Expert raised concerns about the lack of follow-up after public meetings, expressing the need for accessible records. CARB staff acknowledged CARB's past shortcomings in follow-up efforts and stressed the ongoing effort to improve in that area.

A Community Expert emphasized the need for a “big-picture understanding,” gaining insights into the current state of community engagement, learning from past experiences, and identifying the community's ideal outcomes. They proposed gathering input from participants on what has worked and what hasn't in community outreach to identify the community's ideal vision for effective engagement. CARB staff agreed to revisit these specific foundational questions regarding what should be included or excluded in the Model in the next Community Expert Meeting.

Jose Lopez, CARB Research Division, expressed appreciation for the questions and comments received, acknowledging their importance in shaping the ongoing dialogue. He proceeded to delve into the upcoming Community Dialogue Sessions, emphasizing the dual nature of these interactions – both in person and virtual. The overarching goal is to solicit public input on the Model, which is a key element of the CARB process.

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Mr. Lopez underscored the significance of engaging the public in a transparent manner and outlined the intention to conduct up to seven in-person meetings across different regions. Simultaneously, there's a plan for three virtual meetings to ensure a comprehensive reach. The timeline spans from the upcoming months to early 2024. This inclusivity is pivotal, as it allows for a diverse range of voices to contribute to the refinement of the Model. He invited Community Experts to actively consider the proposed communities for these meetings, seeking their valuable input on the selection process. Feedback on the identified locations is encouraged, with an openness to suggestions for additional areas that might have been overlooked.

Mr. Lopez highlighted the transparency of the process and explained how potential communities were identified. The compilation of a list from sources like existing AB 617 communities, the Consistently Nominated Communities from the Blueprint 2.0 document, public input from a previous meeting in January 2023, in addition to CECB workgroup suggestions; showcasing a commitment to integrating community perspectives.

To prioritize highly impacted communities, the CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (CES) was used as a filtering tool to identify communities in the 75th or above percentile of impacted communities according to CES. Mr. Lopez expressed a specific interest in engaging communities that haven't extensively participated in prior processes. He introduced a ranking method employed to refine the list further, considering factors such as prior engagement, the percentage of impacted population, population density, and alignment with Blueprint 2.0 recommendations. Mr. Lopez stressed the desire to involve communities that have not had significant prior engagement, underscoring the need for inclusivity.

A visual aid in the form of a map was introduced to facilitate a better understanding of the geographic distribution and priority rankings of the proposed communities. The significance of each pin on the map was explained – green pins for AB 617 communities, orange for Blueprint 2.0 recommendations, and dark green to capture the Community Experts' locations. The dual nature of the proposed locations was identified through blue stars (first priority) and hot pink diamonds (second priority).

In conclusion, Mr. Lopez presented the complete list of 14 proposed cities and opened the floor for discussion and questions.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES – GROUND TRUTHING DISCUSSION

Ms. Csernansky presented Community Experts with three questions regarding the proposed locations for the upcoming community dialogue sessions to guide a ground truthing discussion and feedback:

1. What other locations are missing?
2. What are the top locations?
3. How would you like to participate?

In response, Community Experts expressed several concerns and recommendations regarding the proposed locations for the upcoming community dialogue sessions. A Community Expert

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pointed out the perceived inadequacy of CalEnviroScreen (CES) in representing certain communities, such as the Salton Sea. CARB staff responded by acknowledging the imperfections of CES and aims to address this by incorporating multiple criteria for a more comprehensive identification of meeting locations.

A Community Expert raised political considerations, with objections to Modesto being seen as a political pick. Several Community Experts called to include Fresno and the Salton Sea, emphasizing the need for a high-quality community engagement process that builds representation into the system effectively. Concerns were raised about the democratic nature of the process, with CARB staff clarifying their intent to seek input and emphasizing the importance of collaborative decision-making.

A Community Expert noted that unincorporated cities are missing from the list, prompting questions about their consideration. Another Community expert uplifted concerns about representation of Tribes within the meeting locations. The perceived lack of fairness in CARB's initial selection process was highlighted. CARB staff explained that they sought to avoid “coming in empty-handed” and are actively seeking input to refine their approach.

Community Experts delved into concerns regarding the selection process for identifying locations for community engagement meetings. They cited issues related to the consideration of data, census history, and industrial density and highlighted that while imperfect, data should be used to identify the most impacted communities. Additionally, Community Experts advised that the San Joaquin Valley is too large a geographic area to be properly represented with one meeting location.

Practical considerations that may affect these meetings were brought to the forefront. A Community expert emphasized the need for interpreters (Spanish, ASL) to ensure accessibility. Suggestions for partnerships with organizations for transportation and venue considerations, such as Magic Johnson Park in Compton, were also shared. Community Experts advised CARB to focus on regions rather than specific cities to ensure equitable driving times for participants. A Community Expert raised concerns about weather-related challenges, fog, and storms, in Central California locations that may impact safe travel to the meeting locations. Multiple Community Experts strongly emphasized the need for incentives, food, and childcare to support community participation and accommodate diverse community needs. Community Experts also acknowledged that online meetings may not be accessible to all communities, especially rural areas with unreliable internet access.

The discussion underscored the importance of a standardized selection process, consistent communication channels, and provisions for childcare, food, and incentives to ensure meaningful community participation.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES – POLL

Community Experts were invited to respond to a poll where they could select their top locations for the upcoming Community Dialogue Sessions. CARB staff added Community Experts suggested additions to the poll prior to its launch.

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Ultimately, there was a majority location choice for the regions of Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast, Inland Empire, and San Diego/Imperial. There was not a clear majority location choice for the regions of the Bay Area and Los Angeles County. Given the lack of a majority choice, CARB staff committed to following up with Community Experts regarding these two regions with an additional poll via email.

Please see below for the poll results:

**Please note that the yellow highlighting indicates a Top 1 or 2 Selected Choice/s*

Region	Community Location Option	Total votes #	Percent of total vote	Percent of cities with votes <i>(Excludes people who marked no preference)</i>
Sacramento Valley	Yuba City	6	26%	60%
	Sacramento (not south)-Arden	2	9%	20%
	Sacramento Meadowview	2	9%	20%
	No preference	13	57%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	10		
	Total	23		
Bay Area	Vallejo	3	12%	14%
	San Jose	6	23%	29%
	Oakland	5	19%	24%
	Bayview Hunter's Point (San Francisco)	4	15%	19%
	Richmond	3	12%	14%
	No preference	5	19%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	21		
	Total	26		
San Joaquin Valley	Bakersfield	7	27%	32%
	Modesto	0	0%	0%
	Fresno	12	46%	55%
	Merced	0	0%	0%
	Stockton	3	12%	14%
	No preference	4	15%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	22		
	Total	26		
Central Coast	Salinas	6	26%	43%
	Santa Maria	5	22%	36%
	Watsonville	3	13%	21%
	No preference	9	39%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	14		
	Total	23		
Inland Empire	Ontario	0	0%	0%
	Riverside	3	12%	15%

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	Bloomington	0	0%	0%
	Rialto	2	8%	10%
	Coachella Valley	4	15%	20%
	San Bernadino	7	27%	35%
	Tribal Communities	4	15%	20%
	No preference	6	23%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	20		
Total	26			
Los Angeles (County)	Compton	6	19%	24%
	San Fernando	2	6%	8%
	East LA	8	25%	32%
	East San Gabriel Valley	0	0%	0%
	Gateway	0	0%	0%
	Watts	4	13%	16%
	Pacomia	2	6%	8%
	South Gate	3	9%	12%
	No preference	7	22%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	25		
Total	32			
Imperial Valley	Central San Diego	2	7%	13%
	Brawley	7	26%	44%
	Heber	4	15%	25%
	Salton Sea	3	11%	19%
	No preference	11	41%	
	<i>Total city votes</i>	16		
Total	27			

Ms. Csernansky concluded the meeting with gratitude for the robust participation and meaningful feedback received and, a request for feedback from Community Experts via a Meeting Evaluation Form to gather their thoughts regarding this meeting and any suggested improvements to the structure for future meetings.

Community Experts were reminded to read the Draft Community Engagement Model and to provide written comments.

The next Community Expert Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023.

CARB DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

This section contains a comprehensive overview, organized by meeting agenda topic, of the decisions made by CARB and the actionable items committed to in response to the insights and suggestions shared by Community Experts.

- [Community Experts Contract](#)

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- CARB committed to provide clarification on invoice numbers.
- CARB committed to providing written instructions for the invoicing process.
- CARB committed to share future meeting dates.
- **Community Expert Meeting Core Principles**
 - CARB committed to revising the meeting core principles to include focusing on the agenda to be efficient, keep language and conversations real and not take offense to other viewpoints, and agree to disagree.
 - CARB Staff acknowledged the need to allocate ample time for breakout discussions and focused conversations in future meetings, especially during the Model review. CARB committed that Community Experts will have opportunities to contribute agenda suggestions and comments to their contract managers, ensuring their active involvement in shaping the meeting agenda.
- **Community Expert Meetings**
 - CARB, with Community Expert's agreement, committed to recording and posting all four Community Expert Meetings on the CARB Community Engagement Model web page. This decision aims to provide the public with an opportunity to listen in and offer comments.
 - CARB, with Community Expert's agreement, committed post information about each Community Expert on the CARB Community Engagement Model web page.
 - CARB decided and encouraged Community Experts to share information regarding the meeting progress and process with their communities. CARB expressed that the entire process is public, and participants are encouraged to share anything reflecting a commitment to engage the public.
 - CARB decided and encouraged Community Experts to independently ground truth the Model. CARB clarified that it's not required by the contract but welcomed discussions in communities, with details about future Community Meetings to follow.
 - CARB decided that the sharing of draft documents, specifically the June 15th Draft Model, is encouraged. CARB reassured Community Experts that the document is a living document.
 - CARB committed to sharing a revised Model shortly, acknowledging that the document is expected to change.
 - CARB committed to working on adding page numbers to the Model to address accessibility concerns.
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- **Community Engagement Model – Overview**
 - CARB committed to ground truthing the Model, emphasizing the value of incorporating real-life experiences and examples from the community to make the Model more useful and effective.
 - CARB acknowledged historical challenges in community engagement regarding follow-up efforts and committed to integrate this suggestion into the Model.
 - CARB reiterated the decision that the primary focus of the Model is on CARB staff use but highlighted the need for community input on the Model and the possibility of developing additional tools for communities to navigate CARB effectively.

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- The CARB team committed to addressing foundational questions about current engagement practices, ideal outcomes, and how the model contributes to achieving those outcomes in future meetings.
- Community Dialogues
 - CARB committed to sending out a follow-up survey to Community Experts to solicit their feedback on additional meeting locations.

CSUS RECOMMENDATIONS

The following section contains CSUS Facilitator recommendations for improvements to the process of Community Expert Meetings based on debrief conversations with CARB staff and review of the meeting evaluation results.

- Recommendation to create more time in the agenda for Community Expert discussion and dialogue.
- Recommendation to create opportunities for small-group discussions to ensure equitable opportunity to provide verbal input.

CARB staff provided a short survey to the Community Experts in English and Spanish to assess the meeting. Responses were provided by 17/20 Community Experts. Findings are provided below:

Question 1: Choose the option that best describes your experience communicating with CARB staff leading up to this meeting.

- 82% Said communication leading up to the meeting has been clear and effective.
- 12% Said communication could be improved.
- 6% Offered a suggestion that the meetings should be shorter and more frequent. One meeting a month is not enough to provide lengthy feedback.

Question 2: Choose the option that best matches this statement “I understand the purpose of creating this Community Engagement Model.”

- 71% Agree
- 29% Somewhat agree

Question 3: Choose the option that best matches this statement “I understand my role and the time commitment expected of me as a community expert.”

- 71% Agree
- 29% Somewhat agree

Question 4: What can CARB staff do to make the meeting space more welcoming and collaborative?

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1.	Breakout sessions that allow for discussion between community experts within regions; ability for community experts to influence agenda ahead of meeting time.
2.	Hold to meeting principles of making space and taking space.
3.	Hold to meeting principles of treating everyone with respect.
4.	Create an online Forum where we can post comments and provide input around broad concepts regarding the model such as - What works around community engagement now? What would you like to change? What is your idea of community engagement?
5.	It was run well! I think based on the feedback given tonight, CARB staff should revisit the budget for the 7 in-person meetings to have incentives and pick locations that are equidistant for the cities that are close to each other, and allocating other meetings to other regions that are farther apart and may not be able to travel quickly to the locations.
6.	Once we get into the depths of our goal, I would like to have break out rooms/brainstorming with other individuals. See what is working and isn't working in their areas.
7.	I appreciate all of your efforts. The time dedicated to translations and when all the members are comfortable, I can observe and feel the importance of this project. Thank you.