



CALIFORNIA
AIR RESOURCES BOARD



**Community Air Protection Program
Consultation Group Meeting #3**

March 25, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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**Housekeeping and
Meeting Logistics**

Adri Hernandez, CARB



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In-Person Orientation

- Room-specific Information:
 - Exits
 - Drinking fountain
 - Restrooms

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For In-Room Participants

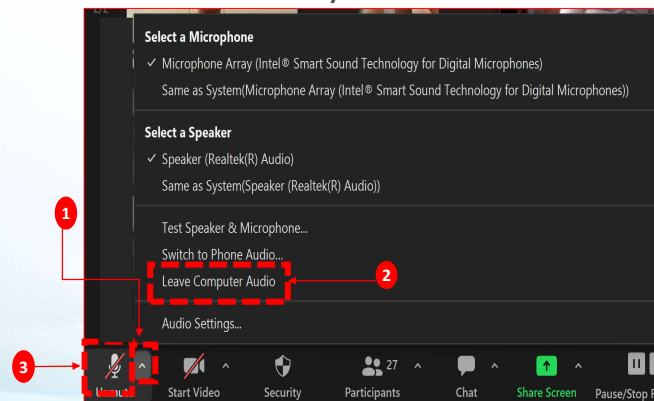
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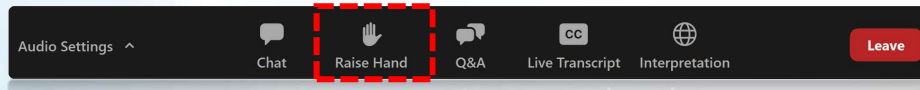
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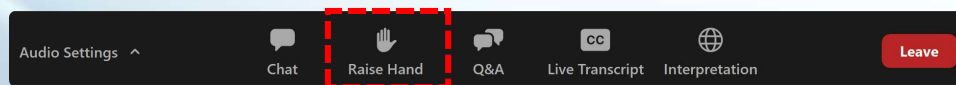
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Zoom Orientation

How to Participate: For Consultation Group Members

- Raise a virtual hand to ask a question
- Use the Zoom chat function
- In-person: Stand your name placard on its side, and CARB staff will add your name to the queue



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Please reach out for help if you have any technical challenges!

- Contact OCAP staff, Patrick Brecht, by email at Patrick.Brecht@arb.ca.gov
- Phone: (279)208-7100



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- Meeting materials are available at: ww2.arb.ca.gov/events/cap-program-consultation-group-meeting-mar-25-2026
- Zoom recording will be made available via the link above approximately 2 weeks after the meeting.



Consultation Group Members

Red indicates membership changes

Consultation Group Co Chairs:

1. Dr. John Balmes
2. Diane Takvorian

Academia / Community Science

3. Dr. Jonathan London
4. Dr. Rebecca E. Skinner

Air Districts

5. Belen Leon-Lopez / **Alternate: Israel Hernandez**
6. Arsenio Mataka / Alternate: Dr. Philip Fine
7. Dr. Alberto Ayala / Alternate: Janice Lam Snyder
8. Ryan Hayashi / Alternate: Stephanie Ng
9. Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson / Alternate: Walter Shen
10. Domingo Vigil / Alternate: Shalem Aboody-Lopez

Community and/or Environmental Justice Representatives

11. Baldwin Moy / **Alternate: Mariela Nambo-Ramirez**
12. Kevin Hamilton
13. Mary Valdemar

14. Jasmine Beltran
15. Mary Elizabeth / Alternate: Margo Praus
16. Rodney Andrews
17. Y'Anad Burrell / Alternate: BK White
18. Bishop Chris Baker
19. Maximilian Rosa

Entities Required by AB 617

20. Dr. David Lo
21. Paula Torrado Plazas

Industry and Business

22. Christine Zimmerman / Alternate: Bob Brown
23. Dirk Piersma
24. Cassie Lopina / Alternate: Mary Solecki
26. Tim Carmichael

Local Government

26. Prithvi Deore / Alternate: Scott Strelecki
27. **Antoinette Meier** / Alternate: Kirsten Uchitel

Tribal Government

28. **Kevin McKernan**

Full list with titles and affiliation is available at: ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp/mdc/abcg/community-air-protection-program-consultation-group

Roll Call

Brian Moore, CARB

Reply with how you're attending
(in-person or virtual)

If you're inclined to, add a word or two that
gives a sense of how you're feeling coming
into this meeting.



Welcome and Agenda Review

Dr. John Balmes, Co-Chair



Meeting Agenda

Start: 9:00 am | **Lunch:** 12:30 pm | **Adjournment:** 4:00 pm

- 1. Housekeeping and Logistics** - Roll call, welcome, and agenda review.
- 2. Meeting Minutes and Public Comment** - Review and approval of previous minutes; there will be Public Comment on this item.
- 3. Draft Charter Review and Consensus [action item]** - Initial review and discussion; there will be Public Comment; and vote will be taken during this item. (Continued after lunch, if needed)

[LUNCH BREAK - 12:30 PM]

- 4. CARB Community Air Protection Program Update**- Progress update and year ahead; there will be Public Comment on this item.
- 5. Workplan for Upcoming Meetings** - Discussion of future dates and topics; Public Comment on this item.
- 6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** - For items not listed; no CG discussion or action permitted.
- 7. Adjournment**



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Review of December 3rd Meeting Minutes

Dr. Balmes, Co-Chair



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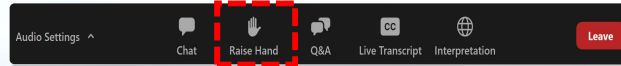
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Vote for Approval of December 3rd Meeting Minutes

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Draft Charter Review and Consensus

Michelle Byars, CARB
Kevin Olp, CARB
Dianne Takvorian, Co-Chair



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Objective: Approve a Draft Charter for Board Consideration

- Quick history of Charter development
- Lead member report-out on work done between meetings
- Review and discuss revised Draft Charter
- Achieve consensus by section
- Vote to approve draft charter language for recommendation to the Board.



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Charter Development Timeline

Nov 2024	Membership application released and first draft charter shared
Jun 2025	Consultation Group reformed
Sep 2025	Consultation Group meeting #1 – Charter Version 1 presented to members
Oct 2025	Member survey conducted
Dec 2025	Consultation Group meeting #2 – All charter comments reviewed and discussed; Lead Members volunteered for ad hoc sessions
Feb 2026	Lead Members met for two 3-hour sessions to revise charter
Today	Draft presented for consideration

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Charter Lead Member (Ad Hoc) Group Representatives Report Out



- Christine Zimmerman
- Jasmine Beltran
- Jonathan London (Background section)

Ad Hoc Lead Members who worked on the Charter:

Jasmine Beltran, Prithvi Deore, Mary Elizabeth, Ryan Hayashi, Anissa (Cessa) Heard-Johnson, Jonathan London, Mary Valdemar, Christine Zimmerman, Diane Takvorian

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Lead Member (Ad Hoc) Meetings

Meeting #1 Objective:

Finalize a draft of "Meeting Agreements" and "Goals" sections.

- Incorporated all comments on the meeting agreements and goals sections to develop initial drafts
- Agreed on a Consensus Decision-Making process
- Reviewed and revised text together.
- Found consensus for each section
- Staff finished reviewing and incorporating additional comments



Meeting #2 Objective:

Finalize a new draft of the Charter to present to the Consultation Group.

- Reviewed each remaining section, revised text together
- Found consensus for each section
- Staff finished reviewing and incorporating additional comments



Documents for Review: 1. Clean Draft Charter

AB 617 CAPP Consultation Group
Charter CLEAN Draft V2.pdf

- Current draft, without markup.
- For today's review
- Changes have green text in parentheses with a comment number that corresponds to the spreadsheet (see highlights in this sample page)

A. Purpose

The AB 617 Community Air Protection Program Consultation Group (Consultation Group) is an advisory body of the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) appointed by the Board pursuant to state law. This body's purpose is to advise CARB on development and implementation of the statewide strategy *Blueprint 2.0*¹ (Comment A2) for the Community Air Protection Program (CAPP or Program). The Program's mission is to reduce disparities in air quality in the most overburdened communities and enable equity and environmental justice by centering and prioritizing the most disproportionately impacted communities' needs.

CARB staff's role is to administer the Consultation Group and consider and incorporate where feasible Consultation Group advice and all other public engagement in program implementation.

The Community Air Protection Program's implementation of Blueprint 2.0 is rooted in equity and environmental justice. Under California state law, *environmental justice means* "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, incomes, and national origins, with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." (Gov. Code § 65040.12 (e)(1))²

B. Background

B.1 Origins of Modern Environmental Justice (Comments B5, B6, B7, MO.1)

The modern Environmental Justice (EJ) movement emerged in the 1980s in response to decades of hazardous facilities being disproportionately sited in communities of color. Drawing on the civil rights, labor, indigenous rights, and environmental movements, EJ advocates documented a troubling pattern: communities of color, low-income communities, and indigenous communities bear a disproportionate share of environmental hazards, have less access to health-promoting resources, and face significant barriers to political participation. Decades of research and community experiences have documented that disparities are not accidental – they reflect deeper inequities in how economic and political power has been distributed across lines of race, ethnicity, and class.

¹ Blueprint 2.0 is the second iteration of the Program Blueprint is available at: ww2.arb.ca.gov/blueprint-20.
² leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=GOV§ionNum=65040.12

Documents for Review: 2. Tracked Comments with OCAP Responses

Charter Comments-OCAP Responses.pdf

- Spreadsheet of **98 comments** received
- Each comment has an associated number (column C) and a CARB response (column H)
- Color coding (column D) indicates:
 - **64 Green** comments incorporated into the Charter
 - **21 Yellow** comments were discussed and incorporated
 - **13 Red** comments were not incorporated, CARB's rationale provided

More than 87% of comments were incorporated!



Documents for Review: 3. Nov 2024 Draft Charter Compared to Current Draft

AB 617 CAPP Consultation Group Charters 1v2 Compared.pdf

- Shows all changes made to the original version of the Charter using strikeout and underline
- Does not show format changes or other unsubstantial changes

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The EJ movement's core vision is that all people should be able to live in healthy, sustainable, and prosperous communities. Governments at every level have increasingly responded to the movement's pressure through concrete policy action. Landmark examples include President Clinton's Executive Order 12899 (1994), which directed federal agencies to address environmental justice in their programs, AB 111 (1995) that encoded EJ into California state law, and more recently, AB 17 (2017). These policies reflect a growing consensus that environmental protection and social equity are not competing goals—they are both complementary and necessary. EJ principles underpin the Consultation Group's work.

⁶ Blueprint 2.0 in the second iteration of the Program Blueprint is available at: <https://cair.ca.gov/blueprint-2.0/>
⁷ leginfo.ca.gov/pub/codes_displaySection.html?baseCode=GO§ionNum=05040.12

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Getting to a Final Draft for Board Consideration

- **Review** the charter by sections, making live edits when consensus is established.
- **Consider:**
 - Do any comments need clarification from their author before the Lead Members group?
 - Need any additional changes to address key ideas, values, or functions for the final draft?
 - Does the group have questions about CARB's response or recommendation on any comment?
- **Find consensus** by section, edits will be captured in real time before advancing to the next.
- If approved by Consultation Group, CARB staff will take Final Draft Charter to the CARB Board for action in June.

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Proposal for a Consensus-Driven Charter Acceptance Process

- 1. Introduce** – Briefly describe the issue or proposed edit
- 2. Clarify** – Answer questions and note any changes from the drafting process
- 3. Amend** – Make live edits based on consensus
- 4. Check for consensus:**
 - Any stand-asides? (*can live with it, won't block*)
 - Any blocks? (*strongly opposed – offer an alternate recommendation or flag for a future meeting*)
- 5. Repeat if needed**, and confirm edits or alternatives,
- 6. Vote** at the end, after finding consensus by section, to recommend the revised Charter to the Board for consideration.

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Draft Charter Discussion

Review and discuss using a live version of the Charter



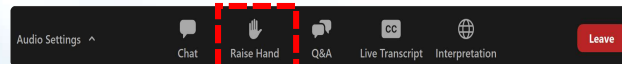
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Vote on Draft Charter

Recommend this
Draft Consultation Group Charter
to the Board for approval.



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Lunch Break Returning at 1:40 pm



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CARB Program Update

Brian Moore, CARB



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CAPP Program Update

1. CERP progress across the 19 Selected Communities
2. Ongoing work in Consistently Nominated Communities
3. Community Air Grants updates
4. Blueprint 2.0 Goals and Actions highlights

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-03/AB_617_CAPP_Progress_Update_Mar_2026.pdf

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Table 1. Community Air Protection CERP Implementation and Development

The table below offers a high-level summary, recognizing that each air district structures CERPs differently. Some include multiple actions per strategy and use different terms to describe progress. For example, some ongoing actions may be listed as "in progress", even though these are strategies without a clear end "complete" date or those adopted as standard practice, while some districts use a "near complete" status not shown here. This summary is not exhaustive and should be used alongside the air districts websites, some of which contain more detailed CERP "trackers" and each community's StoryMap highlight, linked below.

Selected Communities with Board or CARB EO Approved CERPs		Actions Status					CERP Tracker	Annual Progress
Community	Date CERP Approval	Total Actions	Complete	In Progress	Not Started			
1	West Oakland	December 2019	91	29	58	4	link	link
2	Calexico Heber El Centro (South End)	January 2020	47	41	2	4	-	link
3	Shafter	February 2020	52	35	17	-	link	link
4	South Central Fresno	February 2020	48	36	12	-	link	link
5	East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce	September 2020	42	30	12	1	link	link
6	San Bernardino, Muscoy	September 2020	37	33	4	-	link	link
7	Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach	September 2020	48	35	13	-	link	link
8	Southeast Los Angeles	May 2021	43	34	9	-	link	link
9	Stockton	July 2021	30	14	16	-	link	link
10	Eastern Coachella Valley	September 2021	74	49	25	-	link	link
11	Portside Communities, San Diego	October 2021	53	16	27	10	-	link
12	South Los Angeles	August 2022	53	15	34	4	link	link
13	Arvin, Lamont	October 2022	26	4	22	-	link	link
14	International Border Communities	July 2024	144	-	93	51	-	link
15	Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo	November 2024	31	-	30	1	-	link
16	Brawley Westmorland Calipatria (North End)	June 2025	25	1	7	17	-	link
Selected Communities Developing CERPs		Year Selected	Status					
17	East Oakland	February 2022	Draft CERP (link) approved by CSC in February 2026. Bay Area Board will consider in April 2026.					
18	Bayview Hunters Point Southeast San Francisco	February 2023	Strategy development phase					
19	South Sacramento Florin	July 2024 (transition to CAMP + CERP)	Draft CERP (link) released January 16, 2026. Sacramento Metro AQMD Board to consider CERP adoption on May 28, 2026.					

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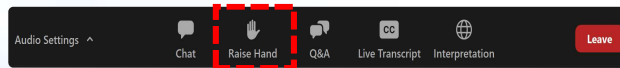
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Consultation Group Work Plan

Deldi Reyes, CARB
Monica Guerra, CARB



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CAPP Timeline

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<i>Consultation Group #3</i>	Board Charter	Annual Progress Update	3 rd Peer to Peer	<i>Consultation Group #5</i>
	2 nd Peer to Peer	CERP Submissions		
		<i>Consultation Group #4</i>		

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All CSC Convening	Report to Legislature	CAG Cycle 6	Program Evaluation	Annual Progress Update	Statewide Monitoring Plan Update
<i>Consultation Group #6</i>			<i>Consultation Group #7</i>		<i>Consultation Group #8</i>

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<i>Consultation Group #9</i>	Report to Legislature	<i>Consultation Group #10</i>	Annual Progress Update	<i>Consultation Group #11</i>	Blueprint 3.0
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Purpose of Lead Members (Ad Hoc) Groups

- **Goal of Developing a Workplan:** prioritize topics for CG deliberation that align with goals of CG for the next 3 years (through 2028)
- CARB Staff 3-Year Timeline
 - Reflects current understanding; likely to change
 - Not all inclusive
 - Does not include district-led initiatives in support of CAPP
- Timeline/commitment (through end of 2026)



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Consultation Group 3-Year Workplan Development (2026-2028)

- Detail how a Workplan Lead Member group will function within the whole CG and CARB, roles and responsibilities
- Identify priority topics/themes for full CG consideration
- Identify Milestones, Deliverables and Timeline
- Identify information needs to support consideration of priorities
- Identify tasks with workplan goals and deliverables
- Identify meeting frequency of a Lead Group (Ad hoc)
- Standing item for CG Meetings: Check in on Workplan

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Consultation Group Workplan (2026-2028) Potential Topics/Themes

Supporting Communities

- Community Selection
- Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative (Consistently Nominated Communities)
- Community Air Grants

Reducing Air Pollution

- Emissions/Exposure Reductions through AB 617
- Criteria and Toxics Reporting
- Impact of Federal Administration on CARB Rules

Shared Learning

- Peer to Peer Series
- Feb 2027 All In Person Convening
- Third Party Evaluations

Statewide Monitoring Plan Update (SB 352)

Mar 2027 Report to Legislature

Update of Statewide Strategy (blueprint)

Program Funding



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Establishing Lead Member (Ad Hoc) Groups

- Charter Section G.2 discusses how Lead Member groups can be formed with a subquorum of members that can work together between meetings on an ad hoc basis with CARB and Co-chairs.
- Section H.6 limits agenda-setting groups to 3.
- Prioritize members who haven't been selected before, to allow for inclusive member participation over time by everyone interested and available
- Lead Members should reflect the diverse perspectives within the CG:
 - Academia, Industry, and Business
 - Air Districts
 - Community and Environmental Justice Representatives
 - Local Government, Tribal Government



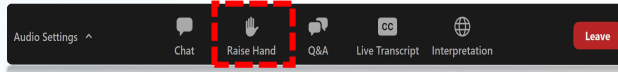
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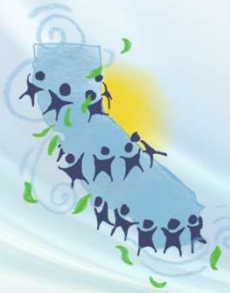
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Next meetings

Meeting #4:

July 22, 2026 - Sacramento, CalEPA HQ Building,
9:00am - 4:00pm

Meeting #5:

December 2, 2026 - Riverside, CARB HQ Building,
9:00am - 4:00pm

Meeting minutes, recordings, and materials:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp/mdc/abcg/community-air-protection-program-consultation-group>

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Meeting Adjourned



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