

Workplan Ad Hoc Meeting #1 Summary

May 7, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Brief Summary

The meeting focused on using the survey results and member comments to discuss priority topics for the Consultation Group to take on in 2026-2027. Staff shared highlights from the survey with 25 members responding and additional context related to each of the topics listed in the survey. Members agreed to recommend consolidating the top two topics and requested a standing item for a budget update, beginning in July. The notes below reflect action items, discussion highlights, and Upcoming Ad Hoc Meetings and Goals.

Action Items

#	Action Item	Owner	Notes
WP1.1	Develop the merged Priority #1 topic for July 22 CG meeting (program strengthening + reducing air pollution).	CARB staff + ad hoc group	For the afternoon session in July CG meeting.
WP1.2	Prepare and present survey results and a preliminary timeline of topics to the Consultation Group in July.	CARB staff + ad hoc	For the morning session in July CG meeting.
WP1.3	Add program funding section to the standing Program Update agenda item.	CARB staff	Start with the July meeting.
WP1.4	Legal to review the Consultation Group’s ability to write a letter to the legislature in support of the Program.	CARB Legal	See August 2025 letter from EJAC to Legislature (ww2.arb.ca.gov/formal-communications-and-ejac)

Discussion Highlights

- Top Priority for CG discussion is “reducing air pollution/(program effectiveness) strengthening the AB 617 program, and budget”.** The group agreed to combine

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the two highest ranked items from 2026 and 2027-28 into one unified Priority #1 topic for July 2026, in addition to a standing update on budget. The group acknowledged that such a significant topic could not be a one-time discussion.

2. **The Toxics Roadmap is Relevant.** The Toxics Roadmap is CARB's effort to reinvigorate our work to address non-diesel toxic air pollution; AB 617 specifically directs us to reduce toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants. The April CARB Board study session covered this topic, and it will go to the Board in November. Some members flagged that some pesticides are also toxic air contaminants.
3. **Funding as a regular update.** Protecting AB 617 funding is an evergreen standing agenda item, with members requesting regular updates and expressing interest in advocacy. CARB staff committed to revise the Program Update to include a budget section, beginning with the July CG meeting.
4. **Land use authority.** The importance of land use, and its connections to AB617 implementation, was raised as an area needing continued emphasis and attention.
5. **Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative (SMMI).** The discussion on SMMI should be deferred, as the data set is extremely large and requires QA/QC before it is ready to present in detail. Ad hoc members were reminded of the upcoming Aclima webinar on June 8th.
6. **Timing discussion topics.** Members stressed the need for realistic sequencing, as some topics (e.g., SMMI, programmatic evaluation) are not ready until data or draft results become available.
7. **Legislative Engagement.** CARB staff shared a reminder that the Consultation Group's scope is to advise CARB. Therefore, they may not send letters on behalf of the Consultation Group to the Legislature (or to any entity other than CARB). Individuals or coalitions may still advocate in their independent capacity. CARB staff will provide factual information and answer questions; however, they are prohibited from lobbying, which includes commenting on legislation related to the program. Consequently, staff will not draft correspondence for the Consultation Group.
8. **Desire for More Background Information.** More context was requested about the discussion topics identified on the survey, as responses may have differed if more background information had been available. Participants requested clearer timelines, readiness indicators, and explanations of staff constraints to support informed decision making. Additional context was provided and discussed as summarized below.

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Context and Discussion of Survey Topics

Several members noted a mismatch between survey rankings and what is realistically actionable (based on ongoing CARB timelines, legislative context, and staff bandwidth). There is a need to understand the kind of materials/data that could be presented and timing to understand the effect of the Consultation Group's input. Members want clear project/topic timelines, understanding of why a topic is being discussed in the group, and the type of action expected/possible from the Consultation Group.

Members discussed the survey respondent priorities identified, along with written comments submitted separately by Janice Lam Snyder (i.e., see attachment X) and comments given during the meeting. **Action item:** Combine the top survey topic from 2026 and 2027-8. Key discussion topics and subtopics were discussed:

1. Strengthening the Program and Reducing Air Pollution
 - a. CERP emission/exposure reduction strategies; impact of federal actions on state rulemaking
 - b. Program accountability
 - c. Recommendations to strengthen the program to address community needs
2. Program funding
 - a. Provide regular updates at every Consultation Group meeting noting state and federal pressures and actions
 - b. Communication of program benefits
3. Toxics Roadmap
 - a. Ready for discussion this year; considered highly relevant with a strong connection to AB 617 communities.
 - b. Interest in ensuring that pesticides classed as toxic air contaminants (TACs) are explicitly considered in the roadmap.
4. Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative (SMMI)
 - a. Agreed to defer this discussion until the large data set is analyzed and quality checked.
5. Community Air Grants (Cycle 6) will post a "Request for Application" in early 2027.
 - a. Helpful to discuss but not urgent; some members may participate in broader workshops instead.

Workplan Ad Hoc: Upcoming Meetings and Goals

May 21 - Workplan Ad Hoc Meetings #2

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1. Staff will share a straw proposal for how to engage CG members on priority topic #1 during the July CG meeting for discussion
2. Identify topics for December 2026, and 2027-28.

June 4 - Workplan Ad Hoc Meeting #3

1. Finalize agenda for July 22 CG Meeting
2. Finalize roles for report out and leading discussion (optional for members but encouraged)

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