

Workplan Ad Hoc Meeting #3 Summary

June 4, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Brief Summary

The meeting focused on preparing for the July 22 Consultation Group meeting, including discussion about recent CARB Board actions and aligning priority topics for upcoming work. The discussion highlighted concerns related to -program funding, broken trust with community, and messaging about the benefits and successes of the AB 617 program. The group emphasized the need to focus on measurable emission reductions and a commitment to continue advancing AB 617's goals, despite current challenges. The group reviewed an updated agenda for the July Consultation Group meeting that allocates time to program funding updates, work plan discussions, and the priority topics of air pollution and program improvements. The notes below reflect action items, discussion highlights, and upcoming workplan ad hoc meetings and goals.

Action Items

#	Action Item	Owner	Notes
WP3.1	Prepare for the July 22 Consultation Group meeting. Share supporting meeting materials at least 10 business days in advance with all Consultation Group members. Attach all meeting materials to the meeting invite to reduce multiple emails.	CARB staff	
WP3.2	Workplan Ad Hoc members will give a report-out to the Consultation Group about the work done in the ad hoc meetings to evaluate survey results and deliberations that	Arsenio Mataka and Mary Elizabth	CARB will present survey results, CG members report on discussions and recommendations.

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	resulted in the recommended priority topics for the Consultation Group meetings.		
WP3.3	Confirm December Consultation Group meeting topics	CARB staff	
WP3.4	Communicate with all Consultation Group members prior to the July meeting to assess time required for agenda items such as funding discussion.	CARB staff	
WP3.5	Schedule virtual study session(s) between July and December to discuss statewide mobile monitoring initiative and the toxics air contaminant roadmap	CARB staff	Potential to schedule two shorter sessions vs. one longer session.

Discussion Highlights

1. **CAP-and-Invest Board Decision and Funding Implications.** CARB staff provided context on the CAP-and-Invest amendments adopted by the CARB Board on May 28th.
 - a. The group expressed strong concerns about the engagement process that did not use Program experience and guidance. They expressed the need to be sensitive to and understand community reactions about the change and the need to reinforce genuine commitment to this Program.
 - b. With expected declines in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) revenue as the emissions cap lowers, participants stressed the Program's need for a permanent, reliable funding source rather than inconsistent GGRF allocations.
 - c. Participants expressed a desire to help develop a strong story with clear evidence of the Program's successes. For example, by getting Program recognition in articles published in places like [NetZeroCA](#).

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- d. Staff noted that although long term funding is uncertain, most districts have approximately 2–3 years of secured implementation and incentives funding from to prior fiscal cycles.
2. **Preparing for July Meeting: Agenda and Workplan Structure.** The group refined the July 22 Consultation Group agenda. Key elements include a standing agenda item on program funding updates, reporting out on survey results, and focused discussions on reducing air pollution and strengthening program design. There was agreement that staff could present survey results, while ad hoc members would summarize discussion themes and consensus points.
3. **Developing a Framework for Blueprint 3.0.** Staff introduced a new visual framework to guide discussion of evolving toward Blueprint 3.0. Feedback included: grounding participants in program goals, clarity around elements added in Blueprint 2.0, organized discussions by topic area (e.g., monitoring, incentives, community grants, etc.) to avoid scattered input, and discussion of commitments made under Blueprint 2.0 and their progress status. The group also requested clearer expectations for what communities can and should do within the program.
4. **December Meeting Topics and Study Sessions.** The two priority topics that emerged for December discussion are the Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative (SMMI) and the Toxics Roadmap (planned for Board consideration in late 2026). Participants recommended integrating these topics into both survey follow-up and work planning discussions.
5. **Anticipated Challenges and Need for Proactive Communication.** Participants urged CARB staff to actively check in with Consultation Group members before July to gauge readiness and to provide background materials well in advance (survey results, meeting notes, relevant legislative/funding context). Additionally, the group asked CARB staff to allow flexibility to in the agenda to listen to community concerns during the funding update session.

Context and Discussion of Planning the July 22 Consultation Group Meeting

Members focused on preparing for the July 22 Consultation Group meeting, responding to community concerns following recent CARB Board decisions on the CAP and Invest amendments, and advancing alignment on priority topics for Blueprint 3.0. The meeting was defined by significant concerns around funding uncertainty and a sharp decline in community trust. The items below are highlights of the discussion:

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1. Structure of the July Agenda

- a. A shortened meeting (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- b. A standing funding update at the beginning of the meeting, reflecting the group's request for continuous visibility on budget issues.
- c. A Workplan Ad Hoc report out to explain how priority topics were selected.
- d. Afternoon breakout discussions on reducing air pollution and program improvements, the two main priority areas for the year.
- e. Ad hoc members stressed the need to make space for extensive discussion of the CAP and Invest impacts, noting that limiting conversation would risk further erosion of trust.

2. Materials and Transparency

- a. All materials (survey results, meeting summaries, agenda) must be shared at least 10 business days in advance with all Consultation Group members.
- b. Materials should be distributed through a single email and attached directly to the calendar invite to avoid confusion.
- c.

3. Workplan Ad Hoc Report-Out

- a. The July meeting will include a report out on the survey results, in addition to discussing how the ad hoc group refined priority topics, including consolidating priority topics for the July meeting.
- b. Staff will present the survey results and ad hoc members will present the consensus-based process used to identify priority topics.

4. Anticipating Community Reaction

- a. Ad Hoc members urged CARB staff to prepare for significant community feedback and frustration in the July meeting.

5. Supporting Framework for July Discussions

- a. Staff presented a new Blueprint 1.0 → 2.0 → 3.0 framework to help guide conversations on program evolution.
- b. Feedback included starting with program goals to ground participants, clarify additions made under Blueprint 2.0, including a slide summarizing Blueprint 2.0 commitments and progress, and structure discussion by program components (monitoring, grants, incentives, enforcement) to avoid scattered feedback.
- c. This framework will be refined and incorporated into the July meeting to support productive discussion on long term program development.

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6. December Meeting Planning

- a. The two topics confirmed as leading priorities for December and for potential virtual study sessions are the Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative and the Toxics Roadmap.
- b. These will also be flagged in July materials to maintain continuity.

Workplan Ad Hoc: Upcoming Meetings and Goals

Additional Meetings to be scheduled.