California Air Resources Board
GRANT REPORTING FORM

Grant Title				Grant Number
Community Air Protection Program (AB 617)				G23-CAPP-31
Grantee Name				**Report Number**
South Coast Air Quality Management District				1 - ANNUAL
Reporting Period				**Date Report Submitted**
From	11/30/2023	**To**	9/30/2025	
Report Type: ☒ **Annual** ☐ **Final**		**Total Grant Amount: $22,213,333**		

Funding Status	Reporting Period	Cumulative
AB 617 Funds Received	$22,213,333	$22,213,333
Interest Earned	0	0
Expended	547,487	547,487
Remaining/(Use of South Coast AQMD Funds)	$21,665,846	$21,665,846

Remarks

Category	Reporting Period Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
• Salaries and Benefits	$309,040	$309,040
• Operating Expenses	37,749	37,749
• Fixed Assets	7,513	7,513
• Administrative/Overhead	193,185	193,185
Total Expenditures	$547,487	$547,487

Indicate how grant is being utilized to meet the goals of AB 617

- **Community Outreach, Relations & Engagement (CORE):**
  The funding for this grant supported staff resources and supplies for ongoing collaboration and engagement with the designated communities, including outreach, interpretation, translation, facilitators, and related services. For all virtual and in-person meetings, the grant provided critical professional facilitation services at each of the quarterly Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings, quarterly working team meetings, and monthly Post-Year 5 Transition meetings, including a 2nd Annual All CSC Community Engagement event held at South Coast AQMD headquarters attended by over 140 participants, including 50 CSC and approximately 90 community stakeholders representing all six AB 617 CSCs, adjacent communities, and consistently nominated communities; and representatives from CARB, community organizations, non-profits and South Coast AQMD staff. To further strengthen equity and sustain engagement, South Coast AQMD has continued conducting outreach and coordination with CBOs from Year 1 communities to understand local environmental priorities. Sharing tools, data, and AB 617 program information with emerging community leaders, referred to as "Thought Partners", staff continued offering technical assistance to help CBOs; and listening sessions to identify challenges and strategies for participation by local residents and potential co-leadership. The grant also provided critical components for the successful planning and execution of CSC-related meetings, workgroup sessions, workshops, listening sessions, and community tours. These

community tours have been a powerful tool to foster education, dialogue, and deeper local engagement. Participation continues in local events to promote programs such as the Residential Air Filtration Program, Green Spaces and the Paving Project. Interpretation services were expanded to meet community needs, particularly by increasing Spanish and Korean language support in areas where it was requested. The grant also enabled sponsorship and participation in community events organized by CSC member organizations, including the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation's Healthy Desert, Healthy You Summit, Alianza, InnerCity Struggle and LA County Public Health.

- **CERP Team:**
  The funding from this grant supported staff resources to administer the South Coast AQMD Board-adopted Community Emission Reductions Plans (CERPs) for the six South Coast AQMD AB 617-designated communities. Recognizing this is the fifth year of implementation for three communities, the CERP team has been actively working to complete as many CERP objectives and will continue to work on CERP objectives that go beyond the fifth year. As of June 30, 2025, approximately 70 percent of all CERP objectives have either been completed or are nearing completion, with 25 percent initiated and ongoing. A key activity for five of the six communities includes soliciting input from the CSCs on neighborhood streets and corridors that would benefit from restricting truck access to provide to relevant land use agencies to use towards establishing truck routes. For the SELA Green Spaces Program, staff are in the contract phase with the three recipients which total $2.5 million in CAP Incentives. Staff also made progress implementing the ECV Paving Project and are working with the County of Riverside on a Memorandum of Understanding to distribute $4.57 million in CAP Incentives. Further, staff began developing Project Plans to address emissions from dry cleaners, funded by $2.3 million in CAP Incentives funds. For all six CSCs, staff hosted the Diesel Mobile Sources Workshop in June 2025, to inform community members about the impacts of diesel emissions on air quality and public health and share state and regional efforts to reduce those impacts. As CERP implementation continues, updates on these objectives will be provided on each community's CERP Implementation Dashboard.

  As part of CERP implementation, staff collaborated with internal and external stakeholders (e.g., local and regional agencies, community-based organizations, businesses, community members, colleges and universities); participating in meetings, conferences, and community events; developing informational videos and materials; project plan and public solicitation development; providing support and comment letters; conducting participatory budgeting and working team meetings; reporting CERP implementation progress in the AB 617 Annual Progress Report, as well as providing quarterly updates of a public facing Dashboard and its refinements; and developing a workplan to begin engaging consistently nominated communities, including development of new incentive programs.

- **CAMP Team:** The funding from this grant supported staff resources to implement Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMPs) for the six South Coast AQMD AB 617-designated communities, including: purchasing air monitoring and laboratory equipment and supplies; establishing, supplementing, operating, and maintaining 18 air monitoring stations in the communities (which led to the collection/analysis of about 800 samples and the generation of over 50,000 hours of continuous data); developing, operating, and maintaining 23 air quality sensors and two sensor networks; operating and maintaining four community air monitoring mobile platforms; conducting community-wide and targeted mobile monitoring surveys near more than 500 community-identified facilities and over 1,500 oil and gas wells, with over 15,000 miles traveled; supporting compliance and enforcement activities; developing and maintaining access to 45 interactive data dashboards and educational tools, progress reports, and tutorial videos; participating in meetings,

conferences, and community events; collaborating with internal and external stakeholders (e.g., local and regional agencies, community-based organizations, community members, contractors, universities, and research institutes); conducting dozens of Monitoring Working Team meetings; participating in Project Expert Group (PEG) meetings in support of the Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative (SMMI), a partnership between CARB and Aclima designed to conduct community mobile monitoring surveys in 62 Consistently Nominated AB 617 Communities (including 19 in South Coast Air Basin) using Aclima's mobile monitoring fleet and three partner mobile laboratories; as well as reporting CERP and CAMP implementation progress in the AB 617 Annual Progress Report.

- **Planning, Rule Development and Implementation:** The funding from this grant supported staff resources to implement BARCT, source-specific, and toxics rule development, and conducted the work necessary to implement the Board-adopted Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERPs). Such work included new rule development, rule amendments, support documentation, or program development. In addition, the grant supported staff resources to assist CARB staff developing the BACT/BARCT clearinghouse and emissions reporting regulation. The grant supported resources to participate and incorporate as well as implement CARB's Criteria Pollutant and Toxics Emissions Reporting Program. The grant also supported resources to advise Community Steering Committee members proposed projects for a Wet Cleaning Pilot Project for South Los Angeles and Auto Body Shop Pollution Prevention Project in 2026.

- **Technology Advancement Office:** The funding from this grant supported staff resources to administer the Residential and Public-School Air Filtration Programs and continued development of the Clean Technology Truck Loaner Program, including program development, application processing, database development and maintenance, and outreach activities.

Summary of work completed and in progress since the last progress report

- **Community Engagement and Air Programs:** During this reporting period, staff continued their community outreach and CERP implementation for all communities. For the Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) and South Los Angeles (SLA) communities, staff organized recurring workgroup meetings to discuss specific topics related to CERP implementation. In response to community feedback gathered through forums such as the All-CSC Event—where representatives from all six communities convened to discuss the program's strengths, challenges, and areas for improvement – this grant has supported the expansion of opportunities for dialogue and collaboration across communities. As a direct result of these conversations, new formats for engagement were introduced to better meet the evolving needs of Community Steering Committee (CSC) members. These include the development of Post Year-5 Transition working team meetings, office hours, additional listening sessions, and targeted onboarding workshops. Each of these meeting formats were designed to enhance support for CSC members, provide space for ongoing learning, and reinforce the shared visions of sustaining the program's impact beyond its initial five-year scope. This funding has played a critical role in enabling more inclusive and responsive community engagement, while fostering continued alignment with the program goals and air quality priorities expressed by the communities. Some examples of administering the AB 617 program include developing Community Air Protection Incentives project plans and public solicitations, updating the AB 617 CERP Implementation Dashboard and preparing the 2025 AB 617 Annual Progress Report, and developing community-friendly outreach materials (e.g., meeting materials, informational handouts, rules brochures). Notable examples of work performed are initiating development of a project plan for Wet-

Cleaning in SLA, awarding grants for SELA Green Space applications and beginning contract negotiations, and beginning development of a Memorandum of Understanding with County of Riverside to pave properties in the ECV. This grant also funded participatory budgeting efforts in SLA, interagency collaboration, soliciting CSC feedback on neighborhood streets and corridors of concern for truck routes in all AB 617 Communities, and implementation of all CEAP-assigned CERP objectives. Additionally, for Consistently Nominated Communities, staff developed a work plan for engagement and a CAP Incentive funding proposal.

- **BARCT/CERP Rule Development:** BARCT/CERP Rule Development: During this reporting period, staff continued to work on numerous rules that sought to reduce criteria pollutant emissions such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) in various operations impacting the local communities and was identified as BARCT and/or CERP actions. During this reporting period, the following rule were successfully amended to comply with CERP actions to increase leak detection and repair: Rule 462 (Organic Liquid Loading). The following rules were amended to address Most Stringent Measures that result in emission reductions: Rule 223 (Requirements for Confined Animal Facilities), Rule 445 (Wood Burning Devices), Rule 1133 Series (Composting Activities), and Rule 1138 (Restaurant Operations). In addition, staff continued working on Proposed Rule 2304 (Commercial Marine Ports), Proposed Amended Rule 1157 (Aggregate Operations), Proposed Amended Rule 1146 (Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Industrial, Institutional and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters), Proposed Amended Rule 1146.1 (Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Small Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters), and a variety of coating rules (Rule 1124 (Aerospace Coatings), Rule 1136 (Wood Product Coatings), Rule 1144 (Lubricants)) seeking to reduce VOC emissions and phase out carcinogenic toxic solvents.

- **Air Toxics Rule Development:** Staff continues to work on the following four toxic rules to reduce risk in the communities: Proposed Amended Rule 1401 (Toxic Air Contaminants for New or Modified Sources), Proposed Rule 1435 (Toxics from Metal Heating Operations), Proposed Rule 1445 (Control of Toxic Emissions from Laser and Plasma Arc Metal Cutting), and Proposed Rule 1469 (Hexavalent Chromium Emission from Chrome Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations), as well as begin amendments to address monitoring at metal shredding facilities under Rule 1460 (Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations).

- **Technology Advancement Office:** During this reporting period, staff conducted community presentations, participated in outreach events, and evaluated over 4,594 applications for the Residential Air Filtration Program, resulting in the deployment of 4,337 residential units in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce, and Eastern Coachella Valley. Also, the Board approved staff's request to allocate an additional $2.6 million of CAPP funds to the Residential Air Filtration Program to address impacts to the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and West Commerce Community from recent wildfires. Additionally, staff established criteria and issued a Program Announcement (PA2025-01) for the Public-School Air Filtration Program. Staff engaged in extensive outreach with school districts and received 400 school applications, which are currently under evaluation. Staff resources were also allocated to developing the Clean Technology Truck Loaner Program. This work included establishing program criteria and releasing an RFP (#P2024-01) to solicit bids for zero-emission truck rental services. Application evaluations have been completed. Staff are now working to finalize the contracting process

- **Air Monitoring:** As part of the implementation of the CAMPs in the six AB 617 communities, South Coast AQMD continued conducting stationary measurements at the established air monitoring stations, community-wide mobile monitoring surveys, and targeted emission investigations. South Coast AQMD's emission investigations that helped identify specific sources of air toxic emissions (e.g., methyl bromide from fumigation facilities in WCWLB, and ethylene oxide from sterilization facilities in SELA and WCWLB) resulted in continuation of additional mobile monitoring, stationary measurements, and compliance investigations. The results of these activities continue to be discussed at dedicated community meetings and CSC meetings.

- **Enforcement:** During this reporting period, staff continued ongoing enforcement activities to ensure that regulated entities complied with South Coast AQMD permit conditions and air quality rules and regulations. Enforcement activities included community-specific CERP objectives, such as idling truck sweeps, complaint responses, facility inspections, evaluating and addressing notifications from regulated facilities (equipment breakdown, source testing, flaring events, etc.), surveillance operations, and investigations based on community air monitoring efforts that showed elevated levels of pollutants. Inspections were prioritized based on a variety of factors, such as proximity to schools and other sensitive receptors, pollutants generated, facility size, complaints received, mobile monitoring data, and/or community input. In addition to these regular inspections, Enforcement staff continued to make progress towards-completing CERP objectives related to focused inspections, including referrals to appropriate agencies as needed, and collaborated with agency partners on joint inspections.

- **Information Management:** The funding from AB 617 grant has been instrumental in advancing community accessibility and transparency through technology. Specifically, resources were utilized to continue development and updates on interactive, map-based web applications tailored for AB 617 communities. These applications present environmental data and other relevant information in a user-friendly format, making complex topics more accessible to the general public. By incorporating intuitive design and geographic context, the tools empower residents to better understand air quality issues and participate more effectively in community-driven solutions. In response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) updated its Criteria and Toxics Reporting (CTR) regulation, requiring annual emissions reporting to reduce pollution in impacted communities. As a result, the South Coast AQMD has revised its Annual Emissions Reporting (AER) program to align with state rules. The updates include a phased reporting schedule for thousands of facilities, ensuring consistent, comprehensive data collection and improved air quality efforts. Additionally, funding supported the provision of virtual meeting infrastructure for community-based meetings, ensuring inclusive access for residents who may be unable to attend in person. These efforts not only enhance transparency in public engagement but also expand participation by removing physical and logistical barriers. This support aligns with the agency's ongoing commitment to equitable communication and engagement with all communities, particularly those disproportionately affected by environmental concerns.

- **Legal:** Staff continues to provide comprehensive legal support for division staff and cross-division staff teams on the implementation of AB 617 and related initiatives. Staff provides counsel and reviews documents, proposed actions, and related planning discussions to ensure compliance with applicable laws.

- **Legislative, Public Affairs and Media:** Legislative, Public Affairs and Media: Staff advanced AB 617 goals through engagement with local government and community stakeholders. We worked closely with elected officials, cities, county agencies, schools,

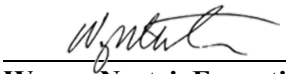
public health departments, and community-based organizations to conduct outreach and engagement in support of AB 617 air quality programs and issues across all six designated communities. Participation in public meetings and community events continue to strengthen awareness, deliver resources, and align local efforts with community-identified needs. Served as a liaison to provide information on environmental health and air quality incentives and resources available. In addition, we outreached to elementary, middle, and high schools through the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and Why Healthy Air Matters Program (WHAM) education programs. These programs are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and provide students with a hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) based curriculum developed by South Coast AQMD. Students learn about the importance of air quality, the impact of air pollution (including public health), and actions they can take to help protect the environment. A total of 21 schools in AB 617 communities were visited during this period, often on multiple occasions. Below is a selection of events where we participated:

- 2025 Health Desert, Healthy You Environmental Health Summit – September 11 – Eastern Coachella Valley
- Festival of Fathers – June 14, 2025 – Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach
- California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) 18th Annual Earth Day Festival – April 22, 2025 – Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach
- Carson Earth Day Kids Fest – April 12, 2025 – Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach
- 2025 SBCCOG General Assembly – March 27, 2025 – Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach
- American Lung Association – February 23, 2025 – South Los Angeles
- Dolores Misson La Fiesta de Comunidad – February 15, 2025 – East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights/West Commerce
- City of Carson Employee Rideshare Fair – October 16, 2024 – Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach
- 10th Annual EJ Conference – October 24, 2024 – South Los Angeles
- Greater Los Angeles Habitat for Humanity – November 2, 2024 – Southeast Los Angeles

To highlight information impacting the six designated communities, we published announcements, posted social media, and created graphics and other digital and print materials.

(Use additional pages as necessary)

District Authorization:



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Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer **Date**