# Community Air Protection Consultation Group November 12, 2026, Ad Hoc (Virtual) Meeting Summary

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## AI-Assisted Meeting Summary Disclosure

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## Summary


The meeting focused on planning the December 2, 2026, Consultation Group meeting and preparing for the next phase of Community Air Protection Program discussions. Members reviewed the draft agenda, discussed how to report out on recent study sessions, examined planned updates on program evaluation, funding, Blueprint 2.0 implementation, and Community Air Grants, and provided feedback on the process for developing Blueprint 3.0.


## Discussion Highlights

**December 2 Consultation Group Meeting Planning.** Staff reviewed draft meeting objectives and agenda items, including study session debriefs, program evaluation updates, program status updates, funding discussions, and Blueprint 3.0 planning.

**Air Toxics Roadmap Focus.** Members recommended dedicating the study session debrief primarily to the Air Toxics Roadmap due to its upcoming discussion by the CARB Board on December 10th. Members emphasized its importance for future public health protections and Blueprint 3.0 discussions.

**Third-Party Program Evaluation Update.** Staff explained that the UC Berkeley evaluation remains under review by CARB. Dr. Rachel Morello-Frosch is expected to provide a status update at the December meeting, while findings are anticipated to inform future program-strengthening conversations in the Spring of 2027.

**Community Air Protection Program Status.** Staff previewed the draft presentation covering progress on Blueprint 2.0 actions, CERP implementation across selected communities, Community Air Grants Cycle 6 planning, statewide monitoring efforts, and upcoming program milestones.

**Funding and Resource Planning.** Staff previewed the draft presentation covering funding and expenditures, highlighting the need for stable, ongoing funding to maintain support for selected communities, district implementation activities, monitoring efforts, and future community selection opportunities.

**Strengthening the Program and Blueprint 3.0.** Staff previewed the draft presentation slides and discussed with members major issues requiring further dialogue, including how to define CERP completion, strengthen relationships after implementation, improve community selection processes, accelerate implementation in newly selected communities, evaluate outcomes, and address land use challenges.

| **Action Items** | | | |
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| **#** | **Action Item** | **Owner** | **Notes** |
| 1 | Revise the December 2 study session debrief to focus primarily on the Air Toxics Roadmap. | CARB staff | **Done.** Incorporate member feedback into revised agenda and discussion format. |
| 2 | Identify and confirm member volunteers to provide report-outs for study session topics. | CARB staff and Consultation Group members | **Done.** Air Toxics Roadmap, Community Air Grants, and health benefits discussions to be represented. |
| 3 | Provide meeting materials and draft presentation content in advance of the December meeting for review and preparation for discussion. | CARB staff | **In progress.** Members requested materials be shared early and linked through calendar invitations when possible. |
| 4 | Refine agenda timing to allow additional discussion on Blueprint 3.0 and program-strengthening topics. | CARB staff | **Done.** Condense routine program updates where possible to preserve discussion time. |
| 5 | Split the Strengthening the Blueprint topic into at least two sections. | | **Done.** Focus discussion and allow time for a possible break. |

## Topic – Preparing for the December Consultation Group Meeting

Members focused on preparing for the December 2 Consultation Group meeting, which will serve as a transition point toward Blueprint 3.0 discussions in 2027. Staff presented draft objectives for reviewing program status, funding, implementation progress, lessons learned, and future engagement approaches. Members generally supported the direction of the agenda and recommended creating more time for discussion-oriented topics.

A significant portion of the conversation centered on the Air Toxics Roadmap. Members emphasized the importance of collecting Consultation Group feedback ahead of the upcoming Board discussion and recommended structuring the December conversation around key takeaways from the roadmap while still acknowledging insights from other study sessions.

Members also discussed how future Blueprint 3.0 conversations should address difficult questions that have emerged through AB 617 implementation. Topics included sustaining community engagement after CERP implementation, improving collaboration with local governments, addressing land use challenges, maintaining institutional changes within agencies, supporting Consistently Nominated Communities, and ensuring stable funding. Members stressed that Blueprint 3.0 should be guided by lessons learned from communities, Community Steering Committees, air districts, evaluation findings, Community Air Grant recipients, and other program partners.

Discussion participants also highlighted the need to balance recognition of program accomplishments with honest conversations about ongoing challenges. Several members noted that success should be measured not only by completing strategies but also by achieving long-term environmental, health, and community engagement outcomes. Members expressed interest in future discussions focused on local government partnerships, evaluation findings, community selection, and opportunities to institutionalize successful AB 617 practices across agencies.

## Upcoming Meetings and Topics

1. December 2, 2026 – Consultation Group Meeting #5. This meeting will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the CARB Headquarters Building in Riverside.