

**State of California
Air Resources Board
Board Item Summary**

**Item # 21-4-3: Public Meeting to Consider Assembly Bill 617
Community Air Protection Program – Community
Emissions Reduction Program for the Southeast
Los Angeles Community**

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) approve the Southeast Los Angeles Community Emissions Reduction Plan (Plan) and direct CARB staff to collaborate with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) and the community steering committee to take additional actions to strengthen implementation.

Discussion:

On December 4, 2020, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted the Plan for the Southeast Los Angeles community under the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 617. To develop the Plan, South Coast AQMD convened a community steering committee comprised of residents, local community based groups, industry, and local government to develop the Plan. The steering committee held nine meetings from January 2020 to November 2020 and continues to meet quarterly. The South Coast AQMD hosted a public Question and Answer Session for the Plan to get additional feedback from the community in November 2020, prior to consideration and adoption by the South Coast AQMD Board.

CARB staff reviewed the Plan and summarized key findings in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report (CARB Staff Report). CARB also hosted a virtual community workshop on April 6, 2021, to solicit additional community perspectives to inform the development of the CARB Staff Report. After evaluating the Plan, staff determined it meets the criteria established in AB 617 and the *Community Air Protection Blueprint: For Selecting Communities, Preparing Community Emissions Reduction Programs, Identifying Statewide Strategies, and Conducting Community Air Monitoring* (Blueprint), reflects community priorities, and is likely to reduce emissions and exposure to air pollution in the community. Staff based their plan approval recommendation on this review considering the progress made in developing the Plan and comments from the community steering committee members.

Implementing the Plan as proposed would benefit from additional specifics on reduction strategies and overall process. As detailed in the CARB Staff Report, staff have identified specific actions for the South Coast AQMD and CARB staff to take, in collaboration with the community steering committee, to strengthen implementation in the areas of expedited

development of actions to address community priorities, incentives prioritization, enforcement, and improved access to online data in the Southeast Los Angeles community.

Summary and Impacts:

Approving the Southeast Los Angeles Plan and directing CARB staff and South Coast AQMD to take its recommended actions will result in these agencies continuing to work with the community steering committee to define and implement strategies to reduce exposure to air pollution in the Southeast Los Angeles community. South Coast AQMD will provide annual reports to CARB with progress updates that include updates on the recommended actions as defined in the CARB Staff Report. In conjunction with this work, CARB will continue to develop and implement our mobile source regulations and pursue enhanced enforcement activities in the Southeast Los Angeles community.