

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

**Item # 22-7-1: Public Meeting to Hear an Update on the
California Air Resources Board's Racial Equity
and Diversity Efforts**

Staff Recommendation:

This is an informational item only; no Board action is necessary.

Discussion:

Staff will present an informational update on the California Air Resources Board's (CARB or Board) racial equity and diversity efforts. On October 28, 2020, the Board approved Resolution 20-33, which acknowledges that "impacts from air pollutants and greenhouse gases disproportionately affect communities of color and CARB's mission includes reducing the harmful effects of these emissions where socioeconomic and racial disparities are most pronounced." The Resolution directs staff to continue establishing and enhancing proactive measures to ensure racial equity permeates all of CARB's activities, both internal and external.

In response to Resolution 20-33, CARB hired its first Deputy Executive Officer for Environmental Justice and expanded its efforts on environmental justice and racial equity. The vision for these efforts is outlined in CARB's Racial Equity Framework, which describes the conceptual framework for CARB's work on racial equity and shares the model of organizational change that will serve as the foundation for CARB's racial equity work. The Racial Equity Framework also serves as a guide for the internal coordination of CARB's racial equity efforts. Other updates that will be shared as a part of this informational item include the Diversity and Racial Equity Task Force's 90 Day Challenge, CARB's proposed concept for a Racial Equity Assessment Lens, and other updates that show CARB's ongoing development and implementation of its racial equity efforts.

Summary and Impacts:

Not applicable.