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# **Community Air Protection Program AB 617 Statewide Strategy Revision Update**

May 19, 2022

# AB 617 Program Goal

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) (HSC 44391.2(b).)

... “the California Air Resources Board shall adopt a **statewide strategy** to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in **communities** affected by a **high cumulative exposure burden.**”



# Community Air Protection Program



## Partner and Collaborate

Shared Goals and Values, and Building Trust



## Understanding the Community

Engagement, Air Monitoring, Emissions Inventories, and Research



## Regulatory Authorities

Rules, Regulations, Enforcement, Clean Technology, and Emission Controls



## Community Capacity Building

Program implementation, Community Air Grants, and Incentives



# AB 617 Communities

## 17 Communities Statewide

- 11 CARB-approved CERPs
- 3 CARB Board consideration in late 2022/early 2023
- All Communities
  - CAMPs and CERPs concurrently except:
    - South Sacramento Florin - CAMP
    - West Oakland - CERP
    - East Oakland - CERP



# Highlights from 2021 Annual Update Memo

- School Air Filtration
- Shafter “Clean Green Yard Machine Trade-In Event”
- Truck study in South-Central Fresno
- Zero-emission yard truck deployment in Southeast LA prioritized through a participatory budgeting process

**\$Rebates\$ for LAWN EQUIPMENT!** Clean Green YARD MACHINES

**ATTENTION SHAFTER RESIDENTS\***

Replace your old gas mower with a new **ELECTRIC LAWMOWER** —and receive a **100% REBATE** UP TO **\$50** for each piece

OR Buy new **ELECTRIC LAWN EQUIPMENT** (Mower, Edger, Trimmer Chainsaw or Polesaw) —and **SAVE** UP TO **\$50** for each piece

\*To see if your address is in an AB617 Community, visit [communityvalleyair.org/checkshafter](http://communityvalleyair.org/checkshafter)

**REBATE PROCESS**

- 1 Purchase new, eligible electric equipment
- 2 Recycle your current gas mower at a participating dismantler and receive a Destruction Verification Form (for option 1)
- 3 Complete online application at [www.valleyair.org/COYMResidential](http://www.valleyair.org/COYMResidential) (upload receipt and dismantler form)
- 4 District issues rebate depending on option chosen and equipment type

A program of the Valley Air District | For information or questions call 559.230.5800

**\$Reembolsos\$ para EQUIPO DE JARDINERIA!** Clean Green YARD MACHINES

**ATENCIÓN RESIDENTES DE SHAFTER\***

Reemplace su cortacésped de gasolina por un nuevo **CORTACÉSPED ELÉCTRICO** —y reciba un **REEMBOLSO de 100%** LA OPCIÓN 2 COMIENZA CON HASTA \$500

o Compre **EQUIPO DE JARDINERIA ELÉCTRICO** (Cortacésped, Orilladora, Cortasetos, Motosierra o Sierra de Poste) —y **AHORRE HASTA \$50** por cada pieza

\*Para ver si su dirección pertenece a una comunidad AB617, visite [communityvalleyair.org/checkshafter](http://communityvalleyair.org/checkshafter)

**PROCESO DE REEMBOLSO**

- 1 Compre equipo eléctrico nuevo y elegible
- 2 Recicle su cortacésped de gas actual en una desmanteladora participante y reciba una Verificación de Destrucción (para la opción 1)
- 3 Complete la solicitud en línea en [www.valleyair.org/COYMResidential](http://www.valleyair.org/COYMResidential) (suba su recibo y verificación)
- 4 El Distrito emite un reembolso según la opción elegida y el tipo de equipo

Programa del Distrito del Aire | Más información o preguntas llame al 559.230.5800

Residential Lawn and Garden Measure Outreach Materials for Shafter

# AB 617 Consultation Group

Co-chaired by CARB Board members

- Dr. John Balmes
- Councilwoman Davina Hurt

Members include representatives of

- environmental justice organizations
- air districts
- industry
- academia
- public health organizations



Photo from  
March 26, 2018



Photo from April 1, 2022

# The People's Blueprint

- Writer's Group
  - Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
  - Richard Grow, Retiree, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Collaborative
  - Nayamin Martinez, Central California Environmental Justice Network
  - Luis Olmedo, Comité Civico del Valle
  - Christian Torres, Comité Civico del Valle
- Technical assistance via Harder+Company
- Consultation Group discussion of People's Blueprint

**California Community Air  
Protection**

**Assembly Bill 617 People's Blueprint**



# AB 617 Consultation Group Panel

## Environmental Justice Leaders

- Gustavo Aguirre Jr. – Central California Environmental Justice Network
- Ms. Margaret Gordon – West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
- Paula Torrado – Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles

## Industry

- Christine Wolfe – California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance

## Air Districts

- Veronica Eady – Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Kathryn Higgins – South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Jessica Olson – San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

# Panel Question 1

What should CARB consider as alternative strategies to the current model of Air District-convened Community Steering Committees?

-What are other ways to elevate lessons learned from the program so far to bring benefits to more communities?

# Panel Question 2

As CARB turns to updating the Program Blueprint, which will include strategies to reset the program, what should we do (or not do) to ensure a meaningful process?

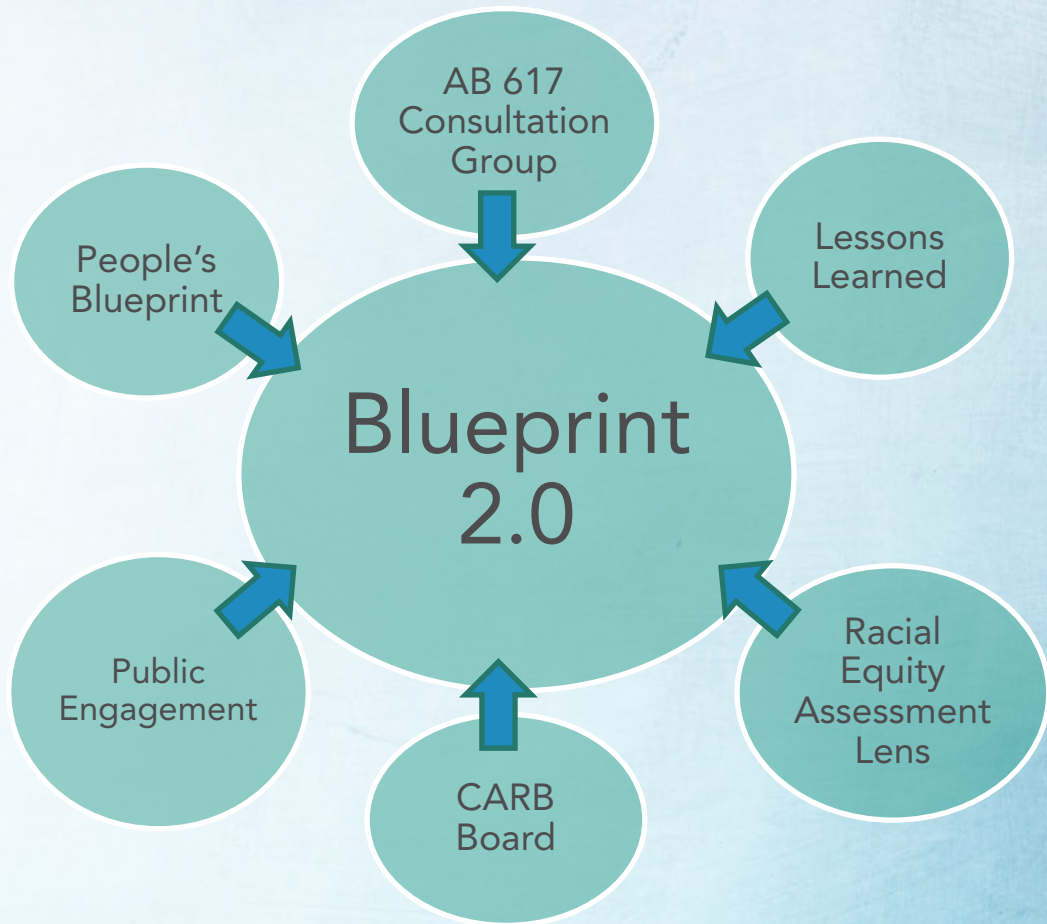
In your role as a member of the Consultation Group, how should CARB support the group to most effectively fulfill its role? The CG's primary role is to consult with CARB to inform the statewide strategy.

# Panel Question 3

What are the most critical things from the People's Blueprint that CARB should carry over to Blueprint 2.0? What needs to be revised?

## Striving for:

- Concise
- Structured
- User-friendly, accessible
- A step-by-step guide



# Blueprint 2.0 Timeline

Spring 2022	Consultation Group Discussion on People's Blueprint Public Comment on People's Blueprint Release Draft Outline of Blueprint 2.0
Summer/Fall 2022	Facilitated Engagement on Program Reset and Blueprint Revision
Winter 2022	Public comment and workshops on Draft Blueprint 2.0
Spring 2023	Revise Blueprint 2.0, CEQA
Summer 2023	Final Draft Blueprint 2.0 Posted
Before September 2023	Board acts on the Blueprint 2.0

Ongoing Public Engagement

# Draft Blueprint 2.0 Outline

1. Vision for the Program - Operationalizing Equity and Environmental Justice
2. Reimagining the Program to Benefit More Disproportionately Impacted Communities
3. AB 617 Funding and Opportunities for Participatory Budgeting
4. Building Capacity
5. Working with Your Air District
6. Engaging with Partners
7. Nominating Your Community
8. The Community Selection Process
9. Forming a Community Steering Committee
10. Community Steering Committee Governance
11. Understanding Your Community's Air Quality
12. Developing a Community Air Monitoring Plan
13. Prioritizing Your Community's Air Quality Concerns
14. Understanding CARB's Statewide Measures
15. Prioritizing Enforcement Activities in Your Community
16. Developing Strategies to Reduce Emissions and / or Exposures
17. Developing a Community Emissions Reduction Plan
18. Air District and CARB Board Action on a Community Emissions Reduction Plans
19. Implementing a Community Emissions Reduction Plan
20. Tracking Results and Monitoring Progress

# Reset: The Promise of AB 617





# A Time of Transition for the Program

## Our Commitments

- 11-year commitment for our current 17 selected communities
- Support expanded opportunities to convene CSCs as resources allow
- Reimagine the program *together* to identify new ways to support more communities
- Update the Statewide Strategy, informed by the People's Blueprint, engagement, and program reset

# Supporting More Communities

## Initial Ideas

- Community Air Grants
- Community-Focused Enforcement
- Statewide Incentive Programs

# Community Air Grants

## Purpose

To fund community-driven efforts through AB 617 to reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution

To develop and implement new community led strategies to measure air pollution and reduce health impacts

## Goals

Deepen participation in the AB 617 process

Build capacity to become active partners

Identify, evaluate, and ultimately reduce local air pollution and exposure

## Opportunities

Directly fund engagement, outreach, and capacity building related to 617

Replicate successful strategies from communities already in the program

Produce plans outside of the current resource-intensive CSC model

# Community-Focused Enforcement

- Working directly with community groups
- Creative solutions for community concerns
- Cynthia Babich,  
Executive Director,  
Del Amo Action Committee



# Leveraging Statewide Incentive Programs

- Community Air Protection Incentives
  - Already available for communities outside of CERPs/CAMPs
  - Projects for mobile sources, stationary sources and schools
- Multi-divisional coordination of outreach efforts to increase accessibility

# Next Steps

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