

State of California Air Resources Board

Board Item Summary

Item # 24-4-4: Public Meeting to Hear Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Update

Staff Recommendation:

This is an informational item only. No action is required.

Discussion:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will receive an annual update on the implementation progress of the Community Air Protection Program. Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) requires air districts to prepare an annual implementation report for each community emissions reduction program (CERP). CARB's Office of Community Air Protection (OCAP) prepared the *Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Report* based on the air districts annual reports, and, for one air district, a presentation published in 2023. The update for the Board will focus on the findings in this Report regarding the progress of CERP implementation in the thirteen communities listed below. These communities were selected between 2018 through 2021, and have been implementing an air district-adopted CERP for at least a year as of December 2023:

- Arvin, Lamont (selected in 2021),
- East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights/West Commerce (2018),
- Eastern Coachella Valley (2019),
- El Centro/Heber/Calexico (2018),
- Portside Environmental Justice Neighborhoods (2019),
- San Bernardino/Muscoy (2018),
- Shafter (2018),
- South Central Fresno (2018),
- South Los Angeles (2021),
- Southeast Los Angeles (2019),
- Stockton (2019),
- West Oakland (2018), and
- Wilmington/Carson/West Long Beach (2018).

CARB's Enforcement Division staff will also provide an update on enforcement actions and activities across many of California's disadvantaged communities and plans for community focused actions in coming years. Community-focused enforcement is one of three pathways

established in the program's guidance document, Blueprint 2.0, to support consistently nominated communities.

The presentation includes:

- An update on the status of CERP implementation, community highlights, progress in fulfilling Blueprint 2.0 goals, air quality monitoring, and efforts to support other consistently nominated communities.
- A discussion of Enforcement Division's work within selected communities.
- A video(s) uplifting communities' achievements in their own voices.
- A panel discussion with community leaders and air districts, sharing their perspectives on successes and challenges during CERP implementation.

Summary and Impacts:

Not Applicable.