

State of California Air Resources Board

Board Item Summary

Item # 25-2-2: Public Meeting to Hear an Informational Update on CARB's Community Engagement Model

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) Community Engagement Model (Model). In October 2020, the Board adopted Resolution 20-33 to address institutional and structural racism by advancing racial equity and social justice in all CARB actions both internal and external. The Resolution called on CARB to establish and enhance proactive measures to ensure racial equity and identify and implement best practices for community engagement. The Model is one of CARB's tools that provides CARB staff a consistent approach to meaningful community engagement to build trust and strong relationships with communities and ensure equitable outcomes for all Californians.

The Community Engagement and Capacity Building (CECB) Workgroup, composed of multi-divisional CARB staff, was formed in 2022 to co-develop best practices for community engagement in partnership with communities. The CECB Workgroup developed the Model by incorporating diverse perspectives from community experts and the public throughout the State. In January 2025, the final public dialogue session was held to launch the updated Model. The Office of Racial Equity is leading the implementation of the Model. This Board item provides an overview of the Model, its development process, ongoing implementation efforts, and use throughout CARB.

Summary and Impacts:

Not applicable.