



## **Office of Community Air Protection**

# **CARB Staff Recommendations for Appointment of Members to the Community Air Protection Consultation Group**

June 26, 2025

# Stockton Community Highlights



YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DErxSpfp1o8>



# Today's Presentation

AB 617 Consultation Group Reinvigoration  
Blueprint 2.0, Goal 1, Action 4



# Background

- AB 617 requires CARB to consult with diverse stakeholders to implement Community Air Protection Program (CAPP or Program).
- January 2018, CARB first convened a 25-member Consultation Group.
- Chaired by CARB Board Member John Balmes; later co-chaired with Board member Davina Hurt.
- September 2018, Program Blueprint approved.
- 2021 People's Blueprint and 2021-2023 Consultation Group meetings.
- Blueprint 2.0 was developed and informed by the People's Blueprint.
- October 2023, Board approved Blueprint 2.0.



# Recruitment and Review Process

## Recruitment

- 3/2024 - Due to attrition, CARB dissolved Consultation Group
- 9/2024 - Released application for new Consultation Group members
- Outreach
  - Community Steering Committees and liaisons
  - Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs
  - Social Media
  - Air District and community events
  - CARB Website
- The deadline extended twice - Closed January 24, 2025 (130 days)

## Review

- CARB staff received and reviewed 50 applications
- All applications were scored by a multi-level staff review team
  - Responses to applicant questions
  - Applicants understanding of AB 617
  - Experience working on environmental justice issues
  - Experience with conflict resolution
- Ensure balanced representation
- Geographic diversity

# Reinvigoration of Consultation Group

Category	Number
Chair	1
Academia / Community Science	2
Tribal Government	1
<b>Air Districts</b>	6
Business and Industry	4
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)	1
Scientific Review Panel	1
<b>Local Government</b>	2
Community and / or Environmental Justice Representatives	9
<b>Community Steering Committees</b>	
<b>Consistently Nominated Communities</b>	
<b>Total</b>	27

# Recommended Applicants

Category	Name (Primary / Alternate)	Affiliation
Chair	Dr. John Balmes	California Air Resources Board
Air Districts	Belen Leon-Lopez / Israel Hernandez	Imperial County APCD
	Arsenio Mataka / Dr. Philip Fine	Bay Area AD
	Dr. Alberto Ayala / Janice Lam Snyder	SacMetro APCD
	Ryan Hayashi / Stephanie Ng	San Joaquin Valley APCD
	Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson / Walter Shen	South Coast AQMD
	Domingo Vigil / Shalem Aboody-Lopez	San Diego APCD
Local Govt or Council of Govts	Prithvi Deore / Scott Strelecki	Southern California Association of Governments
	Antoinette Meier / Kirsten Uchitel	San Diego Association of Governments
Tribal Government	Kevin McKernan	Yurok Tribe

# Recommended Applicants (Cont.)

Category	Name (Primary / Alternate)	Affiliation
<b>Community Representatives:</b>  Environmental Justice Organizations  Community Steering Committees  Consistently Nominated Communities	<b>Baldwin Moy / Mariela Nambo Ramirez</b>	<b>California Rural Legal Assistance</b>
	<b>Kevin Hamilton</b>	<b>San Joaquin Valley Medical Advocates for Healthy Air</b>
	<b>Mary Elizabeth / Margo Praus</b>	<b>CSC- Stockton</b>
	<b>Jasmine Beltran</b>	<b>CSC - Southeast Los Angeles</b>
	<b>Mary Valdemar</b>	<b>CSC -San Bernardino/Muscoy</b>
	<b>Rodney Andrews</b>	<b>CSC- South Los Angeles</b>
	<b>Y'Anad Burrell / BK White</b>	<b>CSC - Richmond-North Richmond</b>
	<b>Bishop Chris Baker</b>	<b>CSC - S. Sacramento Florin</b>
	<b>Maximilian Rosa</b>	<b>CNC - Sierra Service Project (Del Paso Heights, No. Sacramento)</b>

**CNC - Consistently Nominated Community; CSC - Community Steering Committee**



# Recommended Applicants (Cont.)

Category	Name (Primary / Alternate)	Affiliation
Business and Industry	Christine Zimmerman / Bob Brown	Western States Petroleum Association
	Dirk Piersma	Gemperle Family Farms
	Cassie Lopina / Mary Solecki	ZE / AJW, Inc.
	Tim Carmichael	California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance
Scientific Review Panel	Dr. David Lo	UC Riverside
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment	Paula Torrado Plazas	OEHHA
Academia / Community Science	Dr. Jonathan London	UC Davis
	Dr. Rebecca E. Skinner	Manylabs

# Goals for the Consultation Group in 2025

- First meeting in late Summer/early Fall 2025
- On-boarding and orientation
- Refine draft charter



# **Staff Recommendation**

Approve Staff's Recommendation for Appointment of Members to the Consultation Group