

# State of California Air Resources Board

## Board Item Summary

### Item # 25-5-2: 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, implementing Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017). This law requires air districts to prepare an annual implementation report for each community emissions reduction program (CERP). CARB's Office of Community Air Protection (OCAP) has reviewed these reports and synthesized the findings in the accompanying *Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Report*. The update will describe progress of CERP implementation in the 15 communities implementing a CERP for more than six months as of December 2024.

The report also highlights progress in supporting consistently nominated communities through the three new pathways identified in Blueprint 2.0 (the program guidance document): the use of Community Air Grants (CAG) to develop Local Community Emissions Reduction Plans (L-CERP), community-focused enforcement, and increased flexibility in the use of Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives.

The update to the Board will include:

- Staff presentation on CERP implementation updates, community highlights, progress in fulfilling Blueprint 2.0 goals, air quality monitoring, and efforts to support Consistently Nominated Communities.
- A video showcasing achievements of the Statewide Mobile Monitoring Initiative.
- Perspectives from a panel featuring community steering committee members from Year 1 communities and air district staff, sharing their CERP implementation journey over last five years.
- Co-presentations from a community-based organization implementing an L-CERP and air district staff on their effort to support Consistently Nominated Communities within their jurisdiction.
- Highlights of findings from a qualitative program evaluation from Dr. Jonathan London, University of California at Davis.

## Summary and Impacts:

Not Applicable