

# State of California Air Resources Board

## Board Item Summary

### Item # 26-2-2: Public Meeting to Consider Criteria Pollutant Planning Efforts

#### Staff Recommendation:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) staff recommends the Board approve Resolution 26-4 regarding criteria pollution planning efforts.

#### Discussion:

Over the last year, California's clean air progress has been undermined by unprecedented federal interference, including the illegal attempts at disapproval of three previous federal actions waiving preemption for some of the state's major vehicle and engines emissions control programs. This obstruction threatens the state's ability to meet federal air quality standards, putting public health at risk for millions of Californians – especially those in the most polluted communities. At the October 2025 Board hearing, staff provided an informational update on California State Implementation Plan efforts, including a summary of the damage the federal government has caused to air quality progress in California.

Since October, California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff have continued regulatory development in response to the federal attacks. This includes the *Drive Forward* initiative, following direction in Governor Newsom's *Executive Order N-27-25*, which reaffirmed the state's commitment to zero-emission vehicle deployment and directed CARB to initiate development of next generation requirements for clean cars. Staff continues to explore concepts for additional regulations for new vehicles and in-use programs to reduce emissions from existing vehicle and equipment fleets.

During the item, staff will quantify the range of potential criteria pollutant emissions reductions from potential actions to backfill the loss in emissions reductions created by the illegal federal actions.

#### Summary and Impacts:

Staff will present a summary of ongoing regulatory efforts, their potential criteria pollutant emissions reductions, and the remaining gap in emissions reductions needed to achieve clean air across California.