



Office of Community Air Protection

Community Air Protection Program Consultation Group Board Item

June 25, 2026

Today's Presentation

Background

Consultation Group Charter

Appointment of New Members

Consultation Group Background

- The Community Air Protection Program Consultation Group is an advisory body, first convened in January 2018 with 25 members, with the purpose to advise CARB on the implementation of the Community Air Protection Program.
- The Community Air Protection Program Consultation Group dissolved in March 2024 due to member attrition.
- In June 2025, the Board appointed a new slate of 27 members, including Dr. John Balmes as Co-Chair.
- In October 2025, Board member Diane Takvorian was appointed as the 28th member and Co-Chair.

Community Air Protection Program Consultation Group Charter

- Outlines the advisory body's purpose and role in supporting the Community Air Protection Program.
- Provides transparency and accountability.
- Clarifies the groups key functions and responsibilities.

**AB 617 Community Air Protection Program
Consultation Group**

Draft Charter

[Date of Adoption] 2026



Charter Development Timeline

November 2024

- CARB staff released a draft Charter.

June 2025

- Consultation Group re-invigorated.

September 2025

- Consultation Group meeting #1 - Charter version 1 presented to members.

October 2025

- Members were surveyed for feedback on the draft Charter.
- CARB received 93 comments from members.

December 2025

- Consultation Group meeting #2 - All charter comments reviewed and discussed.
- Lead members volunteered for ad hoc sessions.

February 2026

- Lead members met for two 3-hour sessions to review members' comments and reach consensus on changes to the charter.

March 25, 2026

- Consultation Group Meeting #3 - Members unanimously approved draft Charter.

Consultation Group Membership

- **28-member body** appointed by the CARB Board.
- Includes the representatives from the following:
 - **2 CARB Board Co-Chairs**
 - **6 Air Districts**
 - **9 Community and EJ Organizations** (including community steering committees and consistently nominated communities)
 - **4 Industry/Business**
 - **2 Academia**
 - **2 Entities required by AB 617 (CARB Scientific Review Panel, OEHHA)**
 - **2 Local Government or Local Government Associations**
 - **1 Tribal Government**

Recommended Applicants

CARB is recommending the selection of one new primary member, and five new alternate members.

Name	Primary / Alternate	Affiliation	Category
Natasha Dulik	Primary	San Diego Association of Governments	Local Government
David Edwards	Alternate	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Charisma Acey	Alternate	University of California at Berkeley	Academia / Community Science
Ismael Garcia	Alternate	Imperial County Air Pollution Control District	Air District
Kirstin Kolpitcke	Alternate	California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance	Business and Industry
Lizette Ruiz	Alternate	Southeast Los Angeles Community Steering Committee	Community Representative

Staff Recommendation

1. Approve the Community Air Protection Consultation Group Charter
2. Appoint New Members and Alternates to the Consultation Group