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Odon Jose Chavez Garcia

Diana Mireles

Stephanie Ng, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

APPEARANCES CONTINUED

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Jessica Olsen, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control  
District

Grecia Orozco, Center on Race, Poverty, and the  
Environment

Salvador Partida

Byanka Santoyo, Center on Race, Poverty, and the  
Environment

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PROCEEDINGS

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2 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Okay. Good afternoon. The  
3 October 13th, 2022 public meeting of the California Air  
4 Resources Board will come to order.

5 Board Clerk, will you please call the roll.

6 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Yes.

7 Dr. Balmes?

8 BOARD MEMBER BALMES: Here.

9 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mr. De La Torre?

10 BOARD MEMBER DE LA TORRE: Here.

11 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mr. Eisenhut?

12 BOARD MEMBER EISENHUT: Here.

13 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Senator Florez?

14 BOARD MEMBER FLOREZ: Florez, here.

15 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Assemblymember Garcia?

16 Ms. Hurt?

17 BOARD MEMBER HURT: Present.

18 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mr. Kracov?

19 Mr. Kracov?

20 BOARD MEMBER KRACOV: Here.

21 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Thank you.

22 Senator Leyva?

23 Dr. Pacheco-Werner?

24 BOARD MEMBER PACHECO-WERNER: Here.

25 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mrs. Riordan?

1 BOARD MEMBER RIORDAN: Here.

2 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Supervisor Serna?

3 BOARD MEMBER SERNA: Here.

4 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Professor Sperling?

5 Ms. Takvorian?

6 BOARD MEMBER TAKVORIAN: Here.

7 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Supervisor Vargas?

8 BOARD MEMBER VARGAS: Vargas, here.

9 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Vice Chair Berg?

10 VICE CHAIR BERG: Here.

11 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Chair Randolph?

12 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Here.

13 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Madam Chair, we have a  
14 quorum.

15 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you. I will begin with a  
16 few housekeeping items. We are conducting today's meeting  
17 in person with remote participation options available by  
18 phone and in Zoom. Anyone who wishes to testify on a  
19 Board item in person should fill out a request to speak  
20 card available in the foyer and turn it into a designated  
21 Board assistant prior to the commencement of the item. If  
22 you are participating remotely, you will raise your hand  
23 in Zoom or dial star nine, if calling in by phone. The  
24 clerk will provide further details regarding how public  
25 participation will work in just a moment.

1           For safety reasons, please note the emergency  
2 exit to the rear of the room through the lobby. In the  
3 event of a fire alarm, we are required to evacuate this  
4 room immediately and go down the stairs to the left of the  
5 elevator and out of the building. When the all-clear  
6 signal is given, we will return to the hearing room and  
7 resume the hearing.

8           A closed captioning feature is available for  
9 those of you joining us in the Zoom environment. In order  
10 to turn on subtitles, please look for a button labeled  
11 "CC" at the bottom of the Zoom window and shown in the  
12 example on the screen now. I would like to take this  
13 opportunity to remind everyone to speak clearly and from a  
14 quiet location, whether you are joining us in Zoom or  
15 calling in by phone.

16           Interpretation services will be provided today in  
17 Spanish. If you are joining us using Zoom, there is a  
18 button labeled "Interpretation" on the Zoom screen. Click  
19 on that interpretation button and select Spanish to hear  
20 the meeting in Spanish. If you are joining us here in  
21 person and would like to listen to the meeting in Spanish,  
22 please notify a Board assistant and they will provide you  
23 with further instructions. I want to remind all of our  
24 speakers to speak slowly and pause intermittently to allow  
25 the interpreters the opportunity to accurately interpret



1 your comments.

2 (Interpreter translated in Spanish).

3 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you. I will now ask the  
4 Board Clerk to provide more details on today's procedures.

5 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Thank you, Chair Randolph.  
6 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Lindsay Garcia and  
7 I'm one of the Board clerks here at CARB. I will be  
8 providing additional information on how public  
9 participation will be organized for today's meeting. We  
10 will first be calling on any in-person commenters who have  
11 turned in a request to speak card and then I will be  
12 calling on commenters who are joining us remotely. If you  
13 are joining us remotely, and wish to make a verbal comment  
14 on today's Board item or during the open comment period at  
15 the end of today's meeting, you will need to be using Zoom  
16 webinar or calling in by telephone. If you are currently  
17 watching the webcast on CAL-SPAN, but you wish to comment  
18 remotely, please register for the Zoom webinar or call in.  
19 Information for both can be found on the public agenda for  
20 today's meeting.

21 To make a verbal comment, we will be using the  
22 raise-hand feature in Zoom. If you wish to speak on a  
23 Board item, please virtually raise your hand as soon as  
24 the item has begun to let us know you wish to speak. To  
25 do this, if you are using a computer or tablet, there is a

1 raise-hand button. If you are calling in on the  
2 telephone, dial star nine to raise your hand. Even if you  
3 previously indicated which item you wish to speak on when  
4 you registered, you must raise your hand at the beginning  
5 of the item, so that you can be added to the queue.

6 If you will be giving your verbal comment in  
7 Spanish and require an interpreter's assistance, please  
8 indicate so at the beginning of your testimony and our  
9 translator will assist you. During your comment, please  
10 pause after each sentence to allow for the interpreter to  
11 translate your comment into English.

12 When the comment period starts, the order of  
13 commenters will be determined by who raises their hand  
14 first. We will call each commenter by name and will  
15 activate each commenter's audio, when it is their turn to  
16 speak. And for those calling in, we will identify you by  
17 the last three digits of your phone number. We will not  
18 show a list of remote commenters. However, we will be  
19 announcing the next three or so commenters in the queue,  
20 so you are ready to testify and know who is coming up  
21 next. Please note, you will not appear by video during  
22 your testimony.

23 I would also like to remind everyone to please  
24 state your name for the record before you speak, and this  
25 is especially important for those calling in by phone to

1 testify. We will have a time limit for each commenter and  
2 we will begin the comment period with a three-minute time  
3 limit, although this could change at the chair's  
4 discretion. During the public testimony, you will see a  
5 timer on the screen. And for those calling in by phone,  
6 we will run the timer and let you know when you have 30  
7 seconds left and then when your time is up. If you  
8 require Spanish interpretation for your comment, your time  
9 will be doubled.

10           If you wish to submit written comments today,  
11 please visit CARB's send-us-your-comments page or look at  
12 the public agenda on our webpage for links to send these  
13 documents electronically. Written comments will be  
14 accepted on each item until the Chair closes the record  
15 for that Board item.

16           If you experience any technical difficulties,  
17 please call (805)-772-2715, so that an IT person can  
18 assist. This number is noted on the public agenda. Thank  
19 you. I'd like to turn the microphone back to Chair  
20 Randolph now.

21           CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you.

22           The only item on the agenda today is item number  
23 22-13-1, Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection  
24 Program, Arvin-Lamont community emissions reduction  
25 program.

1           If you are here with us in the room and wish to  
2 comment on this item, please fill out a request to speak  
3 card as soon as possible and submit it to a Board  
4 assistant. If you are joining us remotely and wish to  
5 comment on this item, please click the raise-hand button  
6 or dial star nine now. We will first call on the  
7 in-person commenters followed by the remote commenters  
8 when we get to the public comment portion of the meeting.

9           Assembly Bill 617 established a first-of-its-kind  
10 air quality program that works to advance equity and  
11 environmental justice by focusing attention and resources  
12 on communities most burdened by poor air quality. The  
13 California Air Resources Board created the Community Air  
14 Protection Program to coordinate its implementation.  
15 Since 2018, CARB has accepted 17 communities into the  
16 program. We have worked closely with air districts, other  
17 government agencies, community partners, and affected  
18 industry for four years and have come to better understand  
19 the challenges facing California's most overburdened  
20 communities.

21           We're committed to working together towards more  
22 effective and equitable implementation of this program and  
23 develop on-the-ground solutions that deliver cleaner air.

24           In February of 2021, this Board selected the  
25 Arvin-Lamont community develop both a community air

1 monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction  
2 program. Arvin-Lamont is a rural community in  
3 Southeastern Kern County at the southern end of the San  
4 Joaquin Valley. The community chose the final boundary to  
5 include the City of Arvin and the unincorporated areas of  
6 Lamont, Weedpatch, and Fuller Acres.

7           Since selection, the District and CARB staff have  
8 been working with the Arvin-Lamont community steering  
9 committee to develop strategies to improve air quality in  
10 this community. As you will hear from the staff report,  
11 Arvin-Lamont's program reflects a wide range of strategies  
12 to address community-identified priorities.

13           The Arvin-Lamont community steering committee  
14 unanimously voted in support of the final Arvin-Lamont  
15 CERP, and again by unanimous vote, the San Joaquin Valley  
16 Air Pollution Control District governing board adopted it  
17 on June 16th, 2022. We are excited to now consider  
18 Arvin-Lamont's community emissions reduction program.

19           As has become our practice, after the Executive  
20 Officer introduces this item, we will begin the Board item  
21 by hearing from community leaders. The Arvin-Lamont  
22 steering committee co-leads will still off the  
23 presentation, then we'll hear from the San Joaquin Valley  
24 Air Pollution Control District, and finally CARB staff.  
25 After the presentations, we will take public testimony and

1 the Board will vote on whether to approve the Arvin-Lamont  
2 community emissions reduction program.

3 Dr. Cliff, would you please introduce this item.

4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER CLIFF: Thank you, Chair  
5 Randolph.

6 In my new role as Executive Officer for CARB, I'm  
7 honored to introduce this item that will improve air  
8 quality and health at the local level for the Arvin-Lamont  
9 community.

10 Arvin-Lamont is a rural community of about 43  
11 square miles and home to over 41,000 people that have been  
12 overburdened by poor air quality due to a combination of  
13 mobile, stationary, and area-wide pollution sources. As  
14 intended by AB 617, the community, the District, and CARB  
15 have come together over the last year and a half to  
16 address the combined air pollution exposure faced by the  
17 California residents that live, work, and play in this  
18 area.

19 The air quality challenges faced and prioritized  
20 by this community include pesticides, heavy-duty trucks,  
21 on- and off-road dust, agricultural operations, exposures  
22 at schools, and industrial sources including oil and gas  
23 operations. I am committed to leading efforts to make the  
24 real -- make real the promise of AB 617 by using a whole  
25 government approach. I look forward to collaborating with

1 other State agencies to address the concerns faced by the  
2 Arvin-Lamont community and using our authorities to  
3 address mobile sources.

4           We know that Arvin-Lamont and other communities  
5 are exposed to some sources of air pollution that are  
6 primarily regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection  
7 Agency, including exhaust from out-of-state trucks moving  
8 through the community. CARB and community members have  
9 pressured U.S. EPA for strong federal truck rules, which  
10 we hope will become final later this year. We want to  
11 keep working together at all levels of government to  
12 support strong action to reduce air pollution emissions  
13 and improve air quality at the community level.

14           I will now ask Chanell Fletcher, the Deputy  
15 Executive Officer of the Environmental Justice Program  
16 here at CARB to say a few words.

17           Chanell.

18           DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER FLETCHER: Thank you,  
19 Dr. Cliff.

20           As Deputy Executive Officer of Environmental  
21 Justice, I oversee CARB's Environmental Justice, Racial  
22 Equity, and Community Protection programs. The AB 617  
23 Program has been instrumental in changing how CARB and air  
24 districts engage with communities and in catalyzing both  
25 inter-divisional -- divisional -- divisional -- did I get

1 that right? Inter-divisional. There we go. Got it.  
2 Look at that, a break from script -- and interagency  
3 coordination. This has resulted in unique and progressive  
4 approaches to improving air quality at the community level  
5 through implementation of community emission reduction  
6 programs. I'm so pleased to be here today to present our  
7 13th community emission reduction program, or CERP, to the  
8 Board.

9           Collectively, these programs represent  
10 significant estimated reductions through strategies  
11 prioritized by each community. For example, as of June of  
12 this year, 16,000 tons of NOx, 1,300 tons of reactive  
13 organic gases, and 770 tons of PM are estimated to be  
14 reduced through the use of incentives in these community  
15 emission reduction plans. To date, about 94 percent of  
16 program funds have been spent in disadvantaged and  
17 low-income communities across the state with about 31  
18 percent spent in AB 617 communities.

19           Community air protection incentives are applied  
20 and administered through a shared effort between CARB, the  
21 air districts, and AB 617 communities. I'm so excited to  
22 share that just today, CARB has launched a new interactive  
23 incentive funding dashboard that was developed in  
24 collaboration with community members to show how incentive  
25 funds are being spent across the state.



1           Innovative tools have also been developed by air  
2 districts. As you'll soon hear from our community and air  
3 district presenters, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution  
4 Control District developed an innovative participatory  
5 budgeting tool for the Arvin-Lamont community. This tool  
6 empowered the community steering committee to make  
7 informed decisions about how to prioritize their incentive  
8 funding measures.

9           The Arvin-Lamont community emission reduction  
10 program includes incentive measures and a variety of  
11 strategies to help reduce air pollution exposure including  
12 enhanced enforcement, community outreach and education,  
13 rules and regulations, measures that rely on interagency  
14 partnerships.

15           I will now ask Michelle Byars, Air Pollution  
16 Specialist with the Office of Community Air Protection to  
17 introduce the community co-leads.

18           Michelle.

19           OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Thank you,  
20 Chanell. Good afternoon, Chair Randolph and Board  
21 members. I'm very excited to be here today before you as  
22 you consider the Arvin-Lamont CERP and staff's  
23 recommendation to approve it. As Chair Randolph described  
24 and as we usually do for the CERP Board meeting, I will  
25 present CARB staff evaluation and recommendations after

1 we've first heard from two community steering committee  
2 co-leads and then from two Valley Air District  
3 representatives.

4 All our speakers are participating remotely. If  
5 I could ask our speakers to turn on your videos for a  
6 moment, I'd be pleased to induce you.

7 Okay. Thank you. I was waiting to see you up  
8 there, but you're not on the big screen. So this  
9 afternoon, we have our two co-leads for Arvin-Lamont  
10 steering committee that we'll hear from. And first is  
11 Byanka Santoyo. She's a resident member and community  
12 organizer at the Center on Race, Poverty, and the  
13 Environment. Hopefully she's there and can wave to you  
14 all. And then we'll here from Gustavo Aguirre, Jr., who  
15 is a Kern County director of the Central California  
16 Environmental Justice Network.

17 And we have two representatives from San Joaquin  
18 Valley Air Pollution Control District. Stephanie Ng,  
19 she's a Senior Air Quality Specialist in the Community  
20 Strategies and Resources Department. And finally we'll  
21 have Jessica Olsen, who is the Director of Community  
22 Strategies and Resources.

23 So let's move to Byanka.

24 BYANKA SANTOYO: Hi. Good afternoon, everybody.  
25 I'm very happy to see everybody here now towards the end

1 of the approval for the AB 617. I'm here. I'm  
2 representing my home town, my -- where I live, where my  
3 children are growing up, and where I want to make a  
4 difference in my community, and in the future of my  
5 children, and in the future of everybody's families that  
6 have been in so disadvantaged -- in a so disadvantaged  
7 community. And now that we have the AB 617 representing  
8 what is a program that is reducing air pollution in the  
9 area, which, at the moment, we all know that this is the  
10 worst -- worst air quality in the nation, because of how  
11 we are set up in the moment.

12 I -- I wanted to give a little bit of background  
13 of how long it took for -- to get it approved in the -- in  
14 the AB 617 in -- in Arvin and Lamont. It took about three  
15 years. I went with the members since the first -- the  
16 first day that the whole AB 617 was put up from CARB. And  
17 every year we kept pushing and pushing and we finally got  
18 it through on the third year, which is very -- very  
19 helpful, because we were able to learn what in other  
20 communities did not work and how we can make it work in  
21 this community.

22 The advantages that we did have was the learning  
23 experiences from other communities and ways to bring it up  
24 in the third year. So I wanted to give thanks. I -- I  
25 have a lot of community members in -- in the room that are

1 hear ready to give public comment, because this is very  
2 important for the communities. It's something that  
3 they've been working on for many years. And now that they  
4 have it approved -- are about to get it approved, we're  
5 going to see those changes coming in to the community.  
6 All these incentive measures that are going to reduce a  
7 lot of the exposures that are happening in a daily basis.

8           And I wanted to just -- just give big prop, that  
9 even though we started off with the wrong foot in -- in  
10 having -- having the approval, but not knowing what to do,  
11 we were even able to add other communities that were in --  
12 so disadvantaged, like Fuller Acres that are -- that are  
13 suffering at the moment and that were not even added in AB  
14 617, but because of the collaboration that residents are  
15 here to support each other, this is helping -- and this is  
16 helping other AB 617 selected. No, like, hey these are  
17 communities that you could add in the future, you're able  
18 to help out, and you'e able to cross-collaborate between  
19 each other and see changes that are going to happen in --  
20 in throughout the area of AB 617 Arvin and Lamont and that  
21 are going to be in advantage that we're all united, we're  
22 all together, and we're all here to support each other.  
23 So thank you.

24           OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Okay. Gus,  
25 I assume you are there and ready to talk with us today.

1           GUSTAVO AGUIRRE, JR.: Yeah. Yes. How's it  
2 going? Good evening everyone. Buenas tardes. My name is  
3 Gustavo Aguirre, Jr. Like stated before, I'm the Kern  
4 County Coordinator for Central California Environmental  
5 Justice Network and it's a pleasure to be here today to  
6 talk about our final step for approval for the AB 617  
7 CERP.

8           And, yeah, I want to give just a little bit of  
9 historical context of why we're here and how we ended up  
10 here, and a little bit about myself as well. My  
11 environmental justice career actually started in Arvin and  
12 it started with an organization called Global Community  
13 Monitoring. And we focused on citizen scientist --  
14 citizen science research and doing community grab samples  
15 and community air capture with residents to enable them to  
16 advocate for themselves, right? And so a big emphasis on  
17 that.

18           We started doing with the folks -- the community  
19 leaders in Arvin and Lamont, and the greater South Kern  
20 area. We started doing data mapping, so understanding the  
21 built environment, understanding the industries around us.  
22 We started looking at data like CalEnviroScreen. We  
23 started looking at websites that showcased oil and gas  
24 wells in the community, water wells in our community. We  
25 started looking at where the aquifers in our community

1 existed, where wastewater from oil and gas was injected,  
2 you know, where that was being cleaned and sold to  
3 farmers.

4           So we took a long and good look into the Central  
5 Valley, our built environment, and started doing community  
6 air sampling, right, as we noticed the lack of air  
7 monitoring, particularly governmental air monitoring in  
8 our -- in our communities. And in 2007, CCEJN, along with  
9 leaders -- community leaders in South Kern, developed the  
10 Arvin Air Monitoring Network, and something -- this was  
11 something that was developed and deployed by residents in  
12 the community. And it was the first-of-its-kind really  
13 pioneered job that worked with independent contractors and  
14 the community to come up with a neighborhood level,  
15 neighborhood scale community air monitoring project,  
16 right, that really showcased folks that live in front-line  
17 communities and that live at the forefront of where these  
18 emission sources are, are more exposed than folks that  
19 live at greater distances, right?

20           And so because our organization has a robust  
21 community air monitoring network and reporting platform  
22 known as IVAN, or Identify a Violation Affecting  
23 Neighborhoods, which is a collaboration of many  
24 environmental justice organizations from the U.S.-Mexico  
25 border down to the -- you know, up to the Bay Area.

1           With these residents, you know, we were able to  
2 pass, also using citizen science research and air  
3 monitoring data, a 300-foot setback in Arvin, right, that  
4 dealt with new oil and gas production and environmentally  
5 locations. And part of what got us to that was the  
6 citizen science research that we had done with the air  
7 monitoring network in Arvin, right? And so with that,  
8 residents, once AB 617 rolled out, were happy to be part  
9 of this program, were happy to work, you know, in a good  
10 standing with -- with all the regulatory agencies that  
11 they once, you know, were agitated with and would fight  
12 with, right, and a healthy relationship, right, but an  
13 aggressive one, right?

14           We learned to, all of us, right, residents,  
15 community leaders, regulatory agencies, to sit down and  
16 actually have meaningful conversations and look at what is  
17 most important, right?

18           So we're grateful that we're here today. Very  
19 happy that we have, you know, 30 plus strategies spending  
20 \$30 million, right? This is not going to solve  
21 everything, but it is a very good step forward. So with  
22 that, very pleased to be here and very excited to move  
23 forward with this process and implement it.

24           So thank you.

25           OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Thank you,

1 Gus.

2 We'll move to Stephanie Ng from the Air District.

3 STEPHANIE NG: Hi. Good afternoon, all. My name  
4 is Stephanie Ng and I'm the Air Quality -- Senior Air  
5 Quality Specialist with the Valley Air District.

6 And Michelle, I just want to check in --

7 (Thereupon a slide presentation.)

8 STEPHANIE NG: Oh, perfect. I see the slide  
9 deck. Thank you for that introduction and I'm so honored  
10 to be presenting on the amazing work the Arvin-Lamont  
11 community steering committee did to develop this CERP.

12 Next slide, please.

13 --o0o--

14 STEPHANIE NG: I want to just start off by  
15 highlighting a really crucial piece of this process and  
16 that it was co-lead from the start. The CSC, which was  
17 predominantly made up of residents voted for these  
18 co-leads that Michelle just introduced, but again, of  
19 course, Byanka and Gustavo. And these co-leads played an  
20 integral part of the process by coordinating with the  
21 District, CARB, and the facilitation team. They provided  
22 constant feedback on meeting presentations, on the CERP  
23 measures. They regularly worked with residents and helped  
24 to elevate their concerns and questions. And these  
25 regular check-ins that we have with the co-leads are



1 really key to the successful adoption of the Arvin-Lamont  
2 CERP.

3 Next slide, please.

4 --o0o--

5 STEPHANIE NG: In addition to the co-lead model,  
6 the entire CERP really relied upon equitable access to  
7 meetings and materials. All of our meetings were recorded  
8 in both English and Spanish. In order to allow for  
9 meaningful and diverse community involvement, residents  
10 received a \$75 stipend per meeting to ensure they were  
11 compensated for their time and expenses associated with  
12 attending many of these evening meetings. And we wanted  
13 to make sure that we were regularly engaging with  
14 residents.

15 So before meetings, our staff reached out and  
16 called residents to remind of them of meetings to check in  
17 and see if they had any questions. And we also provided  
18 assistance over the phone and in-person to allow for  
19 really strong online engagement.

20 Next slide, please.

21 --o0o--

22 STEPHANIE NG: In speaking of materials, these  
23 are just a few of the ways in which we solicited community  
24 input from the CSC in the mostly virtual environment that  
25 we were in. On the left were the results of an exercise

1 the CSC participated in to identify various sources of  
2 concern in their community, which are summarized in that  
3 top middle image, some of those being pesticides or on-  
4 and off-road dust. And these top sources of concern were  
5 really what laid the foundation for the CSC to then be  
6 able to develop various clean air measures to address  
7 these concerns.

8 Similarly on the right is a mapping exercise that  
9 we worked on with the CSC to identify areas in which they  
10 wanted to see community air monitors placed based on  
11 different community concerns.

12 Next slide, please.

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14 STEPHANIE NG: And although most of this process  
15 did happen virtually, we were really excited to hold the  
16 first in-person meeting in the State since the beginning  
17 of the pandemic. We worked with the co-leads to ensure  
18 that folks felt comfortable and were interested in  
19 participating in person, which there was strong support  
20 for. And what you see before you is an exercise that we  
21 went through for CSC members to be able to show their  
22 level of support for the various CERP measures and to be  
23 able to ask questions of the District and CARB staff that  
24 were there.

25 And just speaking from the District perspective,

1 we were really so grateful to be able to meet people in  
2 person, to be able to share a meal with folks, and to  
3 physically be in the South Kern area. So we appreciate  
4 all those that came out and participated.

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7 STEPHANIE NG: And so this is the budgeting tool  
8 that Gustavo and Chanell just mentioned. It's an example  
9 of a way in which we engaged with the community to solicit  
10 feedback at the individual level. We took lessons learned  
11 from other communities and developed this tool as a way  
12 for CSC members to really participate in and give feedback  
13 directly on the budget. So the community developed ideas  
14 I listed there on the left, with the proposed number of  
15 units and incentive amount per unit. This tool was  
16 translated and individual links were sent out to every  
17 single CSC member. And from there, they were able to make  
18 adjustments to the funding amounts and to the unit  
19 amounts, and to be able to see the impacts that that had  
20 on the estimated reductions to be achieved in the  
21 community.

22 We continued to iterate on this tool for several  
23 meetings. And taking in all the feedback from different  
24 CSC members, we made adjustments ranging from including or  
25 not including certain measures, increasing or decreasing

1 the number of units or total funding amount that  
2 ultimately led to the comprehensive CERP before you today.

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5 STEPHANIE NG: And so this process led to four  
6 main categories of measures, including incentive measures,  
7 which I'll actually go over in the next slide. There were  
8 also several measures related to enhanced enforcement and  
9 regulatory action, such as enhanced stationary source  
10 inspections. There were several measures related to  
11 education and outreach. And finally, there were also  
12 measures related to agency partnerships with a high  
13 priority being placed on pesticide notification and  
14 management.

15 Next slide, please.

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17 STEPHANIE NG: And through the work of the CSC,  
18 community co-leads and many agency partners, the  
19 comprehensive CERP being presented to you today was  
20 unanimously supported by the CSC. It includes 31 measures  
21 with over 30 million in CERP incentive funding being  
22 invested in the community reducing over 700 tons of total  
23 emissions.

24 Next slide.

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1           STEPHANIE NG: And this slide shows all the  
2 different partners through the process. I won't go  
3 through each and every one. But in addition to the  
4 co-leads, all of these agencies and community groups were  
5 critical in the development of the CERP strategies. For  
6 many of these agencies, they themselves made commitments  
7 of their own to be able to achieve what's being laid  
8 before you today.

9           Next slide, please.

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11           STEPHANIE NG: And in closing off, we really  
12 wanted to highlight that we didn't wait until today to  
13 start implementation. Once we had support from the CSC  
14 and the district governing board approved it, we  
15 immediately started to focus on implementation. We jumped  
16 into exercises with the CSC to prioritize community  
17 identified projects. Enhanced enforcement measures are  
18 already underway. And we are working with community  
19 members to conduct outreach and provide information on  
20 educational tools.

21           And finally, based on desire from the CSC, we did  
22 kick off our highest priority measure and held the first  
23 pesticide subcommittee on September 27th. It was co-led  
24 and supported by various agencies like DPR, OEHHA, and the  
25 Kern County Ag Commissioner. And we look forward to

1 working with the -- continuing to work with this group to  
2 hold more meetings moving forward.

3           And that concludes my presentation on the  
4 community-led process to develop the Arvin-Lamont CERP.  
5 And I'll go ahead and pass to Jessica Olsen to discuss the  
6 statewide implementation of AB 617.

7           JESSICA OLSEN: Thank you, Stephanie.

8           While my slides are being brought up, I'll  
9 reintroduce myself. My name is Jessica Olsen. I am the  
10 Director of Community Strategies and Resources. And I  
11 just want to start off by thanking our co-leads, Byanka  
12 Santoyo and Gustavo Aguirre, Jr., who have just been such  
13 fabulous partners in this and then thanking CARB, of  
14 course, who I just realized at the end of that slide, it  
15 should have included also CARB, who was such a great  
16 partners in that pesticide subcommittee. So I'd be remiss  
17 to not remind all of us of that.

18           So if we can pull up my slides as well.

19           (Thereupon a slide presentation.)

20           JESSICA OLSEN: Thank you.

21           And go ahead and maybe just go to the next slide.

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23           JESSICA OLSEN: So much of what Byanka said is so  
24 true in that Arvin-Lamont being selected in the third year  
25 really means we're building on all of the lessons learned

1 across the other communities, not only across the state,  
2 bull certainly the other three, what I'm going to call  
3 implementation communities here in the valley. We, of  
4 course, have four selected communities. They're described  
5 here for you today. South Central Fresno and Shafter, of  
6 course, for year one. Stockton had their CERP approved by  
7 your Board just last summer. And then, of course, today,  
8 we're speaking of the Arvin-Lamont process.

9 So next slide, please.

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11 JESSICA OLSEN: So much of what we've been  
12 working on in these communities, it is -- of course it's  
13 beyond incentives what's in these CERPs, but a lot of the  
14 day-to-day work, and a lot of the work we do with the CSCs  
15 focuses a lot on the incentives measures, which really is  
16 where we get the majority of emissions reductions. And  
17 the reason I'm highlighting this today is it's an  
18 important part of the lessons learned in implementing  
19 Arvin moving forward is looking how we've supported and  
20 spent some of the CAPP funding so far.

21 Most of the CERPs, as you may recall and as you  
22 see before you today are really made up of community  
23 identified incentives projects, so those being ones that  
24 aren't in the preapproved CAPP funding guidelines, which  
25 in our CERPs at least are listed here on the left. All of

1 those in the second column are all of the CERP measures  
2 that are across the Board in the implementation  
3 communities, that the CSC, and the District, and CARB have  
4 already worked on collectively getting approved by CARB in  
5 order to fund these really innovative projects that are  
6 beyond the CAPP incentives guidelines. And, of course,  
7 there are still several others that we're working with  
8 CARB to approve, which are in the other two columns. I'm  
9 going to highlight for you just a couple -- next slide,  
10 please.

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12 JESSICA OLSEN: -- a couple of the successful  
13 community identified projects that we've already been able  
14 to implement. Certainly, many of them are very unique.  
15 So, of course, here on the left, this is the truck reroute  
16 and health study. It's a very high priority study for the  
17 South Central Fresno community. And we were able not only  
18 to get approval by CARB to fund this study, but then also  
19 worked closely really over a number of years with the  
20 community to have community input on what the project plan  
21 looked like, then input on what the RFP looked like. The  
22 community members selected the contractor with the City of  
23 Fresno, who actually is the head of this study. And we  
24 finally kicked off that process, which is long, but  
25 certainly worthwhile to make sure that it was done in a



1 way community folks envisioned it when they put it in  
2 their CERP.

3           Here in the center is an example. Those are old  
4 gas lawn mowers from South Central Fresno community  
5 residents at a lawn mower exchange event. We actually  
6 also held one in Shafter. And we are planning to hold  
7 another in South Central Fresno here in a couple of weeks  
8 for residents to drop off gas lawn mowers and get free  
9 electric lawn mowers in really a community-led engagement  
10 event held in their communities and make it really  
11 accessible and equitable for folks to participate.

12           And then here on the right, this is an example of  
13 a really innovative and emissions reductions heavy measure  
14 in the Shafter CERP that was recently completed. So we  
15 aimed to exchange 25 nut harvesters and replace them with  
16 low-dust equipment. And that was successfully completed  
17 just a couple of months ago. So we are certainly making  
18 progress on the high emissions reduction measures, but  
19 certainly many more measures to come.

20           So next slide, please.

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22           JESSICA OLSEN: Of course, as was mentioned  
23 earlier, by Chanell, the CAPP resources aren't just spent  
24 in AB 617 communities. We have spread resources across  
25 disadvantaged communities throughout the valley. A total

1 of 180 million in cap and match funds have been invested  
2 in valley disadvantaged communities to date, achieving  
3 over 8,000 tons of emissions reductions, primarily NOx  
4 reductions.

5           Here in the center column are examples of what  
6 some of those projects are. I've already mention the gas  
7 lawn mowers. Of course, many of them, nearly a thousand  
8 of them off-road diesel equipment, school buses, and wood  
9 burning devices, many of which are in those CERPs, so in  
10 those community-identified projects actually. And then  
11 here on the right, I think it's important to remind us.  
12 It's not just focused resources in the funding sense for  
13 CAPP emissions reductions, but also focused resources for  
14 the non-incentives measures, like amending rules, of which  
15 we've amended nine, targeting sources that are of  
16 community concern, like gas-melting furnaces or biomass  
17 power plants, as well as just in 617 communities alone.

18           So those three implementation communities, we've  
19 conducted over 1,500 permitted source inspections, issued  
20 over 700 notices of violation, and held over 465 outreach  
21 and media events, and that does include meetings with  
22 residents and community members.

23           Next slide.

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25           JESSICA OLSEN: Of course, as was mentioned

1 earlier, it's not just about the CERP. So this is just a  
2 snapshot of some of the access to real-time information  
3 based on the community designed air quality networks that  
4 we have deployed. In the light blue you see those are  
5 community-designed locations in Fresno, in this example,  
6 of places we've deployed community air monitoring. These  
7 are all regulatory grade, meaning they're not just  
8 sensors. These are fixed PM2.5 monitors or more. In some  
9 cases, they are collecting toxic samples, doing  
10 speciation, and really targeting community concerns within  
11 their area.

12 Next slide.

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14 JESSICA OLSEN: Finally, of course, this is all  
15 about genuine community engagement. And in reviewing this  
16 slide for this presentation, it took me a second. All of  
17 these pictures are within the past year, which is pretty  
18 incredible given the virtual environment we had operated  
19 under. These are examples here in the upper left-hand  
20 corner of some passing out fliers with community partners  
21 at schools within the AB 617 boundary to remind folks not  
22 to idle and how to take advantage of programs. The upper  
23 right-hand corner, Byanka Santoyo does not just work in  
24 Arvin-Lamont, she is also a member of our Shafter  
25 committee. And this is her with Shafter residents at the

1 lawn mower exchange event we held within their community  
2 just last winter.

3           Down on the bottom left, we give grants, many  
4 grants, to organizations to conduct some of this outreach  
5 work. And that's us down in Stockton working hand in hand  
6 with community members. The center bottom picture, that's  
7 actually Samir Sheikh, our APCO, Executive Director,  
8 working with staff to load an electric lawn mower in the  
9 back of someone's vehicle in South Central Fresno. And  
10 then, of course, the bottom right is just another reminder  
11 of that community capacity building in person we did in  
12 Shafter and a very important part of the CERP before you.

13           Next slide.

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15           JESSICA OLSEN: Just really quickly again, not  
16 going to read all of these. It would be impossible  
17 without the agencies both at the local levels, of course,  
18 the State level, and then, of course, the community  
19 partnerships with all of the folks listed here, and the  
20 many more that aren't listed because they are residents of  
21 these communities and don't necessarily have a logo to  
22 list here.

23           Finally, next slide.

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25           JESSICA OLSEN: I believe it's so important that

1 all of this builds to what we can learn and move forward  
2 on. One of the main things you probably noticed is a lot  
3 of the community identified really innovative measures  
4 that you saw in our early CERPs are also in the  
5 Arvin-Lamont CERP. So it's really important as we move  
6 forward to work with CARB to streamline the process to  
7 develop those plans and approve them and move them  
8 forward.

9           We also want to highlight that we have continued  
10 to evaluate measures to work with the CSCs to communicate  
11 incentives progress and have started to shift funding from  
12 measures to measures based on CSC support and board  
13 approval. Some examples include adding funding in  
14 Shafter, Fresno, and Stockton to our residential wood  
15 burning measures to make those measures more equitable for  
16 residents.

17           We've also identified new measures. Some  
18 examples in Shafter and Fresno include adding an indoor  
19 residential air filtration measure to the CERP based on  
20 community priority and community concerns. And then  
21 finally, it's just paramount that we always continue to  
22 learn about equal access for all. It's not only about  
23 providing language access for our fellow -- a lot of our  
24 Spanish speaking residents, but, of course, accessibility.  
25 We have provided American Sign Language and we'll continue

1 to evaluate that as we move forward. So I want to thank  
2 you for your time. Thank you for everyone one so far  
3 who's participated, and presented and pass it to Michelle.

4 Thank you.

5 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Thank  
6 you -- thank you so much, Jessica. That was great.

7 (Thereupon a slide presentation.)

8 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Apologies  
9 for any of the repetition, because we have all have very  
10 similar congratulations on a lot of the CERP measures.

11 So first, I want to take a moment to acknowledge  
12 Gus and Byanka, who have provided such excellent  
13 leadership for theArvin-Lamont community steering  
14 committee. They went above and beyond to hold meetings  
15 outside of the regular CSC meetings, as well as one-on-one  
16 and in small group discussions with community members.  
17 You invested countless hours to help your community and  
18 you are so very appreciated.

19 The whole community steering committee also  
20 deserves a moment of recognition and thanks for your  
21 extensive efforts and dedication to fitting this in --  
22 this work into your already busy lives. And I also want  
23 to acknowledge and than Jessica Olsen and her entire team  
24 at the Valley Air District for their commitment to this  
25 process, their leadership, and responsiveness to the

1 Arvin-Lamont community priorities. This CERP truly  
2 represents a new level of collaboration between the  
3 community and the District and we applaud you all.

4 Now, I have a brief presentation focusing on an  
5 overview of the CERP, staff's evaluation, and our  
6 recommendations.

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8 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Let's take  
9 a quick step back before we move forward into the  
10 specifics of the community emissions reduction program to  
11 provide a little extra visual context for this community.  
12 This map shows that Arvin-Lamont is one of four AB 617  
13 communities served by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution  
14 Control District, and that it lies at the southern most  
15 part of the San Joaquin Valley. Of the four communities,  
16 Shafter and South Central Fresno were selected in the  
17 first year of the Community Air Protection Program and  
18 they are now well into implementation.

19 Stockton was selected in year two and is also now  
20 implementing their CERP. The Arvin-Lamont community was  
21 selected in the third -- as a third-year community. It is  
22 located at the base of the Tehachapi Mountain range with  
23 mountains on two sides and located downwind of the lower  
24 valley. This map shows how regional as well as local air  
25 pollutants get trapped in the Arvin-Lamont community.

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2                   OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: On this  
3 map, we're pointing out that Kern County is home to two of  
4 those rural AB 617 communities, Arvin-Lamont and Shafter.  
5 The two communities share similar air pollutant concerns,  
6 including agricultural related emissions, as well as  
7 heavy-duty and other mobile source emissions. The  
8 Arvin-Lamont CSC even invited the Shafter CSC to invite --  
9 to participate in their pesticide subcommittee.

10                  Next map.

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12                  OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: On this  
13 next map, we're showing that one of the first things the  
14 committee -- the community did was expand the initial  
15 boundaries to include several of the smaller areas within  
16 the Arvin -- final Arvin-Lamont community map boundaries.  
17 The boundary now include the City of Arvin and the  
18 unincorporated areas of Lamont, Fuller Acres, Hill Top,  
19 and historic Weedpatch, which has been home to migrant  
20 workers since the Great Depression.

21                  The Arvin-Lamont community covers about 43 square  
22 miles and has over 41,000 people. And they established  
23 one of the largest CSCs in the program, originating with  
24 70 members, including several whole families. They still  
25 maintain about 66 people on the committee, showing a real



1 commitment to participating in this process.

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3 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: As you  
4 heard from Gus and Byanka, Arvin-Lamont is a community  
5 that has been learning, monitoring, and advocating for  
6 better air quality in their community for decades. They  
7 have moved from being studied to actively participating in  
8 air quality monitoring, to where they are now having  
9 developed this CERP, which is going to make a positive  
10 impact in their community and bring direct benefits to  
11 residents.

12 With more than 20 years of work behind them, the  
13 Arvin-Lamont community worked in partnership with the  
14 Valley Air District bring the CERP before this Board  
15 today. Now, let's talk about the CERP.

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17 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: As you  
18 heard Stephanie explain, Arvin-Lamont community steering  
19 committee prioritized their resources of concern, which  
20 included heavy-duty trucks, dust, ag operations including  
21 pesticides, and industrial sources like oil and gas  
22 operations. The Arvin-Lamont CERP addresses these  
23 concerns by using a wide variety of clean air strategies  
24 including partnerships, outreach efforts, enhanced  
25 enforcement, regulatory, and incentive-based approaches.

1           Incentive-based strategies include an investment  
2 of \$30 million in clean air projects that over the  
3 lifetime will reduce hundreds of tons of health-harming  
4 emissions. The emission reduction measures selected for  
5 the final CERP were designed through a cooperative  
6 community-driven process, and the final CERP was  
7 unanimously supported by the community steering committee,  
8 followed by a unanimous vote by the District Board to  
9 adopt it.

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11           OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: In the  
12 previous slide, we highlighted the hundreds of tons of  
13 potential emission reductions from incentive projects that  
14 were co-designed by the steering committee and the air  
15 district. Here, we also want to touch on how CARB's  
16 statewide measures will impact the air quality in this  
17 community.

18           This graph shows estimated emission reductions in  
19 Arvin-Lamont from CARB's statewide regulatory actions over  
20 the next 10 years. Along the horizontal axis, moving  
21 left to right, we have included diesel particulate matter,  
22 abbreviated as DPM, volatile organic compounds, or VOCs,  
23 and oxides of nitrogen, or NOx.

24           The height of the bars along the vertical axis  
25 shows the potential percentage of emission reductions.

1 These estimated reductions showed the impact of the  
2 regulation compared to expected emissions in 10 years,  
3 assuming business as usual, as if these State regulations  
4 never existed. The different colors of the bars represent  
5 the six different CARB regulations included in this  
6 estimate.

7 As you can see, these CARB actions are expected  
8 to result in substantial emission reductions for these  
9 three pollutants of concern for the Arvin-Lamont  
10 community.

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12 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Let's take  
13 a moment to look at the measures included in the  
14 Arvin-Lamont CERP. The CERP contains a variety of  
15 strategies, some of which are shared on this slide and in  
16 the staff report, and also described previously by the  
17 District.

18 To address their priority concerns, the community  
19 steering committee chose to include incentive measures  
20 that would replace up to 30 heavy-duty diesel trucks with  
21 cleaner technologies, including zero-emission trucks, and  
22 replace up to 50 pieces of agricultural equipment, such as  
23 tractors. Plus, to benefit the community directly, they  
24 have chosen an incentive to replace up to 350 residential  
25 gas-powered lawn and garden equipment. They've also

1 addressed mobile sources locally by offering up to \$800  
2 towards vehicle repair of high emitting vehicles through  
3 five different events that will be held in the community  
4 and up to \$20,000 towards as many as 200 new fuel  
5 efficient vehicles.

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7 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: On this  
8 next slide, we show additional measures that -- chosen by  
9 the steering committee to reduce emission exposures,  
10 including: transportation infrastructure improvements to  
11 promote active transportation and reduce dust; regulatory  
12 strategies that will evaluate stationary source rules for  
13 additional emissions and expedite hot spots reassessments.  
14 They've also chosen to enhance inspection frequency of  
15 stationary source facilities with emissions violations.

16 The AB 617 process relies on strong partnerships  
17 across -- and coordination across agencies to address  
18 community priorities that fall outside of either air  
19 district or CARB jurisdiction. Accordingly, the steering  
20 committee and the district are continuing to partner and  
21 collaborate with several State agencies and local  
22 agencies. They have worked with the California Department  
23 of Pesticide Regulation, otherwise called DPR, the Kern  
24 County Agricultural Commissioner, the Office of  
25 Environmental Health Hazard Assessment or OEHHA, and CARB

1 to develop a measure with multiple actions regarding  
2 pesticides concerns. This includes a commitment by DPR  
3 and CARB to identify and monitor pesticides in the area  
4 and by OEHHA to help evaluate the potential health risks.  
5 And the steering committee has already established a  
6 pesticide subcommittee to support this effort. They are  
7 also working with the City of Arvin, Kern County, Kern  
8 Council of Governments, and Caltrans to perform a truck  
9 rerouting study.

10 In another important partnership, CARB is  
11 committed to working with the community and the District  
12 to address concerns and complaints about oil and gas  
13 operations. And as directed by the Governor's office,  
14 we'll use our leadership on the Methane Task Force along  
15 with the California Geologic Energy Management Division,  
16 or CalGEM, the California Environmental Protection Agency,  
17 and the California Natural Resource Agency to lift up the  
18 CERP commitments to address oil and gas concerns in  
19 Arvin-Lamont.

20 Lastly, the steering committee also chose to do  
21 some important work towards increasing air quality impact  
22 awareness in the local community and at schools  
23 specifically.

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25 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Let's shift

1 now to CARB's evaluation of the CERP.

2           The Arvin-Lamont CERP has several strengths. One  
3 of the primary strengths is how it benefited from having  
4 and experienced district, several experienced committee  
5 members, including the co-leaders, and agencies that also  
6 have previous experience in the AB 617 Program. The  
7 capacity built through previous program experience really  
8 shined through during CERP development with Arvin-Lamont  
9 community and helped to facilitate a steady pace and a  
10 collaborative space.

11           This experience led to support for the steering  
12 committee structure that has elected two co-leaders, as  
13 you heard -- that you heard from today, Gus and Byanka.  
14 As I previously mentioned, these co-leaders assisted the  
15 District and the process by working outside of regular  
16 committee meetings, as they held their own meetings  
17 without government presence and met one on one with  
18 residents as needed. They supported the community through  
19 technical challenges and helped them to understand the  
20 process, regulations, and proposals coming before the full  
21 committee. And in turn, they gathered the committee  
22 support and brought their questions to the regular  
23 meeting.

24           Another strength is accessibility to the process  
25 that is rooted in language justice. The meetings were

1 held on Zoom in the evening to be more accessible for  
2 member schedules. And they were facilitated by a third  
3 party to help build communication. The Arvin-Lamont  
4 steering committee was the first CSC to have an in-person  
5 meeting after the pandemic. This meeting promoted  
6 communication between the community members and the  
7 agencies, and allowed fruitful discussions that helped  
8 shape the final CERP measures. It was likely a key to  
9 building support for the final CERP. All meetings,  
10 including the in-person meeting, provided simultaneous  
11 Spanish-English interpretation to increase accessibility  
12 and communication. All materials were also provided in be  
13 Spanish and the District also mailed hard copies for  
14 anyone requesting it.

15           The District used several online tools to help  
16 the committee communicate, such as Social Pinpoint, a  
17 mapping platform used to identify locations of sources and  
18 emission concerns, and Jamboard, another platform, that  
19 allows real-time written idea-sharing and online documents  
20 to track action items. And as also provided -- they  
21 provided members with laptops and internet connections to  
22 close the technology gaps and ensure members could fully  
23 participate in online forums.

24           And as Jessica presented earlier, the District  
25 also developed their own distinctive participatory

1 budgeting tool that empowered the steering committee to  
2 make informed decisions about incentive measures for their  
3 CERP. When this tool was introduced, the District offered  
4 virtual and in-person office hours at a local library to  
5 help people understand and use it. They also made direct  
6 calls to the community -- to communicate with the  
7 committee members to ensure everyone could participate.

8 All of these efforts en -- helped ensure deep  
9 engagement with the primarily -- within a primarily  
10 virtual setting. We believe that the built capacity based  
11 on prior program experience led to another key strength,  
12 the early and continued engagement of agency partners.  
13 For instance, the city and three county department  
14 representatives are members of the steering committee,  
15 which was instrumental in bringing actionable measures to  
16 the CERP. And other partners, including DPR and the  
17 county ag commissioner have participated in all meetings  
18 right from the beginning helping to ensure the inclusion  
19 of detailed measures.

20 Early partner participation from the start of the  
21 process by multiple agencies was a significant piece of  
22 this process that prompted substantial measures to be  
23 included in the CERP with specific actions to address some  
24 of the community's primary concerns, such as pesticides,  
25 mobile sources, dust, oil, and oil and gas operations.



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2                   OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: Staff  
3 identified some specific actions that the District and  
4 CARB staff can take together in collaboration with the  
5 steering committee to strengthen the CERP implementation  
6 phase.

7                   These actions include continuing to work with the  
8 community steering committee to prioritize and refine  
9 strategies to detail -- to a detail that was not  
10 achievable during the development phase. To this end, the  
11 District should again, as -- and as needed use the  
12 participatory budgeting tool as a means to reassess the  
13 community priorities on projects and incentive funding.  
14 To keep building trust with the community, the District  
15 should: continue to transparently track and communicate  
16 incentive expenditures and progress on CERP measures;  
17 continue its practice of regularly -- regularly reviewing  
18 the CSC governance to ensure it continues to meet the  
19 needs of the community; and consider setting goals or  
20 guiding principles for the CERP in collaboration with the  
21 steer committee to create a shared sense of purpose,  
22 values, and goals.

23                   It often happens that some community-identified  
24 priorities may not fall neatly within either air district  
25 or CARB jurisdictions and partnerships are critical to

1 meeting the community-identified priorities. As we  
2 discussed earlier, partnerships have been a real strength  
3 of the Arvin-Lamont CERP development process. Staff  
4 suggest that those partnerships be maintained and that  
5 District and the steering committee, with CARB support,  
6 explore the possibility of creating new collaborations  
7 that could help meet community priorities. CARB staff  
8 suggests that community members and the District strive to  
9 solidify collective actions and clarify respective roles  
10 wherever possible. CARB staff are committed to helping  
11 bridge the gaps between local agencies, communities, and  
12 other State agencies as the CERP is being implemented over  
13 the next five years.

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15 OCAP AIR POLLUTION SPECIALIST BYARS: And with  
16 that, staff recommends that the Board approve the  
17 Arvin-Lamont community emission reduction program and  
18 direct CARB staff, the Air District, and the community  
19 steering committee to work together to strengthen  
20 implementation.

21 Additionally, staff recommends that the Board  
22 direct the Air District to include progress updates and --  
23 on identified actions in annual reports.

24 And that concludes our presentation. Thank you  
25 again to our guest speakers for your time and your

1 commitment to the Arvin-Lamont community.

2 Chair Randolph I turn it back to you.

3 CHAIR RANDOLPH: All right.

4 Thank you so much to Byanka, and Gus, and  
5 Stephanie, and Jessica, and Michelle for that great  
6 presentation.

7 We will now hear from the public who have signed  
8 up to speak on this item by either submitting a request to  
9 speak card, or by raising their hand, or dialing star nine  
10 in Zoom. So I will ask the Board clerks to begin calling  
11 the commenters.

12 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Thank you. Okay. We have  
13 no in-person commenters, so we'll turn to the Zoom  
14 commenters and we are going to start with Estela Escolto.

15 Estela, I have activated your microphone. You  
16 can unmute and begin.

17 ESTELA ESCOLTO (through interpreter) Good  
18 afternoon, everyone.

19 (Interpreter communicated with speaker).

20 ESTELA ESCOLTO (through interpreter): My name is  
21 Estela Escolto. And I'm from the Arvin city.

22 (Interpreter communicated with speaker).

23 THE INTERPRETER: Estela Escolto has stated that  
24 she is from the community of Arvin and they're surrounded  
25 by fields of almond trees, which create a lot of pollution

1 for the community and that's why she's here supporting  
2 this -- this rule.

3           Would you like to start clock on her again or  
4 not?

5           (Interpreter communicated with speaker).

6           SALVADOR PARTIDA (through interpreter): My name  
7 is Salvador Partida. I'm here to support this project and  
8 especially to have more access to the electric vehicles,  
9 especially the electric buses as well of the cars, and  
10 that they could be more accessible to the community as  
11 well.

12           (Interpreter communicated with speaker).

13           ODON JOSE CHAVEZ GARCAI (through interpreter): My  
14 name is Mr. Chavez Garcia. I'm from the Arvin community  
15 and I'm one of the people who have been involved from the  
16 beginning of -- as a monitor for this 617 area. And we're  
17 very -- I'm very worried about the air quality because  
18 there's a lot of children and elderly people with asthma.  
19 And I'm in support of this rule, because there's also a  
20 lot of particulate matter and we don't know what causes  
21 the -- these -- their sickness. Many people don't know  
22 what causes their sickness. And so we're asking that you  
23 approve this, and especially in the Arvin-Lamont area in  
24 the 617, there's a lot of sick people and the causes of  
25 this need -- we're very concerned about the -- this -- the

1 air quality in this area.

2 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Translator would you like to ask  
3 the speakers to just pause, so that you have a chance to  
4 catch up.

5 THE INTERPRETER: Yes. I take notes, but yeah.

6 (Interpreter translated in Spanish.)

7 GABRIELLA OJEDA (through interpreter): Hello. My  
8 name is Gabriella Ojeda. I'm from the Arvin community and  
9 I'd like for -- to approve these projects, but to give  
10 priority to first the communities, and second to the  
11 industries. For example, one of the main projects that is  
12 being implemented is the lawn project and that is one  
13 of -- the lawn cutting project, which is one of the ones  
14 that we're in support of as well --

15 (Interpreter communicated with speaker).

16 DIANA MIRELES (through interpreter): Hello. My  
17 name is Diana Mireles. I'm a Lamont resident. And the  
18 same as my other leaders -- excuse me, same as my  
19 compañeros -- my other compañeros I support projects that  
20 give priority to community. For example, I support the  
21 development of side -- more sidewalks, because there's  
22 lots of dust and so the children have to walk through the  
23 dust on the way to school and which causes a lot of -- a  
24 lot of problems there.

25 (Interpreter communicated with speaker.)

1 THE INTERPRETER: This is the end of the public  
2 comments.

3 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Okay. Next, we will hear  
4 from Grecia Orozco. Grecia, I have activated your  
5 microphone. Please unmute and you begin.

6 GRECIA OROZCO: Hi. Can you hear me?

7 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Yes, we can.

8 GRECIA OROZCO: Okay. Great. Good evening,  
9 everyone. My name is Grecia Orozco and I'm commenting on  
10 behalf of the Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment  
11 and in solidarity with the residents of Arvin and Lamont.  
12 This City of Arvin, communities Lamont, Hill Top, Fuller  
13 Acres, and Weedpatch collectively experience unprecedented  
14 cumulative exposure to pollutants emitted by oil and gas  
15 refineries, local agricultural operations, and industrial  
16 sources.

17 As such, I'm here to uplift the priorities of  
18 Arvin and Lamont residents now that CARB has the  
19 opportunity to approve and adopt their AB 617 CERP.  
20 First, we ask that the Board provide support to residents  
21 during Arvin and Lamont's CERP implementation once  
22 approved. We ask that the support is shown by uplifting  
23 and pushing to implement the measures that are prioritized  
24 by this community that have just been voiced just now.

25 Of note, residents want measured 3.C from the

1 CERP to be prioritized by this Board as well as  
2 responsible agencies. Under this measure, the agencies  
3 would work together to assess road improvements,  
4 sidewalks, and bike path infrastructure needs. And this  
5 is a priority, because currently the increased dust  
6 generation associated with unpaved sidewalks is associated  
7 with cardiovascular and respiratory health complications.  
8 During wet seasons, the lack of sidewalks also threatens  
9 residents with the risk of flooding, as well as posing a  
10 danger to residents who commute by foot forced to share  
11 roads with oncoming traffic and also increasing --  
12 increased inhalation of vehicle exhaust. Assessing road  
13 improvements is therefore a priority that these community  
14 members have been asking for for years and CARB should  
15 push to uplift that priority.

16 In addition to measure 3.C, residents hope to see  
17 CARB support them by prioritizing 3.B for vegetative  
18 barriers and 3.A for urban greening. And both of these  
19 measures would mitigate local agricultural air and dust  
20 pollution. And we all understand that these measures  
21 would take a significant amount of time to plan and  
22 execute, therefore it's imperative that discussion and  
23 planning for these measures begin immediately once the  
24 CERP is approved, because CARB's responsibility is to  
25 ensure that funding is approved and prioritized towards

1 the goals that best reflect this community. We urge CARB  
2 today to commit to supporting these community-based  
3 measures when approving the CERP.

4 These recommendations best reflect the  
5 community's current needs and prioritizing them would give  
6 them better faith that local and State agent -- agencies  
7 have their best interests in mind.

8 Thank you.

9 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Thank you.

10 And then lastly, we'll hear from Emma De La Rosa.

11 Emma, I have activated your microphone. Please  
12 unmute and you can begin.

13 EMMA DE LA ROSA: Good evening. Can everybody  
14 hear me?

15 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Yes, we can.

16 EMMA DE LA ROSA: Thank you. Thank you for the  
17 opportunity to provide comment. My name is Emma De La  
18 Rosa. I'm the Regional Policy Manager with Leadership  
19 Counsel for Justice and Accountability and we work with  
20 residents in the 617 boundary primarily with residents of  
21 Fuller Acres and Lamont.

22 I want to provide some -- some feedback on some  
23 of the measures. First of all, I want to thank CARB and  
24 also the Air District for all the work in this -- in this  
25 project. And so to begin with the feedback, I do want



1 to -- I want to -- I want to raise the need to focus a lot  
2 more on stationary sources. There really has not been too  
3 much of a discussion on visionary sources and the way that  
4 the Measure 4A would be implemented in the CSC meetings.

5           And in addition to that, Measure 4A states that  
6 it will conduct -- that the air district will conduct at  
7 least two inspections in the nine facilities unannounced  
8 whenever possible. And there must be transparency and  
9 communication to the CSC on which facilities were  
10 inspected and the outcomes of the inspections. Residents  
11 also push that these inspections be unannounced.  
12 Residents work in -- in the fields. A lot of folks worked  
13 in the packing sheds. They know and they see practices of  
14 their employer trying to hide violations whenever they  
15 know that OSHA will be there.

16           It's the same thing that will happen at the  
17 refineries and other facilities, if they are announced.  
18 And therefore, residents do ask and urge the Air District  
19 that these announcements -- or that these inspections be  
20 unannounced and that there is complete transparency on  
21 what the outcome of those inspections are. If that  
22 information can be provided during the CSC meeting, that  
23 would be great. It will also be awesome to have that  
24 information provided on the website.

25           Moving on to Measure 5A, reducing exposure to

1 pesticides in the community, I do want to raise that  
2 residents were -- you know, were really urging the Air  
3 District and the CSC to vote for buffer zones and for  
4 notifications for some within the community.  
5 Unfortunately, those were not included in the -- in the  
6 CERP, which I believe is a huge disappointment, but we  
7 really hope that these partnerships that are part of the  
8 CERP will lead to buffer zones and notification systems,  
9 and we ask for CARB's support for -- for the  
10 implementation of those two strategies.

11           Also, the schools are located near the fields  
12 that already receive information regarding the pesticides  
13 that are applied. That was also suggested as -- before  
14 the CERP was finalized to provide the information that  
15 it's provided to schools to the CSC, that the information  
16 has been already collected. It's already there. Taking  
17 the extra step to provide the pesticides that are being  
18 applied near the schools is something that the Air  
19 District or the Ag Commissioner can do to ensure that the  
20 folks are informed of -- of the pesticide use.

21           Lastly, the idle wells, while that measure  
22 provides CSC partnership, it does not discuss the  
23 communication that would happen after the investigations  
24 occur --

25           BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Thank you. That concludes

1 your time.

2 EMMA DE LA ROSA: -- and residents deserve the  
3 transparency. Thank you.

4 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Thanks.

5 And that concludes the commenters for this item.

6 CHAIR RANDOLPH: All right. Thank you. If staff  
7 doesn't have any issues they need to raise with regard to  
8 the comments, I will go ahead and close the record on this  
9 agenda item and we will bring the discussion to the Board.

10 Board members, do you have any questions or  
11 comments at this time?

12 Dr. Balmes.

13 BOARD MEMBER BALMES: Thank you, Chair Randolph.  
14 And I just really am so pleased to hear how this process  
15 at Arvin-Lamont has gone so smoothly. I know the  
16 community waited for a long time to be selected as an AB  
17 617 community, but that wait, several people mentioned,  
18 paid off, because I think both the community steering  
19 committee co-leads and members, as well as the District,  
20 had learned lessons from previous AB 617 community air  
21 monitoring and CERP efforts, especially in Shafter, you  
22 know, a related community, in terms of both exposures and  
23 concerns.

24 So I think this, to my mind, is one of the best  
25 CERPs, if not the best process that, you know, has been

1 presented to the Board to date. It shows that over time,  
2 we can sort of get things right. And, you know, as  
3 somebody who's been studying air pollution health effects  
4 in the San Joaquin Valley for a long time, you know, I --  
5 including actually in the Arvin-Lamont area now, as Gus  
6 knows, because he's a collaborator on a project that I'm  
7 involved in, it's -- it just -- it's important to improve  
8 the health of this community by adopting this CERP. And  
9 really hearty congratulations to all involved and I  
10 strongly support the resolution before us.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you.

13 Mrs. Riordan.

14 BOARD MEMBER RIORDAN: Yes. I couldn't agree  
15 more with Dr. Balmes about this effort. Everyone is to be  
16 congratulated, the community members, the District, and  
17 our staff, I -- I'm just so pleased. Having driven  
18 through Arvin-Lamont for some 25 years, I know what the  
19 pollution is like just visually. I don't live there, but  
20 I can see it. And I just hope that the implementation  
21 goes as smoothly as the development of this CERP. And I,  
22 like Dr. Balmes, certainly support the resolution that is  
23 in front of us and will be very happy to see the  
24 improvements as they take place in the future.

25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you.

2 Dr. Pacheco-Werner.

3 BOARD MEMBER PACHECO-WERNER: Thank you, Chair.  
4 (Spoke in Spanish).

5 BOARD MEMBER PACHECO-WERNER: Thank you so much  
6 to everyone who's been part of this process and given  
7 their time to do this extensive work. I know it's hot  
8 been easy and I know that -- you know, thank you to SJV  
9 staff and to CARB staff for really taking those lessons  
10 learned and moving them forward. I know that there's a  
11 lot going on in terms of what the implementation is going  
12 to look like. And I'm glad that there's already  
13 discussion happening as to how projects will be  
14 prioritized. And I know that the District is committed to  
15 making sure that each one of these projects that are in  
16 the CERP go through and get implemented. That is  
17 definitely the intention.

18 And I know that, you know, to some -- what some  
19 of others spoke about, the ongoing processes and  
20 definitely hear you as you engage and we engage on  
21 statewide processes on some of the things that we still  
22 have to work out with our partners at DPR and CalGEM. So  
23 really thankful for every single partner that's been part  
24 of this. And I know that the work continues and just  
25 congratulations to all of you. And I look forward to

1 seeing the progress of this and seeing how the community  
2 gathers together to make sure now that these wonderful  
3 projects that have been envisioned together now get  
4 implemented.

5 Thank you, Chair.

6 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you.

7 Board Member Takvorian.

8 BOARD MEMBER TAKVORIAN: Thank you, Chair and  
9 thank you to everyone who is here today from the  
10 community -- starting with the community residents who  
11 have clearly contributed so, so much to this -- to this  
12 process and such a lot of hard work, and particularly  
13 during such a difficult time. Also appreciation to the  
14 Air District and to CARB. It's clear that the continuous  
15 evidences that the stronger the community involvement is,  
16 that -- is during the community steering committee and the  
17 CERP development, the better it is. And I agree with Dr.  
18 Balmes that we see how each CERP is building on the next.  
19 And it just -- building on the one before it. Sorry. And  
20 that the -- that there's really distressing similarities  
21 between them, but now there's growing opportunities  
22 between them. So I think it's very exciting.

23 I did want to ask staff to -- or -- of CARB or  
24 the District to respond to at least one of the questions  
25 that was raised By Leadership Counsel in regards to the

1 pesticide exposures, in regards to the fact that the  
2 buffer zones and the notifications were not included. So  
3 I wanted to hear more about that and about why that --  
4 that decision was made.

5 I -- I support the -- the resolution and want to  
6 congratulate the CSC and the community and thank you for  
7 your hard work, but I would like to hear more about that.

8 Thank you.

9 OCAP DIRECTOR REYES: Thank you, Board Member  
10 Takvorian. I'll go ahead and start and then certainly  
11 Jessica, Olsen if you would like to contribute, please  
12 feel free. So two points raised there. One, on the  
13 pesticide notification system, we are continuing to work  
14 very closely with the Department of Pesticide Regulation  
15 in the statewide notification. They have workshops  
16 underway. They have committed to not only participate in  
17 the pesticide subcommittee that the Air District has  
18 convened, but also to ensure that their outreach efforts  
19 for the statewide program are informed by the community  
20 steering committees, particularly those that have raised  
21 concerns related to pesticides, such as Shafter, and, of  
22 course, Arvin-Lamont. So that is underway.

23 I believe that we also heard that the Kern County  
24 Commissioner has continued to participate, including in  
25 the pesticide subcommittee and we think that's very

1 hopeful to keep those doors of communication open. And  
2 I'm pleased that our 617 program has been able to catalyze  
3 that kind of forum. No, it's not always the answer that  
4 communities always want at the top, but it is a path to  
5 get there.

6           And so the second piece about buffers, I hope  
7 that that subcommittee can also be a place where we can  
8 build support for community priorities such as buffers.  
9 But you are right, it did not make it into the CERP as a  
10 measure. It was something that the community steering  
11 committee discussed. And just to point out again, the  
12 community steering committee did unanimously vote to  
13 approve the CERP as it appears today.

14           Jess, I don't know if there's anything you'd like  
15 to add.

16           JESSICA OLSEN: I -- I will add just to support  
17 everything Deldi just said. We did -- in order to sort  
18 of -- and -- and I'll -- I'll quote Gus -- Señor Gustavo  
19 Aguirre in this. We did leave the door open in that  
20 pesticide subcommittee to talk about things like buffers.  
21 We did include sort of a general measure about providing  
22 opportunities for public engagement and feedback on  
23 development of mitigation pro -- practices. And  
24 mitigation practices can include buffer zones. And we  
25 defined that early on in the measure description talking



1 about mitigation practices, such as application buffers  
2 within the community. So again, leaving the door open,  
3 acknowledging the concern that Leadership Counsel just  
4 brought up, and -- and looking forward to that continued  
5 engagement as we kicked off that committee.

6 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Okay. Thank you.

7 Board Member De La Torre.

8 BOARD MEMBER DE LA TORRE: I wanted to thank  
9 staff. I wanted to thank the San Joaquin Air District. I  
10 would mirror what Dr. Balmes said about this is an  
11 iterative process and everyone is learning from everyone  
12 else that has gotten to this point. And, you know, the  
13 next ones will learn from these. But I also want to re --  
14 reiterate my mantra from the beginning, this is all a  
15 sampler platter. And this is a rural community with  
16 certain characteristics that are similar to other rural  
17 communities, so we're bringing again the benefit, whether  
18 it's on regulations, whether it's on mitigation, whether  
19 it's on enforcement from these other practices and the  
20 other 617 communities to this rural community that has  
21 these characteristics. So just 617 is working in terms of  
22 the setup.

23 We're early in terms of the results, because  
24 we're just doing the plans, but we are seeing progress in  
25 terms of learning from one to the other, to the other,

1 strengthening them, and then now we have to go out and get  
2 the results.

3 But the -- but this phase of it is working  
4 exactly as designed and I want to thank staff for doing  
5 that, for -- for babysitting this process to where we are.  
6 And I'm -- I'm very pleased about where we are. And I  
7 love hearing, you know, that the community engages at this  
8 level and that they're getting what they want out of this  
9 process.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Thank you.

12 Senator Florez.

13 BOARD MEMBER FLOREZ: Hi. So I want to say thank  
14 you, Gus. Great job. I think obviously having  
15 represented the Arvin-Lamont community and now add  
16 Weedpatch to that, a long time coming. I do feel like  
17 this is one community that has really rallied around  
18 things that will have the most immediate impact. And I do  
19 want to congratulate the entire committee. It's amazing  
20 Shafter, and now Arvin-Lamont. This is a long time coming  
21 and I do want to say thank you to staff for spending so  
22 much time as well. And I'm just very happy for the  
23 community. I think, you know, more than anything it's  
24 going to be a big shot in the arm. And more importantly,  
25 I have a feeling that the -- this is just the beginning.

1 I think as Hector just said, this is a sampler plate with  
2 one of the best samplers on thus far. So I want to say  
3 thank you, and Gus, congratulations to you and the team.

4 CHAIR RANDOLPH: All right.

5 Board Member Hurt.

6 BOARD MEMBER HURT: Thank you, Chair.

7 Every time we add another community, I definitely  
8 get very excited for those communities, just thinking  
9 about the great relief that some of these families will  
10 receive and how much lives will be enriched and just  
11 overall health improved. And so I 100 percent support the  
12 resolution. I -- I want to thank the community members  
13 for their trust, and diligence, and just commitment in the  
14 process. I heard you, Gus, when you said sometimes there  
15 was tension, but in the end, we -- we have collaborated.  
16 And I -- I definitely appreciated hearing that and noting  
17 that, because we are all evolving and learning together.

18 I also wanted to know I think it's amazing the  
19 sheer number of steering committee members that worked  
20 through the decision-making process. As I understand,  
21 there were many digits and there were individuals all  
22 working together for the CERP. And sometimes that in and  
23 of itself is a really hard process, let alone the issues  
24 that they're dealing with.

25 And if I could, too, just uplift the citizen

1 science monitoring. I think there's a wealth of knowledge  
2 there and just filling in data gaps, as well as the  
3 participatory budgeting tool. I think it's marvelous and  
4 I hope it's a model for other AB 617 communities.

5           So many thanks as well to staff. And I applaud  
6 the Air District for just releasing some of the control  
7 over the process. As someone who represents the Bay Area  
8 Air Quality Air District, that is not an easy task and --  
9 and you all did that quite well. And so I'm so hopeful  
10 for the implementation phase. This is an important  
11 milestone and I thank everyone who's gotten us to this day  
12 including CARB.

13           Thank you.

14           CHAIR RANDOLPH: Board Member Eisenhut.

15           BOARD MEMBER EISENHUT: Thank you, Chair. I am  
16 pleased to offer a motion for approval of Resolution  
17 22-13-1.

18           CHAIR RANDOLPH: Okay. We have one more comment  
19 from Vice Chair Berg and then --

20           VICE CHAIR BERG: And I will be delighted to  
21 second, John.

22           BOARD MEMBER BALMES: Chair?

23           CHAIR RANDOLPH: Okay. Dr. Balmes.

24           BOARD MEMBER BALMES: Yeah, I forgot one thing.  
25 I'll be quick. I want to give a shout-out to Stephanie

1 Ng, who was my graduate student at Berkeley for her  
2 contribution to this effort. And I just want to say her  
3 Capstone Project for her MPH was studying the AB 617  
4 process in South Fresno. So she -- she started at the Air  
5 District with, you know, a head start.

6 CHAIR RANDOLPH: All right. Thank you.

7 Okay. We have a motion and a second.

8 Clerk would you please call the roll.

9 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Dr. Balmes?

10 BOARD MEMBER BALMES: Yes.

11 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mr. De La Torre?

12 BOARD MEMBER DE LA TORRE: Yes.

13 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mr. Eisenhut?

14 BOARD MEMBER EISENHUT: Yes.

15 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Senator Florez?

16 Senator Florez?

17 Okay. Ms. Hurt?

18 BOARD MEMBER HURT: Aye.

19 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mr. Kracov?

20 BOARD MEMBER KRACOV: Yes.

21 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Dr. Pacheco-Werner?

22 BOARD MEMBER PACHECO-WERNER: Yes.

23 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Mrs. Riordan?

24 BOARD MEMBER RIORDAN: Aye.

25 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Supervisor Serna?

1 BOARD MEMBER SERNA: Aye.

2 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Ms. Takvorian?

3 BOARD MEMBER TAKVORIAN: Aye.

4 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Supervisor Vargas?

5 BOARD MEMBER VARGAS: Vargas, yes.

6 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Vice Chair Berg?

7 VICE CHAIR BERG: Aye.

8 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Chair Randolph?

9 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Yes.

10 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: Madam Chair, the motion  
11 passes.

12 CHAIR RANDOLPH: All right. Thank you very much.  
13 And thanks to the community.

14 All right. We will now move to open comment for  
15 those who wish to provide a comment regarding an item of  
16 interest within the jurisdiction of the Board that is not  
17 on today's agenda. The clerk will call on those who have  
18 submitted a request to speak card. And if you are joining  
19 us remotely and wish to comment, please click the raise  
20 hand button or dial star nine now.

21 Will the Board Clerk please call on those who  
22 have raised their hand or signed up to speak?

23 BOARD CLERK GARCIA: We have no commenters at  
24 this time.

25 CHAIR RANDOLPH: Okay. We have no commenters at

1 this time, so our meeting is now adjourned.

2 Thank you.

3 (Thereupon the Air Resources Board meeting  
4 adjourned at 5:31 p.m.)

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