

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Selection of 2020 Communities

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider selecting additional communities under the Community Air Protection Program. This item was originally scheduled for December 10, 2020, and by Notice of Postponement dated December 2, 2020, was rescheduled to the following date and time:

DATE: February 25, 2021

TIME: No earlier than 4:00 p.m.

Please see the Public Agenda which will be posted ten days before the February 25, 2021, Board Meeting for any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person, it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be considered at the meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., February 25, 2021, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., on February 26, 2021. Please note that the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program Board item will start no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2021. Please consult the agenda for the meeting to determine when this item will be considered.

Background

In response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes 2017) the California Air Resources Board (CARB) established the Community Air Protection Program (Program). AB 617 requires CARB to annually consider selection of communities within which community air monitoring systems and/or community emissions reduction programs will be developed and implemented. Thirteen communities are currently selected for participation in the program. In September 2018, the Board selected the first ten communities. In December 2019, the Board selected three additional communities and transitioned a previously-selected, 2018 monitoring-only community into developing and implementing a community emissions reduction program.

The Board will hear staff's recommendations for selection of additional communities into the Program. CARB staff's recommendation is based on a number of factors including the Board's prior direction, community nominations received in 2020 and in prior years, lessons learned from the initial communities, and funding levels provided by the legislature for Program implementation.

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the *2020 Community Recommendations Staff Report* and concluded that the recommendations are exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for reaching this conclusion is included in the *2020 Community Recommendations Staff Report*.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present the *2020 Community Recommendations Staff Report* at the meeting. The Board will take action on staff's recommendations for the selection of new communities for the deployment of air monitoring systems and/or community emissions reduction programs. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp-selection> beginning November 20, 2020. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board's offices have limited public access. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at Bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-6533 if you need physical copies of the report.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received **no later Monday February 22, 2021**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to

Laura Zaremba-Schmidt, Air Resources Engineer at (951) 465-7105 or Liliana Nunez, Air Pollution Specialist at (951) 405-4510 (Spanish).

Live Video/Audio Webcast

A live internet broadcast (webcast) will be available for the meeting. The webcast can be accessed on the day of the meeting at:

<https://www.cal-span.org>.

Special Accommodation Request

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact the Clerks' Office at (916) 322-5594 or cotb@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Consecuente con la sección 7296.2 del Código de Gobierno de California, una acomodación especial o necesidades lingüísticas pueden ser suministradas para cualquiera de los siguientes:

- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

Para solicitar estas comodidades especiales o necesidades de otro idioma, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejo al (916) 322-5594 o cotb@arb.ca.gov lo más pronto posible, pero no menos de diez días de trabajo antes del día programado para la audiencia del Consejo. TTY/TDD/Personas que necesiten este servicio pueden marcar el 711 para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Mensajes de California.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: January 22, 2021