

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Receive Informational Update on Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection and Air Toxics Programs

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to hear an Informational Update on the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Protection and Air Toxics programs.

Date: October 28, 2021

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

This public meeting may continue at 8:30 a.m., on October 29, 2021. Please see the Public Agenda which will be posted ten days before the October 28, 2021, Board Meeting, for important details, including, but not limited to, the day on which this item will be considered and any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person – in addition to remote access – it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be heard at the meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 28, 2021. Please note that this Informational Update on the AB 617 Community Air Protection and Air Toxics Programs Board item will start no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on October 28, 2021. Please consult the agenda for the order of items.

Background

AB 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, 2017) was signed into law in July 2017. CARB established the Community Air Protection Program to implement AB 617, which requires new community-focused action to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants. Since the Community Air Protection Program inception, the Board has selected 14 communities for development of emission reduction programs and one community for a monitoring plan. AB 617 also requires enhanced stationary source reporting requirements for both criteria and toxics pollutants, accelerated retrofit of pollution controls on certain stationary industrial sources, increased penalty fees, greater transparency and availability of air quality and emissions data, transparency for emissions control technologies, and incentive funding to reduce emissions and exposures locally within communities ahead of regulation deadlines.

The Board will hear an informational item to consider progress and lessons learned to date from implementation of various aspects of the program through two panels of invited speakers and CARB staff. The first panel will include Air District representatives, Community Steering Committee leaders, and Community Air Grantees and Supplemental Environmental Project recipients. The second panel will feature CARB staff representing Air Toxics, Enforcement, Office of Community Air Protection, and other programs. Air Toxics staff will share how AB 617 has helped shape Air Toxics Program actions to improve emission inventory, ambient monitoring, prioritization of control actions, and health endpoints. Enforcement staff will share efforts to address unique community issues through enforcement tools. Office of Community Air Protect staff will share an update on program implementation including progress made and opportunities for the future.

The Air Toxics Program was created in the 1980s through the passage of the Toxic Air Contaminant Identification and Control Act of 1983 (AB 1807), and the Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act of 1987 (AB 2588), for the purpose of reducing air toxic emissions and related health impacts to Californians. The Air Toxics Program is broad in scope and includes monitoring, data gathering and analysis, as well as emission reduction strategy development and implementation.

The Air Toxic Program supports and complements the Community Air Protection Program. Information gained through the Community Air Protection Program helps to inform the direction of the Air Toxics Program as CARB works to develop new emission reduction strategies for air toxics in California. In this Board update, Air Toxic Program staff will share progress since the September 2020 Air Toxics Program Update, current and future program goals, and the pivotal role the Community Air Protection Program plays in the Air Toxics Program.

CARB’s Enforcement Program is charged with enforcing regulations applicable to mobile sources, consumer products and other area-wide categories, fuels, and climate programs; responding to complaints; and with overseeing the implementation of local air district permit and enforcement programs that apply to stationary industrial pollutant sources. Over the past five years, enforcement efforts have focused on disadvantaged communities, through thousands of diesel truck, ship and equipment inspections each year, with 60 percent to 70 percent of inspections in disadvantaged communities.

Enforcement work is an important part of the Community Air Protection Program, with local air districts and CARB working collaboratively to ensure environmental compliance of sources, and to address local concerns, in each AB 617 community. Through these efforts CARB has learned lessons from implementation of enforcement programs in disadvantaged communities. In this Board update, CARB enforcement staff will share progress and lessons learned, and new efforts to prioritize, expand, and improve enforcement efforts in disadvantaged communities throughout the state.

Proposed Action

No action is requested for this informational item. CARB welcomes public comment on this informational item. 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 than October 18, 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.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Laura Zaremba-Schmidt, Staff Air Pollution Specialist at (951) 542-3436.

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

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
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- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

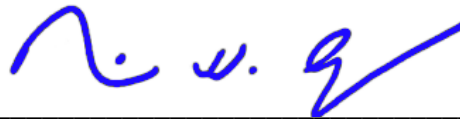
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Executive Officer

Date: October 5, 2021