

# California Air Resources Board

## Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Arvin/Lamont Community Emissions Reduction Program

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the approval of the Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for the Arvin/Lamont Community.

Date: October 13, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

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This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 4:00 p.m., October 13, 2022.

### Background

Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) ([C. Garcia, Stats. 2017, ch. 136](#)) was signed into law in July 2017. CARB established the [Community Air Protection Program](#) (Program) to implement AB 617, which requires community-focused action to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants. On September 27, 2018, the Board approved the “Community Air Protection Blueprint” (Blueprint), which contains detailed requirements for community emissions reduction programs (CERP), community air monitoring plans (CAMP), and other elements of the Program ([Resolution 18-33](#)). To date, the Board has selected a total of seventeen communities, including Arvin/Lamont, to implement community emissions reduction programs, community air monitoring, or both. After CARB selects a community to develop a CERP, the local air district works with the community to develop and adopt a CERP that reflects their local air quality concerns. Subsequently, the air district submits the final CERP to CARB for consideration.

CARB selected the [Arvin/Lamont](#) community for both a CERP and CAMP on February 25, 2021. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Valley Air District) and the Arvin/Lamont Community Steering Committee (CSC) worked together to develop the CERP. The CSC unanimously supported the final CERP, and the Valley Air District's Governing Board unanimously adopted it on June 16, 2022.

The Arvin/Lamont *Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report*, released on September 23, 2022, contains a summary of CARB staff's evaluation and recommendations to the Board. CARB staff performed a detailed review of the Arvin/Lamont CERP. Throughout the process, CARB staff attended all CSC meetings to provide information, technical assistance, and to hear the community concerns. In August 2022, CARB staff surveyed the CSC and led a portion of a CSC meeting, to hear directly from Arvin/Lamont CSC, community members, and other interested parties about their reactions to the CERP and the process.

CARB staff have determined that the Arvin/Lamont CERP reflects community priorities, meets minimum criteria established by legislation and the Blueprint, and sets a foundation to deliver air pollution emissions and exposure reductions in the Arvin/Lamont Community.

## Proposed Action

The Board will hear about the contents of the CERP and consider CARB staff's recommendations for Board action contained in the *Arvin/Lamont Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report*. The report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp> beginning September 23, 2022. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at [Bradley.Bechtold@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Bradley.Bechtold@arb.ca.gov) or (279) 208-7266 if you need printed 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 submitted during the meeting must be received **no later than October 3, 2022**, 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 before 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 Michelle Byars, Air Pollution Specialist, at (279) 208-7983.

## Special Accommodation Request

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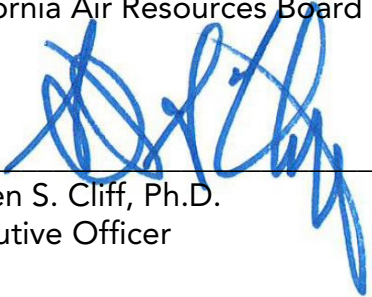
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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.  
Executive Officer

Date: September 23, 2022

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