

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Hear Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Update

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to hear the annual update on progress to implement the [Community Air Protection Program](#) (CAPP or Program), including related updates on monitoring and enforcement.

Date: July 25, 2024

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

In-Person Location:

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

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on July 26, 2024. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the July 25, 2024, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

California's air quality programs continue to significantly improve public health statewide through various measures such as regional air quality planning, advancements in technology-based solutions, and risk reduction efforts near industrial facilities. However, despite these efforts, certain communities, particularly low-income and communities of color, still experience environmental and health inequities from air and other forms of pollution. Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Stats. 2017, Ch. 136) was signed into law in July 2017. AB 617 requires new community-focused action to reduce health-harming emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden. In October 2023, the Board adopted an [updated Blueprint for Community Air Protection Program](#) (Blueprint 2.0), which describes the statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden and acts as the guidance document for the CAPP.

This informational item includes a CARB staff presentation and a panel representing community members and air districts. The staff presentation will highlight progress made over the last year to implement the Program, including commitments made in [Blueprint 2.0](#).

Enforcement staff will provide updates on community-focused enforcement, which is one of three new pathways in Blueprint 2.0. The update will highlight the status of Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) communities, key actions to implement CERPs, updates on [Community Air Protection \(CAP\) Incentives](#), new tools developed by air districts and CARB, updates on air quality monitoring, an overview of work to support consistently nominated communities through grants or other funding, and commitments for the year ahead. The Board will also hear from community members and air district representatives who will share implementation highlights and opportunities to address remaining challenges.

CARB staff prepared the Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Report to contain a comprehensive overview of the annual update. The report has been developed in close collaboration with air districts and will be discussed in the staff presentation. In addition to the report, CARB is developing with air district input an accompanying online StoryMap providing a snapshot of community-specific updates.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/capp/apr/2023-ab-617-annual-progress-report>. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at Bradley.Bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during 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 Monday, July 15, 2024**, and addressed to the following:

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

Electronic submittal: <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 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 Nicole Bruns, Air Pollution Specialist, Office of Community Air Protection, at (279) 208-7488 or Adriana Smith, Air Pollution Specialist, Office of Community Air Protection, (Spanish) at (916) 323-5450.

Special Accommodation Request

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

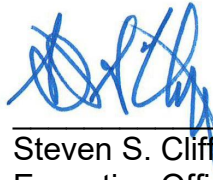
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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Date: June 14, 2024

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