California Air Resources Board

Public Meeting to Consider the Community Air Protection (AB 617) Consultation Group Charter and Appointment of Members to the Consultation Group

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the Community Air Protection Consultation Group Charter and appointment of new primary and alternate members to the Consultation Group.

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 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 June 26, 2026. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the June 25, 2026, 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

In 2017, in response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), CARB established the Community Air Protection Program to reduce criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminant emissions in communities affected by high cumulative exposure burden. The law requires CARB to develop a statewide strategy, known as the Blueprint, to achieve this goal and to do so in consultation with environmental justice organizations, air districts, affected industry, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants, and other interested stakeholders.

CARB adopted its first statewide strategy in September 2018, and adopted its revised strategy, known as Blueprint 2.0, in October 2023. In June 2025, the CARB Board appointed *members and alternates* to the Community Air Protection Consultation Group to broaden representation. Board member Dr. John Balmes was appointed to serve as the Consultation Group Chair. In October 2025, Diane Takvorian, another CARB Board member, was added to further support and lead the group. The purpose of the Consultation Group is to advise CARB on the implementation of Blueprint 2.0 and the Community Air Protection Program. CARB is committed to ensuring that the Consultation Group is supported and operates openly and

transparently. The Consultation Group Charter provides transparency about the advisory body's purpose, role, and the group functions. On March 25, 2026, by unanimous vote, the Consultation Group approved the revised draft Charter to submit for final review and consideration for approval by the CARB Board.

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present the Community Air Protection Consultation Group's revised draft Charter and recommend that the Board consider appointing new primary and alternate members to the Consultation Group at the meeting. More information may be obtained from CARB's website: *https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp/mdc/abcg/community-air-protection-program-consultation-group*. Please contact Roberta Ruch, Regulations Coordinator, at *roberta.ruch@arb.ca.gov* or (279) 208-7881 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 June 15, 2026**, 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 Andrea Juarez, Air Pollution Specialist, Office of Community Air Protection, at (951) 542-3222 or Michelle Byars, Air Pollution Specialist, Office of Community Air Protection, at (279) 208-7983.

Special Accommodation Request

Consistent with California Government Code sections 7296.2 and 11135, special accommodation or language needs support may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the hearing.
- 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 *cotb@arb.ca.gov* or (916) 322-5594 as soon as possible, but no later than ten business days before the scheduled Board hearing. 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.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Date: May 14, 2026

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