

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION BLUEPRINT

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting to consider the approval of the Community Air Protection Blueprint (Blueprint). As part of this process, CARB staff has released a Draft Blueprint and Draft Environmental Analysis.

The Draft Blueprint is a proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CARB hereby invites comments on the Draft Blueprint and the Draft Environmental Analysis (EA), which are posted on CARB's website:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program-ab617>

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the hearing for this item is tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2018. In advance of that hearing date, a notice with the scheduled date and location will be electronically mailed and posted to CARB's website at:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program-ab617>

Background

The Community Air Protection Program was formed by the passage of AB 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) and is designed to address air pollution at the neighborhood level. The goal of AB 617 is to ensure that those that live in areas most burdened by air pollution, especially low-income communities and communities of color, share equally in the benefit of cleaner air. This is a new program that will evolve as we learn more in our initial efforts and we welcome your input as we develop the materials and partnerships to reach sound solutions.

In February 2018, CARB staff released two documents to provide our initial thoughts on the Program requirements and to get the public involved in building the Program: the "Community Air Protection Program Concept Paper" and the "Draft Process and Criteria for 2018 Community Selections".

CARB staff has released a more comprehensive document titled the "Draft Community Air Protection Blueprint", which reflects comments we received on the initial documents and public input provided during outreach events. This Draft Blueprint includes: processes and criteria for identifying and selecting impacted communities; statewide strategies to reduce emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants; and requirements for the development of community air monitoring plans and community emissions reduction programs. Based on comments submitted on the Draft Blueprint, CARB staff will create a revised version and present it to the Board for consideration in September 2018.

Environmental Analysis

CARB, as the lead agency for the Program, prepared a Draft EA in accordance with the requirements of its regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources. (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d)). The Draft EA for the Program is intended to disclose potential environmental impacts and identify potential mitigation specific to the Program. In some cases, as described in Chapter 4 of the Draft EA, potentially significant environmental effects may occur as a result of compliance actions taken in response to the Program. Mitigation measures are described in the Draft EA that could be expected to reduce potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels, for individual projects, if agencies with discretionary authority adopt the mitigation measures. The Draft EA takes the conservative approach in its post-mitigation significance conclusions (i.e., tending to overstate the risk that feasible mitigation may not be sufficient or may not be implemented by other parties) and discloses, for CEQA compliance purposes, that potentially significant environmental impacts may be unavoidable.

Proposed Action

CARB invites comments on the Draft Blueprint and Draft EA during the public comment period that begins Thursday, June 7, 2018, and ends on Monday, July 23, 2018. After the close of the public comment period, CARB will prepare written responses to comments received on the Draft EA as provided in the California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60007(a). Although all comments received on the Draft Blueprint and Draft EA will be considered by CARB, only those comments related to the Draft EA and received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 23, 2018**, are required to be responded to in writing in the response to comments document which will be posted on CARB's website before the scheduled Board meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments must be received by the due date above, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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

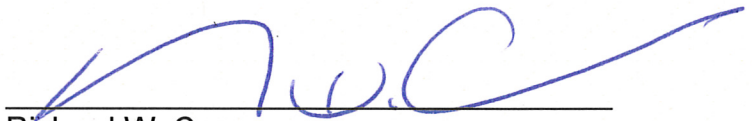
Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to David Salardino, Manager, Office of Community Air Protection, State Strategy Section, at 626-575-6679 or (designated back-up contact) Melissa Niederreiter, Air Pollution Specialist at 916-323-6576.

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Date: June 7, 2018

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