

California Air Resources Board

Office of Community Air Protection (OCAP)

September 2022 Update for AB 617 Consultation Group

Please reach out to learn more or discuss any of the updates below by emailing CommunityAir@arb.ca.gov. CSC members may contact their OCAP liaison directly or OCAP's Program Director at deldi.reyes@arb.ca.gov.

Item 1 – Legislative and Budget Update

- [AB-1749](#), C. Garcia: Community emissions reduction programs: toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants. This bill is on its way to the Governor's Office for signature. If signed, AB-1749 would
 - require CARB to additionally identify in each statewide strategy update [Program Blueprint] measures to reduce criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants,
 - authorize an air district that is required to adopt a community emissions reduction program to take up to one additional year to adopt the program, if the state board and a majority of the persons who are designated by the district to participate in the development and adoption of the program agree,
 - require an air district that is required to adopt a community emissions reduction program to additionally include in its annual report a summary of updates to the program made to ensure consistency with updates to the statewide strategy, and
 - require an air district with a population of 1,000,000 persons or more that issues permits to stationary sources of criteria air pollutants or toxic air contaminants to make available in an easily identifiable location on the air district's internet website all permits issued by the air district for those stationary sources.
- Budget Updates
 - [AB179](#), Section 19.58, provides an additional 10 million dollars in incentives appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and allocated to the State Air Resources Board as follows:
 - (A) \$10,000,000 for financial incentives to reduce mobile and stationary sources of criteria air pollutants or toxic air contaminants consistent with community emissions reduction programs developed pursuant to Section 44391.2 of the Health and Safety Code.
 - (i) Up to \$10,000,000 may be used for the development of new community emission reduction programs.
 - SEC. 113. Item 3900-001-3228 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2022 is amended to read:

3900-001-3228—For support of State Air Resources Board, payable from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund 63,454,000

Schedule:

(1) 3500-Mobile Source 8,000
(1.5) 3505-Stationary Source 30,000,000

- See [budget change proposal](#).

Item 2 - South LA CERP Approval

The California Air Resources Board approved the Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for the South Los Angeles community on August 25th, 2022. The CARB [Staff Report](#) summarizes the review and staff recommendations for the CERP for the South Los Angeles community. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) with the co-leadership of Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA), Strategic Concepts in Organizing, and Policy Education (SCOPE), and Watts Clean Air & Energy (WCAEC), worked with the South LA Community Steering Committee to develop the Program to reduce emissions and exposure to air pollution in the community.

Item 3 – Arvin/Lamont CERP

On October 13, 2022, the Board will hear about the Arvin/Lamont CERP and consider CARB staff’s recommendations for Board action.

Item 4: List of CG meeting topics proposed to date

- Complaint systems – how and where can complaints be made; what are the processes?
 - As a reminder, the role of the CG is to advise CARB on the implementation of AB 617. While the CG is not the appropriate forum for raising or addressing specific complaints, it is important that CG members understand the complaint systems that are in place and available to the public and community members.
 - In addition to complaint systems, CARB encourages all CSC members to contact their Air District and CARB OCAP community liaisons with questions or concerns. CARB OCAP liaisons assist with outreach and respond to inquiries from CSC members, air districts, the public, industry, and other agencies. Our goal is to build constructive relationships with community, government, and industry representatives. If you are unsure who your CARB community liaison is, email CommunityAir@arb.ca.gov. If you have reached out to your liaison and have not received a response, please contact OCAP Director, Deldi Reyes, at deldi.reyes@arb.ca.gov.
 - For environmental complaints, please visit CARB’s [Air Pollution Complaints](#) webpage to submit your concerns.
 - For issues related to CARB’s Civil Rights Policy and Discrimination Complaints please complete the [Civil Rights Policy and Civil Rights Complaint form](#). CARB will not tolerate discrimination against any person(s) seeking to participate in, or receive the benefits of, any program or activity offered or conducted by CARB.

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CEQA refresher

- The refresher will be focused on the application of CEQA requirements to the update of the CARB AB 617 Program Blueprint and may include an overview of Environmental Impact Reports and Environmental Assessments.

Update from the ad-hoc governance group

Item 5 - Upcoming meetings

- [Funding Plan Workshop](#): September 8th, 4–7 pm
- [Incentive Program Advisory Group](#): October 5th, 4-7 pm
- Consultation Group Agenda Setting meeting: November 2nd, 8-9am
- Next Consultation Group meeting: December 8th, 1-4pm

Item 6 – OCAP Staffing Update

We are pleased to share that two vacancies within OCAP have been filled as follows.

Malinda Dumisani, previously CalEPA’s Climate Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Manager, as well as CalEPA’s EJ Small Grants Program Manager, has been selected to serve as an Air Resource Supervisor I (Manager) for the State Strategy Team.

Effective September 12, **Femi Olaluwoye**, Manager of the Incentives Development Section in CARB’s Mobile Source Control Division will serve as the Branch Chief for the Community Planning Branch in OCAP.