

# California Air Resources Board

## Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Community Emissions Reduction Program for Eastern Coachella Valley

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 for the Eastern Coachella Valley Community.

Date: September 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Please see the public agenda which will be posted ten days before the September 9, 2021, Board Meeting for any appropriate direction regarding a possible remote-only Board Meeting. If the meeting is to be held in person – in addition to remote access – it will be held at the California Air Resources Board, Byron Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

This item will be considered at a meeting of the Board, which will commence at 4:00 p.m., September 9, 2021.

### Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, 2017), signed into law in July 2017, requires new community-focused action to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants. To implement this statute, CARB established the Community Air Protection Program (Program). At its September 27, 2018, hearing, the Board approved the “Community Air Protection Blueprint” (Blueprint), which contains detailed requirements for community emissions reduction programs, community air monitoring plans, and other elements of the Program. ([Resolution 18-33](#)). At the same meeting, the Board also selected the first ten communities to implement community emissions reduction programs, community air monitoring, or both. Since then, the Board has selected five additional communities for these targeted local actions.

Once CARB selects a community to develop a community emissions reduction program, the local air district must work with the community to develop and adopt a community emissions reduction program. Subsequently, the air district must submit the community emissions reduction program to CARB for consideration.

CARB selected the community of Eastern Coachella Valley for a community emissions reduction program on December 13, 2019. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) worked with a community steering committee to develop the Eastern Coachella Valley Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) to reduce exposure to air pollution in the community. The South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted the CERP on December 4, 2020, including a resolution that committed South Coast AQMD staff to continue working with the community steering committee to develop a CERP amendment that includes additional details requested by the community steering committee. The amendment was adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on June 4, 2021.

CARB staff reviewed the CERP to determine whether it: complies with the minimum criteria the legislation and the Blueprint established for community emissions reduction programs; reflects community priorities; and sets a foundation to deliver emissions and exposure reductions in Eastern Coachella Valley. CARB staff also held a community meeting on August 3, 2021, to hear directly from Eastern Coachella Valley community members and other stakeholders on their perspectives on the CERP. CARB staff released the *Eastern Coachella Valley Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report* on August 13, 2021, which contains a summary of the review and staff recommendations to the Board.

## Proposed Action

The Board will hear about the contents of the CERP and consider CARB staff's recommendations for Board action contained in the *Eastern Coachella Valley Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report*. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/capp> beginning August 13, 2021. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at [Bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 322-6533 if you need physical copies of the documents.

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 August 30, 2021**, 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>

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Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Andrea Juarez, Air Pollution Specialist at (951) 542-3222.

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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: August 13, 2021

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