

State of California
Air Resources Board
Board Item Summary

**Item # 21-7-1: Public Meeting to Consider Assembly Bill 617
Community Air Protection Program - Community
Emissions Reduction Program for Stockton**

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) approve the Stockton Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) and direct CARB staff to collaborate with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and the community steering committee to take additional actions to strengthen implementation.

Discussion:

On March 18, 2021, the SJVAPCD Governing Board adopted the community emissions reduction program for the Stockton community under the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 617. To develop the CERP, SJVAPCD convened a community steering committee comprised of residents, local community-based groups, industry, and local government. The steering committee held 18 meetings between March 2020 and March 2021 and continues to meet monthly. CARB staff reviewed the CERP and summarized key findings in the Stockton Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report (Staff Report). CARB also hosted a virtual community workshop on June 21, 2021, to solicit additional community perspectives to inform the development of the Staff Report. After evaluation of the CERP, staff determined it meets the criteria established in AB 617 and the Community Air Protection Blueprint reflects community priorities and is likely to reduce emissions and exposure to air pollution in the community. Staff based their recommendation on this review considering the progress made in developing the CERP and comments from the community steering committee members.

The proposed CERP would benefit from the implementation of recommendations detailed in the Staff Report. Staff have identified specific actions for SJVAPCD and CARB staff to take, in collaboration with the community steering committee, to strengthen implementation in two key areas: provide enhanced focus on technical information in implementation and address committee membership turnover and onboarding processes. Based on steering committee member input received in the June 21 workshop, CARB also commits to be proactive in offering expertise and accessible technical information to support implementation, as well as supporting exchanges across AB 617 communities that are pursuing similar implementation strategies.

Summary and Impacts:

Approving the Stockton Community Emissions Reduction Program and directing SJVAPCD and CARB staff to take the recommended actions will result in these agencies continuing to work with the community steering committee to define and implement strategies to reduce exposure to air pollution in the Stockton community. SJVAPCD will provide annual reports with progress updates that include updates on the recommended actions as defined in the staff report. In conjunction with this work, CARB will continue to develop and implement our mobile source regulations and pursue enhanced enforcement activities in the Stockton community.