

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM – COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR EAST LOS ANGELES, BOYLE HEIGHTS, WEST COMMERCE COMMUNITY

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider the Community Emissions Reduction Program for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community. This meeting was originally scheduled for March 16, 2020.

DATE: September 10, 2020

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Board will commence at 12:00 p.m., September 10, 2020. Three Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Emissions Reduction Program items will be heard:

- At 12:00 p.m., the Board will consider the Community Emissions Reduction Program for the Wilmington, Carson and West Long Beach community; then
- **No earlier than 4:00 p.m., the Board will consider the Community Emissions Reduction Program for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community;** and
- Directly following the second item above, the Board will consider the Community Emissions Reduction Program for the San Bernardino, Muscoy community.

For additional information regarding the meeting details for this **remote-only Board Meeting**, please consult the Public Agenda, which will be posted at least ten days before September 10, 2020.

Background

AB 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes 2017) was signed into law in July 2017. CARB established the Community Air Protection Program (Program) to implement AB 617, which requires new community-focused action to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities that experience disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants. On September 27, 2018, the Board selected ten communities for the first year of this program to implement community emissions reduction programs, community air monitoring, or both. At the same meeting, the Board also 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.

Once CARB selects a community to develop a community emissions reduction program, the applicable air district must develop and adopt the community emissions reduction program within one year of selection based on input from a community steering committee. The air district must then submit the community emissions reduction program to CARB for consideration.

CARB selected the community of East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce for a community emissions reduction program as one of the first ten communities in 2018. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) worked with a community steering committee to develop the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (Plan) to reduce exposure to air pollution in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce. The South Coast AQMD Board of Directors approved the Plan on September 6, 2019.

CARB staff reviewed the Plan 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 East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce. CARB staff also held a community meeting in Boyle Heights on January 30, 2020, to hear directly from East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community members and other stakeholders on their perspectives on the Plan. CARB staff released the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report, which contains a summary of the review and staff recommendations to the Board. The Board Meeting to consider the Plan was originally scheduled for March 16, 2020, and is now rescheduled for September 10, 2020.

Proposed Action

The Board will hear about the contents of the Plan and consider CARB staff's recommendations for Board action contained in the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report.

Copies of the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community Emissions Reduction Program Staff Report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program> beginning August 11, 2020. Because of current travel, facility, and staffing restrictions, the California Air Resources Board's offices have limited public access. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at bradley.bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (916) 322-6533 if you need physical copies of the report.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the remote-only meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received **no later than September 4, 2020**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk's Office, California 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.

CARB requests that written statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the

meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Laura Zaremba-Schmidt, Air Resources Engineer, State Strategy Section, at (951) 465-7105, or Terry Allen, Air Pollution Specialist, State Strategy Section, at (951) 465-7818.

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Date: August 11, 2020

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