

California Air Resources Board

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Recommendation to Select the South Sacramento-Florin Community to Transition to Develop a Community Emissions Reduction Program

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the date and time noted below to consider adopting a resolution to select the South Sacramento-Florin community to transition to develop a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP).

Date: July 25, 2024

Time: No earlier than 4:00 p.m.

In-Person Location:

California Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote Option:

Zoom

This public meeting may continue at 9:00 a.m., on July 26, 2024. Please consult the public agenda, which will be posted ten days before the July 25, 2024, Board Meeting, for important details, including the day on which this item will be considered and how the public can participate via Zoom if they choose to be remote.

Background

California's air quality programs continue to significantly improve public health statewide through various measures such as regional air quality planning, advancements in technology-based solutions, and risk reduction efforts near industrial facilities. However, despite these efforts, certain communities, particularly low-income and communities of color, still experience environmental and health inequities from air and other forms of pollution. Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Stats. 2017, Ch. 136) was signed into law in July 2017. AB 617 requires new community-focused action to reduce health-harming emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden.

Consistent with AB 617, the Board adopted an [updated Blueprint for Community Air Protection Program Blueprint 2.0](#) (Blueprint 2.0) in October 2023, which describes the statewide strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants

in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden. Also, consistent with AB 617, CARB has annually considered, where appropriate, the selection of communities for the development and implementation of community air monitoring systems and/or community emissions reduction programs (CERP). There are *19 communities* in the Program that are either implementing a community air monitoring plan (CAMP), a CERP, or both.

The community of South Sacramento-Florin was selected by the *Board on October 27, 2018*, as one of the first communities to develop and implement a CAMP. The air district adopted and approved this community's CAMP in July 2020. At the Board Meeting on July 25, 2024, the Board will consider CARB staff's recommendation to approve the selection of South Sacramento-Florin to transition to develop a CERP. CARB staff's recommendation is based on the Board's prior direction to staff to prioritize communities implementing a CAMP to transition to a CERP community. The air district and community partners have built a strong relationship over the last five years. The South Sacramento-Florin Community Steering Committee (CSC), made up of community residents and stakeholders, overwhelmingly supports this transition, and Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District's (Sacramento Metro AQMD or air district) nominated the community to CARB to develop a CERP.

At the Board Meeting on July 25, 2024, the Board will hear staff's recommendations for selection of this community to transition to develop a CERP and details about the community. CARB staff's recommendation is based on statutory requirements, the Board's prior direction, community nominations received to date, lessons learned from communities in the program, and funding levels provided by the Legislature for Program implementation.

During implementation of the CAMP, the air district has been collecting a wide variety of air quality data using various technologies through a phased approach. Phases 1 and 2 of the CAMP relied on sensors for screening and Phase 3 included the collection of speciated data using a portable laboratory. The South Sacramento-Florin CSC has identified emissions from Highway 99 as a priority air quality concern. The community has raised concerns regarding emissions from commercial corridors and small businesses and increasing rates of asthma and respiratory problems within the community, and the desire for enhanced education and community outreach around air quality. The CSC has been particularly concerned about emissions impact on sensitive receptors, for example, children walking to school and crossing intersections located in high-traffic areas or along the Highway 99 corridor.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Nicole Bruns, Air Pollution Specialist at (279) 208-7488, or Adriana Smith, Air Pollution Specialist, Office of Community Air Protection, at (916) 323-5450 (Spanish).

Proposed Action

CARB staff will present a written report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from CARB's website at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/capp/comrec/sixth-year-2024>. Please contact Bradley Bechtold, Regulations Coordinator, at Bradley.Bechtold@arb.ca.gov or (279) 208-7266 if you need physical copies of the documents.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing during 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 Monday, July 15, 2024**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerks' Office, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 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.

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Environmental Analysis

CARB, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has reviewed the *Recommendation to Select the South Sacramento-Florin Community to Transition to Develop a Community Emissions Reduction Program* and concluded that the recommendations are exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action may result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. A brief explanation of the basis for this conclusion may be found in the *Recommendation to Select the South Sacramento-Florin Community to Transition to Develop a Community Emissions Reduction Program*.

Special Accommodation Request

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- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language; and
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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business days before the scheduled Board hearing. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma; y
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

Date: June 14, 2024

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