AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Programs

RICHMOND-SAN PABLO COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 14, 2019
Community Focus: Reduce Cumulative Exposure to Air Pollution
Actions in the Initial Set of Communities

Air districts are working with communities to develop:

- Community air monitoring (July 2019)
- Community emissions reduction programs (Oct 2019)
AB 617 on community emissions reduction programs

- CARB develops criteria
- Air district and community members develop emissions reduction programs
- Air districts submit emissions reduction programs to CARB
- Progress and Annual Reporting
Blueprint for Program Implementation

Defines statewide strategies and sets requirements for:

• Public engagement and community partnerships
• Selecting communities
• Conducting community air monitoring
• Developing community emissions reduction programs
Criteria for Community Emissions Reduction Programs

Community partnerships and engagement

What are the air pollution challenges facing the community?

What are the solutions?

How will we track progress over time?
Community Emissions Reduction Program Elements

- Community Partnerships and Engagement
- Enforcement Plan
- Metrics to Track Progress
- Annual Reporting
- Reduction Strategies
- Implementation Schedule
- Air Quality Objectives
- Goals and Targets
- Technical Foundation
- Community Profile
Reduction Strategies

- Rules
- Facility-Specific Risk Reduction
- Air Quality Permitting
- Incentives
- Enforcement
- Land Use, Transportation, and Mitigation
Process and Timeline

1 Year

Community Engagement

- Community Selection
- Community Emissions Reduction Program Development
- District Board Approval
- CARB Review and CARB Governing Board Action
- Implementation and Annual Reports
2019 Community Selection

• Start with CARB Board’s direction from last year
  ◦ Prioritize monitoring communities for moving into a community emissions reduction program, guided by data and Steering Committee recommendation
  ◦ Draw from 2018 priority recommendations
• Provide continued support for the first set of communities
• Timeline
  ◦ Fall 2019: Air Districts work with communities to submit recommendations
  ◦ Fall 2019: CARB conducts outreach on proposed recommendations
  ◦ Late 2019: Release final staff recommendations
  ◦ December 2019: Board Consideration of additional communities
Contact Us

Community Air Protection Program

• Email: CommunityAir@arb.ca.gov (o) AireComunitario@arb.ca.gov
• Phone: 916-322-7049
• CARB website: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program
• Blueprint document: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program/community-air-protection-blueprint
• Monique Davis: Monique.Davis@arb.ca.gov, 916-322-7304