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AGENDA: 4

Overview of the November 30th and January 18th Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meetings

**Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
March 13, 2024**

**Kevin Jefferson, CAC Co-Chair
Latasha Washington, CAC Co-Chair**

Requested Action



- None – Informational Only

Presentation Outline



- **Introductions of the CAC Co-Chairs**
- **November 30th CAC Agenda –Action Items**
 - Vote **November** on the Creation of a Community Advisory Council Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee
- **November 30th CAC Agenda –Informational Items**
 - Advancing an Equitable Transition To Clean and Healthy Buildings
 - Community Advisory Council September Retreat Next Steps
- **January 18th CAC Agenda –Action Items**
 - Election of a Third Community Advisory Council Co-Chair
 - Funding Community Benefits from Penalty Funds
- **January 18th CAC Agenda –Informational Items**
 - Compliance and Enforcement Update: Green Sage Cannabis Case Study

Vote on the Creation of a Community Advisory Council Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee



- A CAC Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee was voted in with the following members:
 - Ms. Margaret Gordon
 - John Kevin Jefferson
 - Mayra Pelagio
 - Kevin Ruano Hernandez
- Next steps:
 - Council to meet and review scoring metrics

Advancing an Equitable Transition To Clean and Healthy Buildings



- Climate Protection Program, Assistant Manager Dr. Idania Zamora presented an overview of the Air District's effort to transition to a zero-NO_x space and water heating in residential homes across the San Francisco Bay Area.
- CAC Council Members inquired on the feasibility of the project in relation to displacement of individuals, electricity cost, and outreach.
- Next steps:
 - Council Members interested in attending the Onboarding meeting should email the Implementation Working Group (IWG) team by December 7, 2023

Community Advisory Council September Retreat Next Steps



- Co-Chair Washington provided highlights of the September CAC Retreat and followed up on the equity statement discussion
- CAC requests the drafting of an equity definition based on proposed themes
- Next steps:
 - Council Members interested in defining “equity” to email Co-Chair Washington

Election of a Third CAC Co-Chair



- Ms. Margaret Gordon stepped down as one of the three Co-Chairs of the CAC at the September CAC Retreat
- The CAC Charter states that the CAC has two meetings to re-elect a Co-Chair if a seat is vacated
- The CAC was notified of the election process and timeline, which included the submission of candidate essays by Dec. 28th
- Council Member Ken Szutu was the one candidate and was voted in as the third Co-Chair, effective immediately

Funding Community Benefits from Penalty Funds



- This will be covered in more depth by District staff in an additional presentation
- Greg Nudd, Deputy Executive Officer, presented an action item for the Council to consider recommending a proposal for creating a policy that automatically sets aside a portion of penalties for regional and local community benefits
- Next steps:
 - Bring the CAC's three recommendations to the CEHJ Committee of the Board of Directors
 - Provide CAC Members additional information for the co-development of a policy that automatically sets aside a portion of penalties for regional and local community benefits

Compliance and Enforcement Update



- Tanya Boyce, Executive Director of the Environmental Democracy Project, Brian Case, Assistant Counsel of the Air District's Legal Office, and Paul Grazzini, Supervising Air Quality Specialist of the Air District's Compliance and Enforcement Division, presented a retrospective review of the enforcement case related to the Green Sage Cannabis Cultivating Facility's illegal use of diesel generators in Oakland.
- CAC Members inquired on how the agency plans to implement lessons learned and improve how compliance staff confirm community complaints that are reported.



Questions?



New Directions for Community Air Protection: Blueprint 2.0

March 13, 2024

Today's Presentation

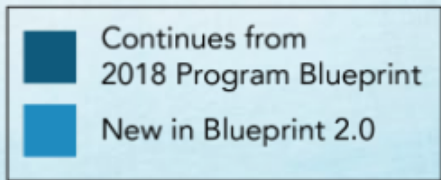
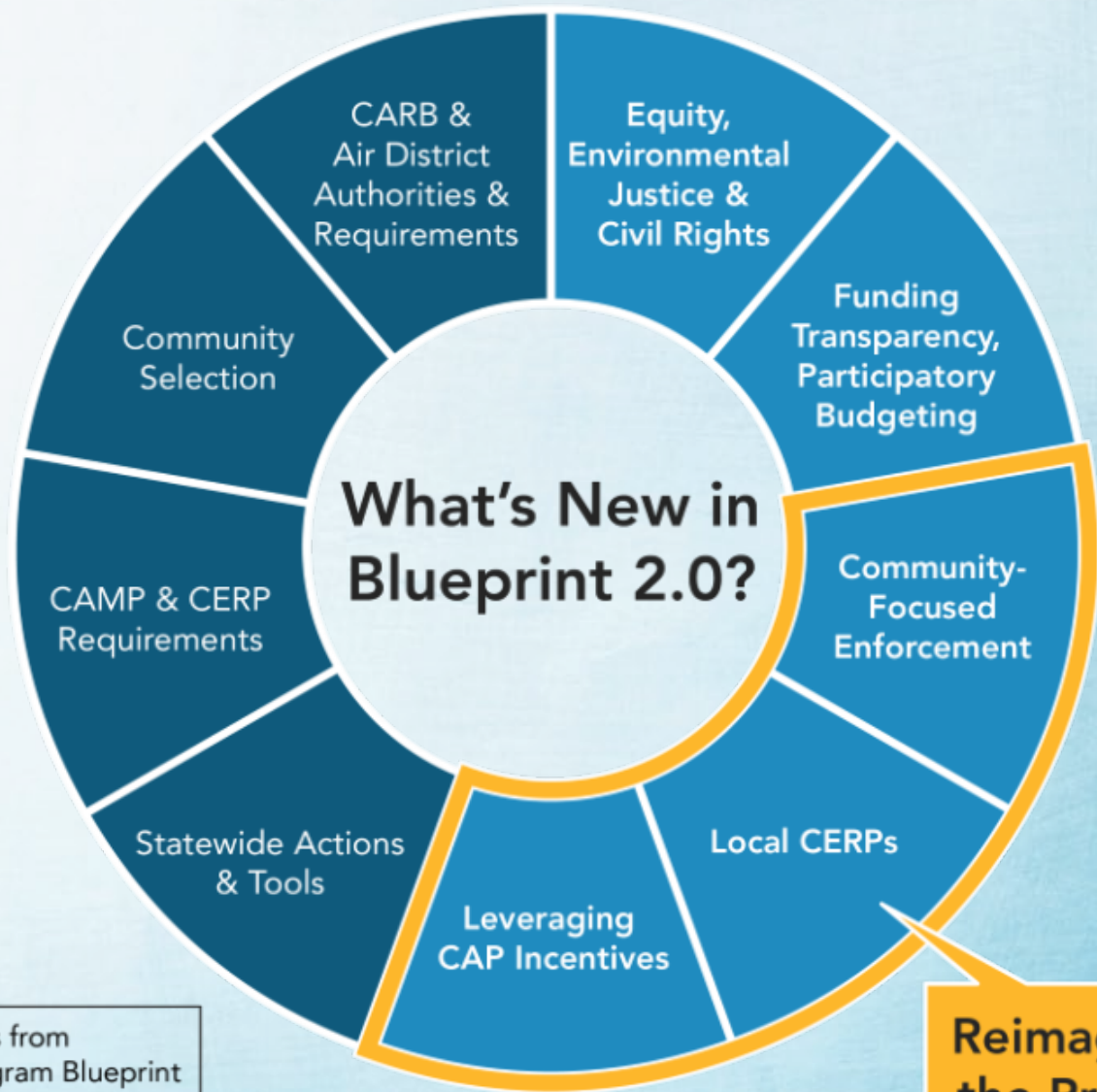
- Reimagining the Community Air Protection Program through Blueprint 2.0
 - Part One: Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, Goals and Actions
 - Part Two: Implementation Guidance
 - Selected Communities
 - Consistently Nominated Communities
- CAP Incentives Guidelines Update
- The Next Five Years

Foundation: People's Blueprint

- Equity-centered approach to pursue just implementation of the Community Air Protection Program
- Root BP 2.0 in environmental justice (EJ)
- Highlight lessons learned from a community-based and EJ perspective
- Key Themes and Concepts:
 - Operationalize equity and EJ
 - Participatory budgeting
 - Community readiness to engage in the program
 - Building technical capacity
 - Building agency capacity
 - Models of partnership and co-leadership
 - Meaningful engagement
 - Guidance on steering committee membership
 - CSC governance including charters and conflict resolution
 - Tracking results to support effective implementation and accountability

Blueprint 2.0

- 1st Program Update
- Required every 5 years
- Reimagine the Program to identify new ways to support more communities



Reimagining the Program

Consistently Nominated Communities

Over the next 5 years, we will focus resources in the consistently nominated communities.

- Community Engagement
- Outreach on Community Air Grants (CAGs)
- Community-focused enforcement
- Increased flexibility for incentives
- Partnering with other agencies



What's in Blueprint 2.0?

Part One

5-Year Strategic Plan

- Vision
- Mission
- Guiding Principles
- Goals
- Actions

Part Two – Implementation Guidance

Selected Communities

- Improve process for CERPs and CAMPs in 19 CSCs
- Significantly informed by People's Blueprint

Consistently Nominated Communities

- Highlight consistently nominated communities
- Local CERPs via Community Air Grants
- More flexibility to tap Community Air Protection Incentives
- Community-Focused Enforcement

Part One: Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

Informed by
People's BP
and CSCs

Vision

Commits To Just Social Change
to address environmental injustices
and advance racial equity

Works Toward A Future

where all Californians
breathe healthy and clean air,
benefit from actions to address climate change,
and race/racism no longer
predicts life outcomes



Mission

Reduce emissions of toxic air
contaminants and criteria air
pollutants in communities
affected by a high
cumulative exposure
burden.

Guiding Principles

- Use an Equity Lens
- Be Transparent and Accountable
- Support Power Sharing

Part One: Goals and Actions

1. Engage and partner in evolving the Program.
2. Center civil rights laws and protections.
3. Apply regulatory authorities to reduce exposures and emissions.
4. Partner with air districts to enhance stationary and mobile source strategies.
5. Ensure completion of community emissions reduction programs.
6. Focus on consistently nominated communities.
7. Use community air grants to build community capacity and local community emissions reduction programs.
8. Make program and air quality information and tools more accessible to communities.

Part Two: Implementation Guidance

How is it Organized?

Program Background



Program Elements

What AB 617 requires



Working Together

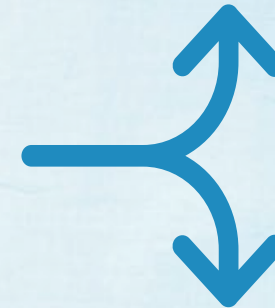
Guidance and partnering to fill in the gaps



Transparency and Accountability

Shining a light on funding, progress and barriers

**19 Community
Steering Committees**



**Two
Implementation
Tracks**

**Consistently Nominated
Communities**

Concurrent Implementation Tracks

19 Community Steering Committees

- Ensure completion of CERPs
- CERP approval by Executive Officer
- Support frequent exchange across CSCs
- Program evaluation



Consistently Nominated Communities

- Engagement with consistently nominated communities
- Three pathways:
 1. Community Air Grants
 2. Community Focused Enforcement
 3. CAP Incentives



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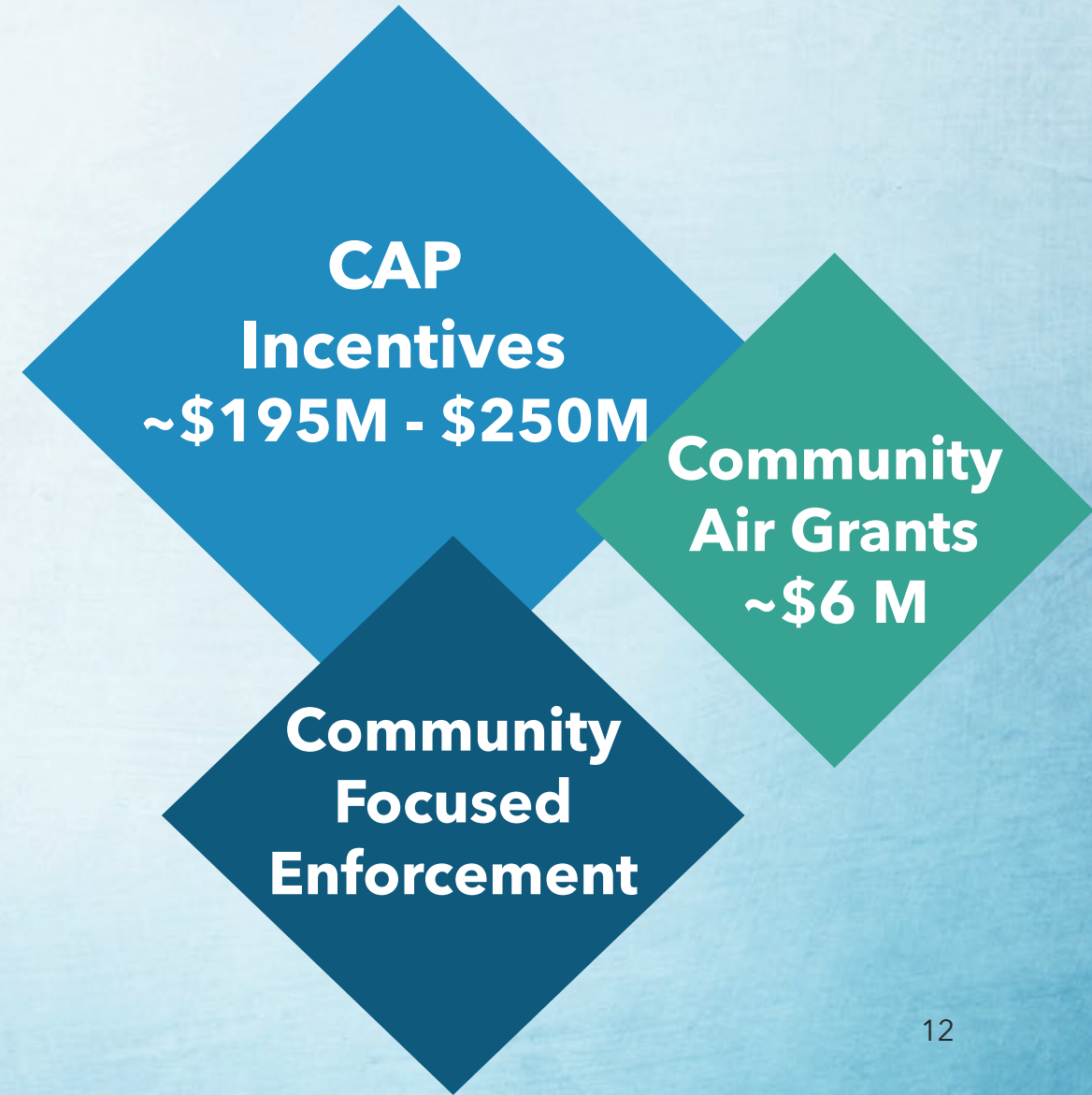
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Part Two: New Implementation Pathways

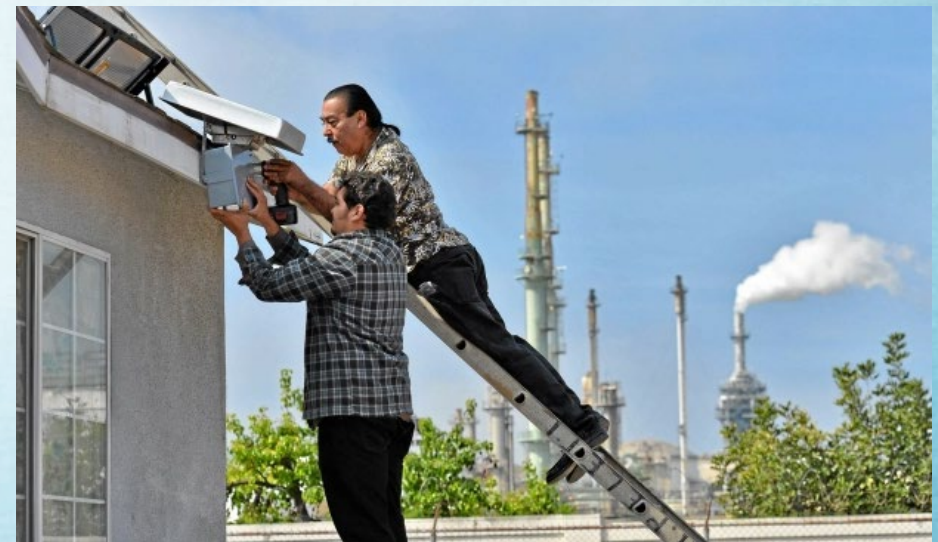
Reimagining the Program
To Serve More Communities:

1. Use Community Air Grants to support Local Community Emission Reduction Plans
2. Community-Focused Enforcement
3. Increased flexibility for use of CAP Incentives.



Community Air Grants - New Project Type

- Purpose: Technical assistance funding to community based non-profit organizations and California Native American Tribes
- A new CAG project type - Local CERP - will support grant recipients in prioritizing air quality concerns
- Learn from current examples/projects
- Public process in 2024 to refine the next cycle of CAG Request for Applications and provide requirements



CERP vs. L-CERP

	Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP)	Local Community Emissions Reduction Plan (L-CERP)
CARB Board Approved?	Yes	No
Defined by:	AB 617 Blueprint 2.0, Part 2	Community Air Grant Request for Application (RFA)
Funding to Develop	Air District Implementation funds (~\$1M - \$3M annually per CSC)	Competitive Community Air Grant (CAG) funds (\$300K max per grant award)
Role of CARB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in CSC Review and approve CERP actions Implement CARB actions, as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop CAG RFA through public process Administer CAG grant Technical assistance via staff liaison support Participate as invited Implement CARB actions, as appropriate
Role of Air District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene the CSC Co-lead CSC Co-develop CERP Review and approve CERP Implement CERP actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May provide letters of support as requested and appropriate As resources allow, participate as invited Implement actions as authorities and resources allow (e.g., may use implementation funding)

Community Air Grants (CAG)

Cycle 3 – \$10M in funding to 39 projects – in progress

Cycle 4 – \$10M in funding to 42 projects – selection announced, grant agreements in development

Cycle 5 – \$16M in funding = \$10 M (FY22-23) + \$6M (FY23-24)

Cycle 6 – Gov. Jan 10 proposal (FY24-25) – \$5M in funding proposed

CAG Timeline

Cycle 4 – Upcoming Kick-off Meetings in Spring 2024 (~April/May 2024)

Cycle 5 – Public engagement process RE: Request for Applications

Update starting ~late Spring/Summer 2024 (starting ~May 2024)

- 2 public workshops
- Focused discussions with stakeholders
- 2 Pre-application assistance public workshops

Cycle 5 CAG Project Types

- **Educational** – max \$300K/project ~ 2yr grant term
 - Ex. Educational related projects on variety of Community Air Protection air quality issues.
- **Technical** (i.e., monitoring) – max \$500K/project-
~2-2.5yr grant term
 - Ex. Monitoring related projects to inform, with technical data, the community on air quality issues.

Cycle 5 CAG Project Types

Targeted:

- **Emission Reduction Strategy Expansion (ERSE, can include monitoring)** – Max \$500K/project ~ 3yr grant term
 - Ex. Projects to develop and identify successful strategies that can be applied across communities with similar sources of air pollution or adopted as a statewide effort.
- **Local- Community Emission Reduction Plans (L-CERPs, can include monitoring)** – Max \$500K/project ~ 3yr grant term
 - Ex. A multi-faceted approach project that could include community capacity building, development of a community air monitoring plan, and, or development of an emissions reduction strategy.

Community-Focused Enforcement

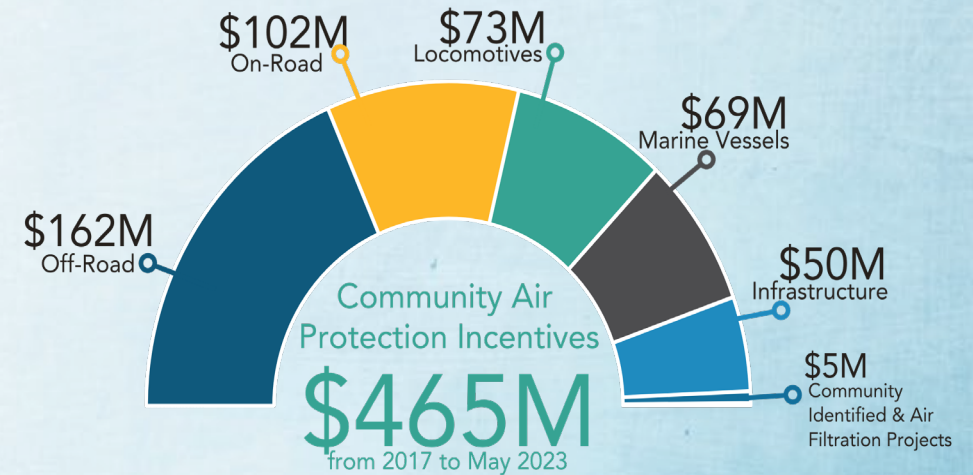
- Partner to understand issues not being addressed
- Concentrate on community-identified areas, some of which we have not traditionally enforced
- Co-develop enforcement plans
- Can be used in:
 - Currently selected communities
 - L-CERP developed by a CAG
 - Other community-led partnership



Community Air Protection Incentives Program Overview

CAP Incentives Project Dashboard

An interactive tool to demonstrate projects funded statewide using Community Air Protection Incentives



\$184 million (or ~40%) in selected communities







CAP Incentives Orientation

An online engagement tool for communities to learn more about Community Air Protection Incentives, what they are and how they work

New and Updated Statewide Incentive Strategies

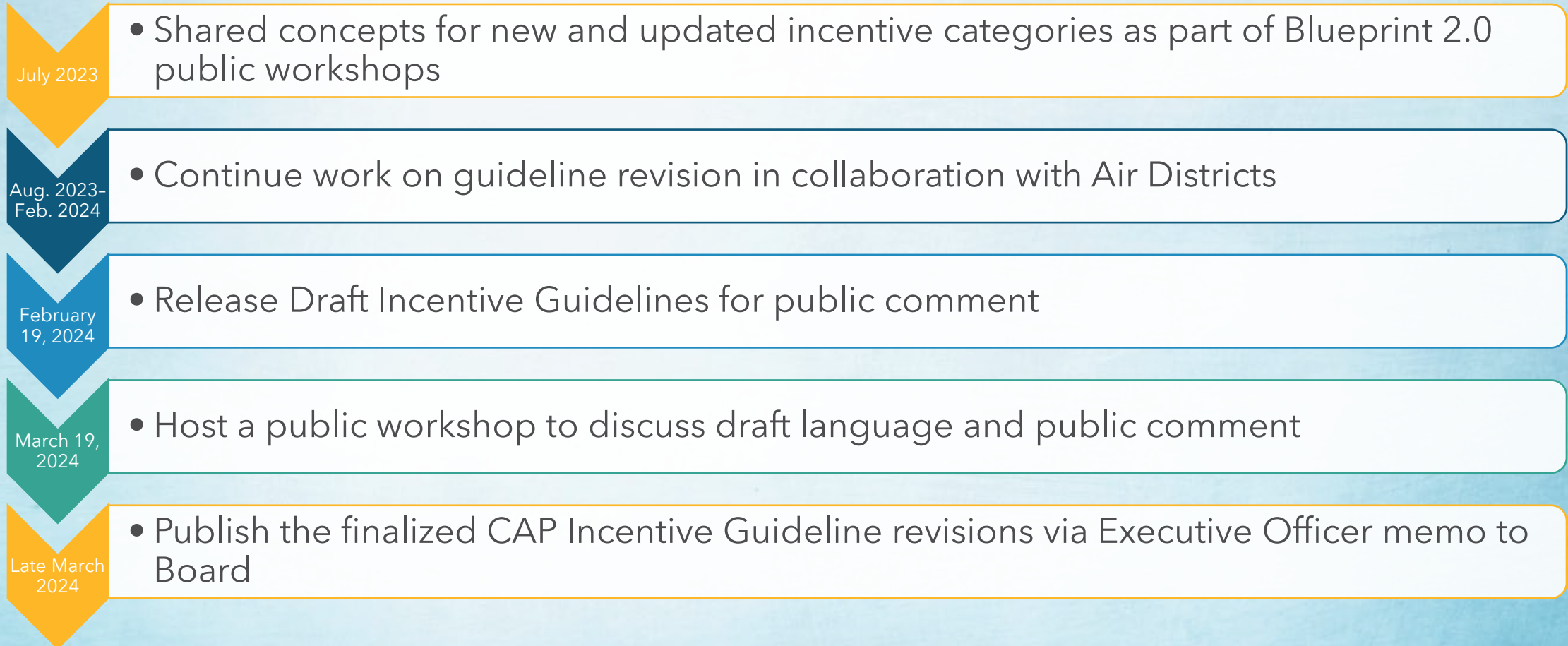
Updated Chapters

-  • Hexavalent Chrome Plating Facilities
-  • Reducing Air Pollution in Schools
-  • Community Identified Projects
-  • Stationary Source Projects

New Chapters

-  • Agency Partnerships
-  • Vegetative Barriers and Urban Greening
-  • Emergency Diesel Generator Replacement
-  • Paving, Sidewalk, and Bike Path Projects
-  • Dial-A-Ride Vehicle Replacement
-  • *Alternatives to Agricultural Burning*
-  • *Low Dust Nut Harvesting*

Revised Incentives Guidelines Timeline



The Next Five Years for Community Air Protection

- Reduce disparities in air pollution for California's overburdened communities
- Build on progress to date and learn from evaluation
- Center civil rights, equity and environmental justice
- Complete CERPs for selected communities
- Expand Program benefits to support Consistently Nominated Communities
- Increase transparency and accountability

DISCUSSION



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2024 Proposed CEHJ Agenda Topics and Work Plan

**Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee
March 13, 2024**

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Programs**

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Presentation Outcome



- The Committee will review and discuss potential agenda topics and the work plan for meetings in 2024
- This is an informational item only; no action is required

2024 Proposed CEHJ Agenda Topics and Work Plan



- **April – Meeting in San Pablo on April 22**
 - Community Perspectives
 - Path to Clean Air Steering Committee – Plan Adoption (Evening meeting) (Potential Special Meeting) (action item)
 - Community Process for Richmond Area Community Air Quality Fund Part 1

2024 Proposed CEHJ Agenda Topics and Work Plan (cont.)



• May - July

- Community Advisory Council Update
- Community Perspectives
- Overview of Air Monitoring Measurement Data
- Marie Harrison Environmental Justice Scholarship Update
- East Oakland Air Monitoring Project
- Legal Division Environmental Justice Fellowship
- CAC Alameda County and Youth Seat Selection (candidates) (action item)
- Program for Allocating Richmond Area Community Air Quality Funds Part 2
- Using Penalty Funds for Community Benefits Part 1

2024 Proposed CEHJ Agenda Topics and Work Plan (cont.)



- **September**

- Community Advisory Council Update
- East Oakland AB 617 Update
- James Cary Smith Grant Guidelines (July or September) (timing budget dependent) (action item)
- Program for Allocating Richmond Area Community Air Quality Funds – Board Recommendation (action item)
- Using Penalty Funds for Community Benefits Part 2

2024 Proposed CEHJ Agenda Topics and Work Plan (cont.)



- **October - December**

- Community Advisory Council Update
- Community Perspectives
- Cal EnviroScreen Overview
- West Oakland Annual Report
- Using Penalty Funds for Community Benefits – Board Recommendation (action item)
- *Tentative:* Broad update on Strategic Incentives
- *Tentative:* Update on Community Air Pollution Emissions Tour

Questions?

