



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Air District hosts AB 617 Community Health Protection Program workshop in San Leandro**

*Community to weigh in about new efforts to curb local air pollution in impacted communities*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting a community workshop in San Leandro, the first in a series of 10 workshops to be held within the next three months, to begin implementation of state law AB 617 which requires reduction of air pollution in communities with high air pollution burdens.

At the workshops the public will have an opportunity to hear about the requirements of state law AB 617, how it affects specific communities in the Bay Area, an overview of local air pollution control efforts and funding opportunities. The public can make suggestions and provide feedback on a wide variety of issues including the selection of priority communities for the first few years of program implementation, the development of action plans, identifying monitoring needs and the allocation of funding.

“Air District staff will be working closely with the California Air Resources Board, community and environmental groups, residents, and other stakeholders to reduce harmful air pollutants in neighborhoods most impacted by air pollution,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Together we will build upon the Air District’s decades of work with communities to help identify additional solutions that will lead to measurable air quality improvements for Bay Area residents.”

Following the passage of AB 617, the Air District developed the Community Health Protection Program, a collaborative initiative with the California Air Resources Board and Bay Area communities focused on reducing air quality impacts in neighborhoods most affected by air pollution. This program will work in concert with California Air Resources Board statewide Community Air Protection Program.

AB 617 is the state law which was passed along with the re-authorization of California’s cap-and-trade program, the centerpiece of the state’s efforts to reduce climate change. The law recognizes that while California has seen tremendous improvement in air quality, not all communities have benefited equally. Some communities located close to freeways, ports, industry or other large pollution sources need additional focus and resources to reduce exposure levels.

#### **San Leandro**

Wednesday, March 28

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn

510 Lewelling Boulevard

#### **Vallejo**

Tuesday, April 24

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

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Florence Douglas Senior Center  
333 Amador Street

### **Bay Point**

Wednesday, April 25  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Ambrose Community Center  
3105 Willow Pass Road

### **Pleasant Hill**

Monday, April 30  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Pleasant Hill Community Center  
320 Civic Drive

The Air District is working to schedule more workshops in May and June. The public can find more information about the Air District's Community Health Protection Program at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/AB617> or request information via email at [AB617Info@baaqmd.gov](mailto:AB617Info@baaqmd.gov).

Spanish interpretation will be available. Interpretation for other languages can be provided upon request at least 72 hours before the event. Contact Azibuike Akaba at [aakaba@baaqmd.gov](mailto:aakaba@baaqmd.gov) or 415.749.8603 to request interpretation.

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