

Media Advisory

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Air District hosts AB 617 Community Health Protection Program workshops in Dublin, San Pablo, San Jose and Fairfield

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting several informational workshops regarding the AB 617 Community Health Protection Program at four locations during the month of May

Additional workshops are planned for June. For the full workshop schedule, visit <u>http://www.baaqmd.gov/AB617.</u>

At the workshops the public will have an opportunity to hear about the relationship between air quality and health, the requirements of state law AB 617, an overview of 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, identification of monitoring needs and the allocation of funding.

May AB 617 Community Health Protection Program Workshop Schedule

Dublin

Thursday, May 10 5:30 - 8 p.m. Shannon Community Center 11600 Shannon Avenue

San Pablo Wednesday, May 16 5:30 - 8 p.m. San Pablo Community Center 2450 Rd 20

San Jose Monday, May 21 5:30 - 8 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library 150 E. San Fernando Street

Fairfield

Thursday, May 24 5:30 - 8 p.m. Fairfield Community Center 1000 Kentucky Street

AB 617 is the state law which was passed along with the re-authorization of California's cap-andtrade 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.

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.

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 AB617 Info multiple with the Air District's Community Health Protection Program at http://www.baaqmd.gov/AB617 or request information via email at AB617 Info

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 <u>aakaba@baaqmd.gov</u> or 415.749.8603 to request interpretation.

Habrá interpretación al español disponible. El servicio de interpretación para otros idiomas estará disponible si se solicita al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Comuníquese con Azibuike Akaba en <u>aakaba@baaqmd.gov</u>o al 415-749-8603 para solicitar servicios de interpretación.

可提供西班牙語口譯服務。其他語言的口譯服務需要提前至少72小時申請。透過電郵 <u>aakaba@baaqmd.gov</u> 或撥打 415-749-8603 聯絡Azibuike Akaba申請口譯服務.

Magkakaroon ng interpretasyon sa Espanyol. Ibibigay ang interpretasyon para sa ibang mga wika kapag hiniling nang 72 oras bago ang event. Kontakin si Azibuike Akaba sa <u>aakaba@baaqmd.gov</u> o 415.749.8603 para humiling ng interpretasyon.

Sẽ có dịch vụ thông dịch tiếng Tây Ban Nha. Dịch vụ thông dịch cho các ngôn ngữ khác có thể được cung cấp theo yêu cầu ít nhất 72 giờ trước sự kiện. Xin liên hệ Azibuike Akaba tại <u>aakaba@baaqmd.gov</u> hay 415.749.8603 để yêu cầu dịch vụ thông dịch.

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