

## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

### **Meeting of the Assembly Bill 617 Consultation Group**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) is hosting a public meeting for the Assembly Bill 617 Consultation Group. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the following date, time, and locations:

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Locations: Joan Palevsky Center  
281 South Figueroa Street, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Blue Lake Rancheria, California  
Tribal Government Office  
428 Chartin Road  
Blue Lake, California 95525

Comite Civico Del Valle  
235 Main Street  
Brawley, California 92227

**Or via conference call:**

USA Toll Free Number: 888-469-1987

Passcode: 6729203

### **Background**

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C.Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) provides a new community-focused action framework to improve air quality and reduce exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in communities most impacted by air pollution. The bill recognizes that while California has seen tremendous improvement in air quality, some communities still suffer greater impacts than others. It is these communities that require special attention and accelerated action. AB 617 builds on the foundation of existing programs, providing additional tools to target actions in communities that bear the greatest burdens.

To implement AB 617, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has established the Community Air Protection Program (Program). The legislation sets out an ambitious implementation schedule, and CARB must set the overall direction of the Program by October 1, 2018. This includes identifying impacted communities, establishing the criteria

for air monitoring and local emissions reduction programs, and developing statewide strategies for reducing emissions. The local air districts also have specific roles and responsibilities and successful implementation will require strong collaboration between CARB and the air districts, as well as with local communities.

Specifically the legislation sets out a framework that includes:

- Community-level air quality monitoring
- A state strategy and community emissions reduction programs
- An expedited schedule for the installation of the cleanest controls on industrial facilities
- Enhanced requirements for the reporting of emissions data
- Increased penalty provisions for polluters
- Grants to local community groups to support active engagement in developing solutions for their communities

### **Special Accommodation Request**

Consistent with California Government Code Section 7296.2, special accommodation or language needs may be provided for any of the following:

- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

To request these special accommodations or language needs, please contact Trish Johnson at (916) 445-3365 or [trish.johnson@arb.ca.gov](mailto:trish.johnson@arb.ca.gov) as soon as possible, but no later than five business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alternativo u otro idioma;
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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