

California Air Resources Board | Community Air Protection Consultation Group
September 8, 2025 | Meeting Highlights and Action Items

[Meeting Materials](#) from the September 8, 2025 meeting.

Consultation Group Meeting #1

1. Roll Call

Quorum met based on attendee roll call:

Rodney Andrews	V -Virtual
Dr. Alberto Ayala	NP -Not Present
<i>Janice Lam Snyder</i>	<i>AIP -Alternate In-Person</i>
Bishop Chris Baker	V -Virtual
Dr. John Balmes	IP -In-Person
Jasmine Beltran	V -Virtual
Y'Anad Burrell	V -Virtual
<i>BK White</i>	<i>AV -Alternate Virtual</i>
Tim Carmichael	IP -In-Person
Prithvi Deore	V -Virtual
<i>Scott Strelecki</i>	<i>AV -Alternate Virtual</i>
Mary Elizabeth	V -Virtual
<i>Margo Paus</i>	<i>AV -Alternate Virtual</i>
Kevin Hamilton	V -Virtual
Ryan Hayashi	V -Virtual
<i>Stephanie Ng</i>	<i>AV Alternate Virtual</i>
Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson	IP -In-Person
<i>Walter Shen</i>	<i>AIP -Alternate In-Person</i>
Belen Leon-Lopez	<i>V -Virtual</i>
<i>Israel Hernandez</i>	<i>V -Virtual</i>

Dr. David Lo	V -Virtual
Dr. Jonathan London	IP -In-Person
Cassie Lopina	IP -In-Person
<i>Mary Solecki</i>	<i>AIP -Alternate In-Person</i>
Arsenio Mataka	IP -In-Person
<i>Dr. Philip Fine</i>	<i>AIP Alternate In-Person</i>
Kevin McKernan	IP -In-Person
Antoinette Meier	NP -Not Present
<i>Kirsten Uchitel</i>	<i>AV -Alternate Virtual</i>
Baldwin Moy	IP -In-Person
<i>Mari Nambo-Ramirez</i>	<i>AIP Alternate In-Person</i>
Dirk Piersma	IP -In-Person
Maximilian Rosa	NP -Not Present
Dr. Rebecca E. Skinner	V -Virtual
Paula Torrado Plazas	IP -In-Person
Mary Valdemar	IP -In-Person
Domingo Vigil	V -Virtual
<i>Shalem Aboody-Lopez</i>	<i>AV -Alternate Virtual</i>
Christine Zimmerman	IP -In-Person
<i>Bob Brown</i>	<i>AIP -Alternate In-Person</i>

2. Chair's Remarks

- Welcome all members.
- Be respectful and agree to disagree.
- Primary focus of Consultation Group is completion of [Charter](#).

3. Agenda Overview

- [Agenda](#) topics presented.

4. Legal Office Presentation

CARB's Legal office presented the following:

- Bagley-Keene open meeting requirements.

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- Government (Gov) Code section 87104 conflict of interest requirements, prohibited communications.
- Requirements regarding the California Public Records Act Requests.
- Requirements regarding Gov. Code section 11123.5 that allows advisory bodies to meet by teleconference.
- Definition of “serial meetings” and why they are prohibited.
- Potential consequences for knowing or willful violations.

5. Travel Requirements Presentation

CARB Staff presented applicable CalHR travel requirements including:

- Travel approval process.
- Reimbursements rates and limitations.
- Per diem guidelines.

6. Consultation Group History

Staff shared the history of the Consultation Group including information on:

- History and intent of Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) (2017) .
- Date of the first established Consultation Group (January of 2018).
- Development and implementation of the Program Blueprint (Statewide Strategy) adopted in September 2018.
- An explanation of how the “People’s Blueprint” was created and how it informed Program Blueprint 2.0 and the implementation of the Community Air Protection Program.

7. Draft Charter Discussion and Comments

This is a summary of the Consultation Group members’ discussion and is not intended to be verbatim:

- Add an “origin story” section to the Charter to provide important context and acknowledge the previous efforts and work completed [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson].
- Add a “lessons learned” section to the Charter to explain challenges faced from prior Consultation Group efforts to promote equity [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson].
- Add hyperlinks and/or footnotes to document URLs and /or references such as the [People’s Blueprint](#), [Blueprint 2.0](#), etc. [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson].
- Consider more opportunities to prioritize community feedback, other than just a 3-minute public comment in formal meetings [Mary Valdemar].

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- What are Consultation Group members' opportunities to inform Consultation Group decision-making with an effort to promote a more bottom-up approach [Mary Valdemar]?
- Provide a deadline for Consultation Group members to provide feedback on the draft Charter [Dr. Jonathan London].
- Revise the form provided to collect feedback on the Charter to allow comments on all sections of the [color-coded Charter](#), including an open-ended question [CARB staff].

8. Sept 8 Meeting Action Items

This is a list of action items collected from comments made during the Consultation Group Meeting:

- CARB legal office to provide more guidance and information on Bagley-Keene statutory requirements and violations if a quorum of Consultation Group members attend community meetings where AB617 topics are discussed [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson].
- Recommend CARB respond to emails to acknowledge receipt of documents (such as Form STD 204) emailed by Consultation Group members[Margo Praus].
- Bring in other voices at certain points in the process, invite people to share their perspectives and institutional knowledge of the initial Consultation Group with current members, such as Nayamin Martinez (Central California Environmental Justice Network) and Luis Olmedo (Comite Civico del Valle). This will help provide an understanding of why things were done in a particular way [Kevin Hamilton].
- For future Consultation Group meetings, although the Community Steering Committees (CSCs) and Consultation Group were not a focus area , share general observations from Consultation Group member Jonathon London's University of California at Davis research with the Consultation Group members (CARB staff).
- Provide information from efforts outside of CARB that supports the Community Air Protection Program and work to improve air quality and reduce health impacts [Kevin Hamilton].
- Consider the following topics for further discussion:
 - How can the Consultation Group support opportunities for communities and other CSCs to connect, support, and learn from each other [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson]?
 - How can the Consultation Group be a place for experiences from the ground up to deliberate on problems that are happening and potential solutions and/or responses [Dr. Jonathan London]?

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- How can the Consultation Group bring in other voices from entities outside of the formal Community Air Protection Program system, such as other state agencies, local government, etc. [Dr. Jonathan London]?
- There needs to be a vision, not just solving the problems, but where is this all going? What is the vision of the reinvigorated Consultation Group [Dr. Jonathan London]?
- The description of the statute sets the floor, not the ceiling. In aiming for the ceiling, what is the most we can do to prioritize impacts in areas with the highest cumulative exposure burdens [Mary Valdemar]?
- Is there a way to promote more research and fellowships on the Community Air Protection Program [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson]?
- Despite so many efforts, communities struggle to benefit. Where are the gaps, where are things being left out? How can we redesign things so that all communities can benefit from our work [Mary Valdemar]?
- Need to come from a place of “yes”, do not want to hear how something cannot happen, but rather encourage new ideas and be creative [Dr. Anissa Heard-Johnson].

9. Next Steps

- Consultation Group members complete the draft Charter comment form by October 17, 2025. For reference, [see color-coded draft Charter](#)
- Consultation Group members RSVP for the December 3, 2025, Consultation Group meeting that will be held in person at CARB Southern California headquarters in Riverside. Members can also participate online.
- CARB updates CG members on the peer-to-peer network.