

# Transforming California's Approach to Community Air Pollution

New Community Air Protection Program Established under AB 617



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### **Motivation for AB 617**

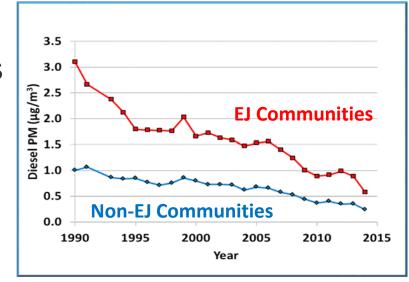
Historical focus on regional air quality

Significant improvement, but disproportionate

burdens remain

Need for community-level focus

- Address cumulative exposure
- Take advantage of advances in monitoring technologies





## **AB 617 Components**

Statewide System of Annual Emissions Reporting

Statewide Strategy

**BARCT Schedules** 

Community Emission Reduction Programs

**Technology Clearinghouse** 

Assessment and Identification of Communities

**Increased Penalties** 

**Assessment of Sources** 

**Monitoring Plan** 

Assessment of Risk Reduction Audits

Community Air Monitoring Systems

**Grants for Community-based Organizations** 



## Community Identification

- Prioritize communities with highest exposure burdens
  - Deployment of community air monitoring
  - Development of community emission reduction programs
- Focus on disadvantaged communities and sensitive receptor locations



# Community Assessment and Identification Process

Proposing process that draws upon both statewide assessment and local knowledge:



Air district recommendations



Community recommendations



CARB criteria and assessment to ensure systematic statewide process



## Selection of Communities

#### Possible Data Sources

#### State

- CalEnviroScreen 3.0
- California Emission Inventory
- CARB Air Pollution Mapping Tool
- Hotspots Analysis and Reporting Program
- Statewide air quality monitoring data
- EJSM

#### **District**

- Community-scale emission inventories
- Community air quality monitoring and special studies.
- Regional or local air quality modeling.
- Health risk assessments

#### Federal

- National Emission Inventory
- Risk Screening Environmental Indicators model
- U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Screening



### **Community Air Protection Program Framework**

### **Monitoring Plan**

- Review capabilities of air monitoring technologies
- Review existing community air monitoring systems
- Establish criteria and guidance on monitoring best practices

### **Statewide Strategy**

- Develop methods for assessing exposure and contributing sources
- Identify strategies for reducing emissions
- Establish criteria for community emissions reduction programs



# Community Air Protection Program Framework Concept Paper

- Development of AB 617 is still in the early stages
- Draft Concept Paper provides staff's initial proposals
- Informed by public outreach to date
- Provides mechanism to seek advice and feedback to guide efforts going forward





## **Concept Paper Elements**

- Identification and Selection of Communities
- Strategies for Reducing Emissions and Exposure
- Criteria for Community Emissions Reduction Programs
- Criteria for Community Air Monitoring
- Additional Implementation Elements



# Strategies for Reducing Exposure and Emissions

- Develop list of existing and available measures to reduce emissions from mobile and stationary source
- Existing planning efforts will provide foundational reductions
- Community emission reduction programs will identify additional community-specific reduction strategies
- Comprehensive approach to leverage existing authorities along with innovative new strategies



## Proposed Community Emissions Reduction Programs Elements

## AB 617 Requirements

- Emission reduction targets
- Specific reduction strategies
- Implementation schedule
- Enforcement plan

## Additional Elements

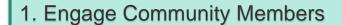
- Air quality goals
- Metrics to track progress
- Community steering committee
- Public engagement plan

#### **CEQA** analysis

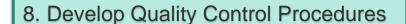
 CEQA analysis on programs as applicable



# Proposed Community Air Monitoring Plan Elements



- 2. Develop Problem Statement
- 3. Define Air Monitoring Objectives
- 4. Define Data Quality Objectives
- 5. Establish Roles and Responsibilities
- 6. Select Equipment and Methods
- 7. Determine Locations and Frequency



- 9. Provide Work Plan
- 10. Manage and Validate Data
- 11. Evaluate Effectiveness
- 12. Analyze and Interpret Data
- 13. Communicate Results



## **Community Engagement**

### Community partnerships

Form a community steering committee

### Robust public process

- Regional workshops
- Community-level informational meetings
- Translated materials and interpretation services
- A designated contact person
- A dedicated website
- Air district board hearings





# Resources for Outreach, Land Use, and Transportation Strategies

Provide tools and resources on best practices to support communities and air districts

#### By October 2018

- Compile existing resources
- List of best practices and strategies not included in existing resources

#### After October 2018

- Update existing resources
- Develop new best practices documents and model ordinances
- Tool development
- Incorporation into Technology Clearinghouse



## **Resources for Community Air Monitoring**

- Review monitoring technologies and build from success of existing community monitoring networks
- Leverage advanced air monitoring technology
- Improve existing technologies and help bring new technologies to market
- Support community science
- Provide air sensors to air districts



## Community Air Monitoring Resource Center

**Data interpretation tools** 



Links to resources, best practices



Air monitoring updates



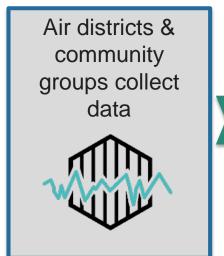
Criteria for Air Monitoring Plans



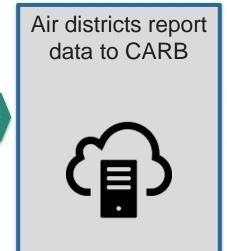


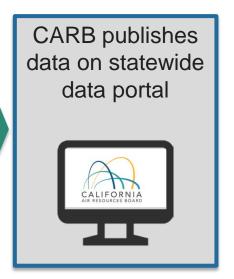
## Data Display and Communication

 Data collected by community air monitoring campaigns must be publicly stored and accessible



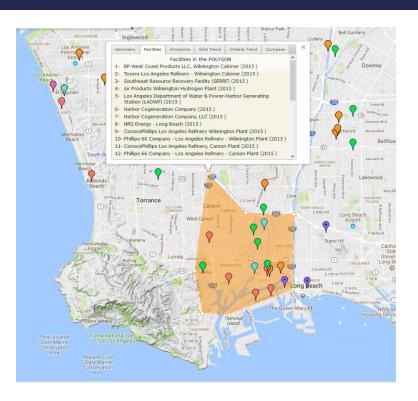








## **Enhanced Emission Reporting**



- Annual reporting of emissions for larger stationary sources
- Reporting of other relevant facilitylevel emissions data
- Uniform, statewide reporting methodologies
- Allows for certification or verification of annual emissions
- Proposing phased reporting regulation



## **Technology Clearinghouse**

- Resource to help identify most stringent controls available for community emissions reduction programs as well as support technology advancement
- Proposed clearinghouse will contain:
  - Control technology determinations (BACT and T-BACT)
  - Rules and measures (stationary, mobile, and area-wide)
  - Emerging zero and near-zero control technologies
- Users will have ability to visualize data and compare controls statewide



## \$255M for Communities

# \$250 Million for Targeted Incentive Funding to Support Early Actions



# **\$5 M for Community Assistance Grants**

- Funding to support:
  - ✓ Capacity building training and support
  - ✓ Assistance for community led air monitoring
  - ✓ Technical assistance
- Solicitation to be released Early February

# Commitment to Ongoing Public Engagement

- Comprehensive and collaborative public process involving all stakeholders
- Ongoing opportunities throughout all stages of program development and implementation
- Multiple forums for technical and policy discussion





GROUPS









## **Next Steps**

Winter 2018

 Draft Concepts; Summit and Community Meetings

March 2018

Board Meeting Update

May 2018

Draft Planning Documents

June 2018

Workshops and Community Meetings

September 2018

 Board Meeting to consider Final Planning Documents

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### Contact Us

### CARB Office of Community Air Protection



#### Community Air Protection

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The goal of AB 617 is to ensure that everyone benefits from our state's air quality efforts, especially those that live in the most severely pollution impacted areas of California. AB617 provides for:

- · Community level monitoring
- Statewide strategy to reduce emissions impacting communities
- · Community-specific emission reduction plans
- · Accelerated retrofit of pollution control equipment at existing facilities near communities
- Direct reporting of emissions to the CARB
- Increased penalties

#### EMAIL UPDATES

Keep up to date with information regarding California's Community Air Protection efforts.





#### Website:

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