

## **AB 617 Key Terms**

### **Community Summit Design Team Meeting**

### **December 17, 2018**

#### **1. What is Assembly Bill 617?**

Assembly Bill 617 (Garcia, C., Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) is a State-mandated program that uses a community-based approach to reduce local air pollution in communities around the State that continue to experience disproportionate impacts from air pollution. AB 617 asks air districts to increase their focus on local air pollution in overburdened communities. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has developed a new *Community Health Protection Program* - a community-driven, transparent effort to implement AB 617 and to build capacity in communities to reduce emissions and exposure to air pollution. Two key parts of AB 617 are Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs) and Community Monitoring Programs.

#### **2. Why Community Monitoring?**

The Richmond-San Pablo area has one of the highest cumulative exposure burdens in the Bay Area. The Air District proposed the Richmond-San Pablo area for development of a monitoring plan to investigate the disconnect between observed air pollution-related health impacts and available air quality data. Data from a community monitoring plan may identify new air quality issues and will better characterize the contribution of various sources. This new information will improve what we know about local air quality and associated health impacts. The results from this effort are critical to creating future CERPs. The information will help identify and prioritize emissions and exposure reduction strategies. A successful monitoring plan needs to be community specific and may require a variety of monitoring approaches to achieve the shared monitoring objective.

#### **3. What is the Community Summit Design Team (CSDT)?**

The CSDT is made up of representatives from local community-based organizations, community groups, and residents. There will be no government or industry representatives on this team. The CSDT will work with the facilitation team to design and implement a community summit. This team will develop draft criteria, balance and membership of the Steering Committee and its decision-making framework. They may also provide specific nominations for Steering Committee members. The CSDT will draft a charter and partnership agreements as needed to further document the process. The CSDT will receive public feedback on these documents at the Community Summit and will help convene the Steering Committee.

#### **4. What is the Steering Committee?**

The Steering Committee is the stakeholder group that will direct the process of discussing and developing a monitoring plan. The CARB Blueprint for AB 617 states that the Air District will convene a community steering committee using an open and transparent nomination process. The final community steering committee membership should reflect the diverse makeup of the Richmond-San Pablo Area and should bring together an inclusive group of stakeholders with community knowledge and technical and scientific expertise.

## **5. What are Co-Leads?**

The Steering Committee will be supported by a co-lead or co-leads. A co-lead or team of co-leads will work with the Air District to provide infrastructure support to the Steering Committee and the monitoring plan development. For example, the co-leads will prepare Steering Committee agendas and will ensure that the Steering Committee has the information needed to make important decisions and are following the procedures laid out in the charter. The co-lead or co-leads will be local to the Richmond-San Pablo Area and can be one trusted organization or a small collective or coalition of individuals. The criteria for both the Steering Committee and the Co-lead membership balance, structure, and roles will be determined through our work with the CSDT and at the summit.

## **6. What is the Community Summit?**

The community summit will be a public event held in late winter 2019. The goal of the summit is to finalize the stakeholder engagement process for the community monitoring plan development as described by a draft charter and partnership agreement as needed. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying the community co-leads, the balance and criteria of the Steering Committee membership, specific steering committee members, and procedures for developing the monitoring plan. This meeting will be largely designed and implemented by the Community Summit Design Team and the facilitation team with support from Air District staff.

## **7. What is a charter?**

A charter sets the direction, schedule and ground rules that guide the Steering Committee to accomplish the development of a community monitoring plan aligned with the guidelines in CARB's AB 617 Blueprint. The charter will document the stakeholder engagement process for the community monitoring plan development including the balance and criteria for steering committee membership, expectation for participation, how steering committee decisions are made, and the voting procedures used.