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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Advisory Group Members

Mayor Pro Tempore Carlos Rodriguez, LGSBA Chairman (Board Member)
Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Randon Lane, Brylan Enterprises, Inc.
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Friday, August 13, 2021 ♦ 11:30 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks
(No Motion Required)
Supervisor Janice Rutherford
Governing Board Member
2. Approval of June 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
(Motion Required)
[Attachment 1]
Supervisor Janice Rutherford
Governing Board Member
3. Review of Follow-Up/Action Items
(No Motion Required)
Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the previous meeting.
Derrick J. Alatorre
Deputy Executive Officer
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 through 5):

4. Update on Assembly Bill (AB) 617 for 2021
Staff will provide an update on the AB 617 program for 2021
(No Motion Required)
[Attachment 2]
Daniel Wong
Senior Public Information Specialist
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
5. Update on the Environmental Justice Community Partnership
Staff will provide an update on the Environmental Justice Community Partnership.
(No Motion Required)
[Attachment 3]
Julie Franco
Senior Public Information Specialist
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

WRITTEN REPORT:

6. Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities
Summary of assistance and outreach activities conducted by South Coast AQMD's Small Business Assistance Office for June & July 2021.
(No Motion Required)
[Attachment 4]

All

OTHER MATTERS:

7. Other Business
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8. Public Comment Period
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9. **Next Meeting Date** - Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tempore Carlos Rodriguez, LGSBA Chairman (Board Member)
Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz
Harvey Eder
Matt Holder, Board Member Consultant (*Rodriguez*)
Debra Mendelsohn, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)
Mathew Watson
Janet Whittick

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Jill Whynot, Chief Operating Officer
Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Sarah Rees, Ph.D., Deputy Executive Officer
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor
Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist
Elaine Joy Hills, Air Quality Specialist
Stacy Day, Legislative Assistant
Aisha Reyes, Senior Administrative Secretary

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Carlos Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Chair Rodriguez encouraged the committee to be mindful of opportunities to provide input and asked Mr. Derrick Alatorre to provide information on the actions advisory groups can take. Mr. Alatorre responded that other advisory groups under his unit are the Young Leadership Advisory Council (YLAC) and Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG). Both groups met before the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (ISR) item on the board agenda and had requested a briefing on the ISR and the opportunity to take a position. Both also held special meetings the week after their regularly scheduled meetings and voted to take a position of support. The groups wrote a letter to the board on their own without any assistance or input from South Coast AQMD staff. There have been letters written previously on behalf of advisory groups and that is how they can participate. Board members on the committees can act as a liaison.

Ms. Rita Loof asked if the committee bylaws allow positions to be taken and Mr. Derrick Alatorre responded that the charter was amended to allow that.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of May 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Chair Rodriguez called for approval of the May 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Except for Mr. DeWitt and Mr. Rodriguez abstained, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

None.

Agenda Item #4 – Budget and Economic Outlook

Ms. Jill Whynot provided an update on South Coast AQMD's budget and economic outlook.

Mr. David Rothbart mentioned that he has spoken with Mr. Jason Aspell in permitting about the vacancy rate and delays in getting permits issued. Ms. Whynot said there are interview panels scheduled within the next few weeks and 12 engineer positions have been approved to be filled. The process to fill positions has been changed to fill them while employees are still here, rather than waiting until after they are vacated. There is a focus on hiring engineers and inspectors. The productivity per engineer is equal now to before the pandemic, even while teleworking. We are also using resources from employees who promoted or transferred to other departments and rearranging staff.

Mr. Bill LaMarr stated that small businesses are not going to return quick as they fell during the pandemic. Many factors are contributing to this including the indecision at the federal level as to funding and recovery funds, breakdowns in the supply chain, and unemployment insurance payments. He asked that this be taken into consideration on future monthly reports.

Chair Rodriguez asked if tracking of permit timing exists. Ms. Whynot responded that there is a permit tracking dashboard available to the public, including anyone who has submitted applications for a permit. It indicates if an application is waiting for further information, the status, and what steps are remaining. In terms of overall tracking, there is a general sense of time, but in terms of quantification there is none. Several types of permits are available online if public notice is not needed and they can be ascertained quickly.

Mr. Harvey Eder made public comment and requested more detailed numbers about the damage to the economy from the pandemic and political economic crisis. Mr. Eder also made general comments about unemployment numbers, climate change, and the economy.

Agenda Item #5 – Update on the Cap-and-Trade Program

Dr. Sarah Rees provided an update on California’s Cap-and-Trade Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

Mr. Rothbart asked about California Air Resource Board’s (CARB’s) proposal to electrify mobile sources in California. Dr. Rees responded that California needs to push hard on electrifying mobile sources and other heavy-duty sectors.

Ms. Loof referenced page 15 of the presentation and inquired about the specific activities included in the \$704 million figure. Dr. Rees responded that the results are available through CARB in the cap-and-trade program results. It is a cumulative amount and represents a lot of community-based initiatives.

Action Item #1: Provide link to report containing cap-and-trade program results.

Mr. Eder made a public comment about the auction.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

Ms. Loof indicated that one of the items in the goals and objectives for this group is Rule 219: Equipment Not Requiring A Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, which is coming up for amendment in the next few months and provided some background. She previously requested a report and progress updates but has not received either and staff also reported they had no update. She was told that there are 108 facilities that have been impacted, wanted to find out which facilities they are, and was told by public records to submit 108 separate public records requests. Chair Rodriguez asked about possibly streamlining the 108 public records requests. Mr. Alatorre said he will check with public records on the process for getting the requested information on the facilities and will also check with staff if there are any Rule 219 updates to provide. If there are no updates, then a summary could be provided of the last update. Chair Rodriguez asked for the item to be added to the August agenda and either a report of new information or a recap can be provided. Ms. Loof stated she will want feedback from committee colleagues if and how the rule would impact their industries.

Action Item #2: Confirm process with public records department for getting names of 108 facilities.

Action Item #3: Follow up with staff on status/update of Rule 219.

Action Item #4: Agendize update and/or status of Rule 219 in August meeting.

Mr. LaMarr stated at today’s Administrative Committee meeting, a Governing Board Retreat was mentioned and requested more details. Ms. Whynot responded that September 16 and 17 are being held, the venue is to be determined, it will take place in the desert area, and staff is working on agenda topics with the Governing Board Chair.

Mr. Rothbart brought up the possibility of resurrecting the Home Rule Advisory Group (HRAG) and transferring those topics to this group as brought up in a previous meeting. Mr. Alatorre stated he would look into bringing some HRAG items over, but they have not had a meeting in a couple years. Chair Rodriguez mentioned he is open to discussion on this if the topics fall within the parameters of the goals and objectives for this group.

***Action Item #5:** Research possibility of transferring Home Rule Advisory Group to Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group.*

Mr. Eder made a comment about Ms. Loof's comments regarding "EB" and general comments about solar.

Ms. Loof clarified for Mr. Eder that "EB" refers to electron beams.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

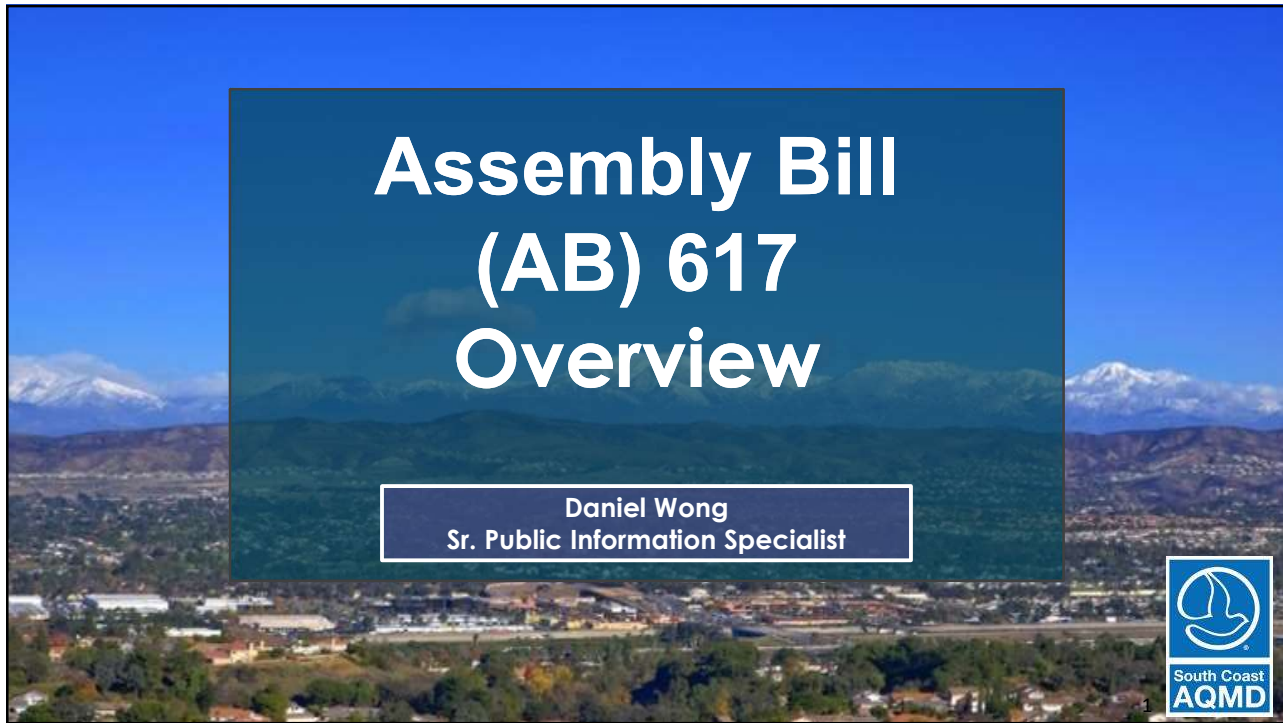
None.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.


Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

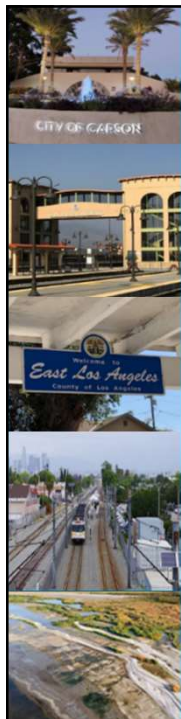


Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Overview

Daniel Wong
Sr. Public Information Specialist



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Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia)

- Authored by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia
- Signed into law July 26, 2017
- Requires a statewide strategy to reduce toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants in disadvantaged communities
- Requires the selection of additional communities or locations annually as appropriate*

*Health and Safety Code §44391.2(c)(1)



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Key Elements of Assembly Bill (AB) 617



Community Air Monitoring and Emission Reduction Plans*



Clean Technology Investments



Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) Rules



Easier Access to Emissions Data

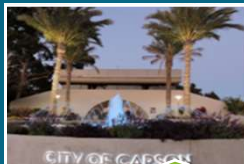
* Deadlines for air monitoring to begin and for emission reduction plans to be adopted



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AB 617 Designated Communities in South Coast AQMD

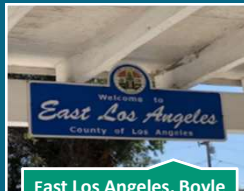
2018 (Year 1)



Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach



San Bernardino, Muscog



East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce

2019 (Year 2)



Southeast Los Angeles



Eastern Coachella Valley



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South Coast AQMD – Recommended in October 2020

CARB – Approved February 2021



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What are the elements of an AB 617 community plan?



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How is the community involved?

Who is on the committee?



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AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting
Southeast Los Angeles (SELA)
Thursday, September 17, 2020
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting
Wilmington/Carson/West Long Beach (WCWLB)
Thursday, August 13, 2020
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

AB 617 - 2018 Designated Communities
East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Covina (LARB2)

Virtual CSC Meetings

Zoom platform

Facebook live streaming

AB 617 Web page

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e-flyers

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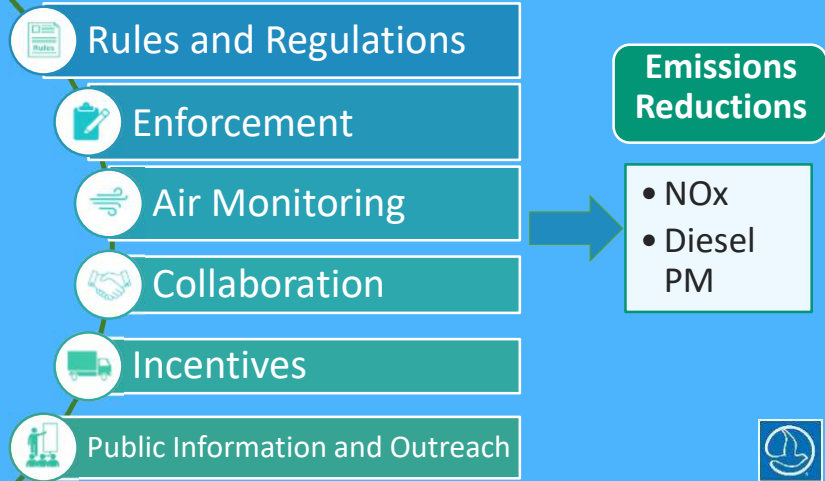
Where are we now?

- **Year 1 Communities**
 - CERP Implementation phase
 - CSCs meeting quarterly
- **Year 2 Communities**
 - SELA CSC meeting quarterly
 - CARB approved the SELA CERP in May
 - ECV CERP amendments adopted into Final CERP in June
 - CARB considering the ECV CERP in Fall 2020
- **Year 3 community – South Los Angeles**
 - CSC meeting monthly
 - Working to develop CERP & CAMP now

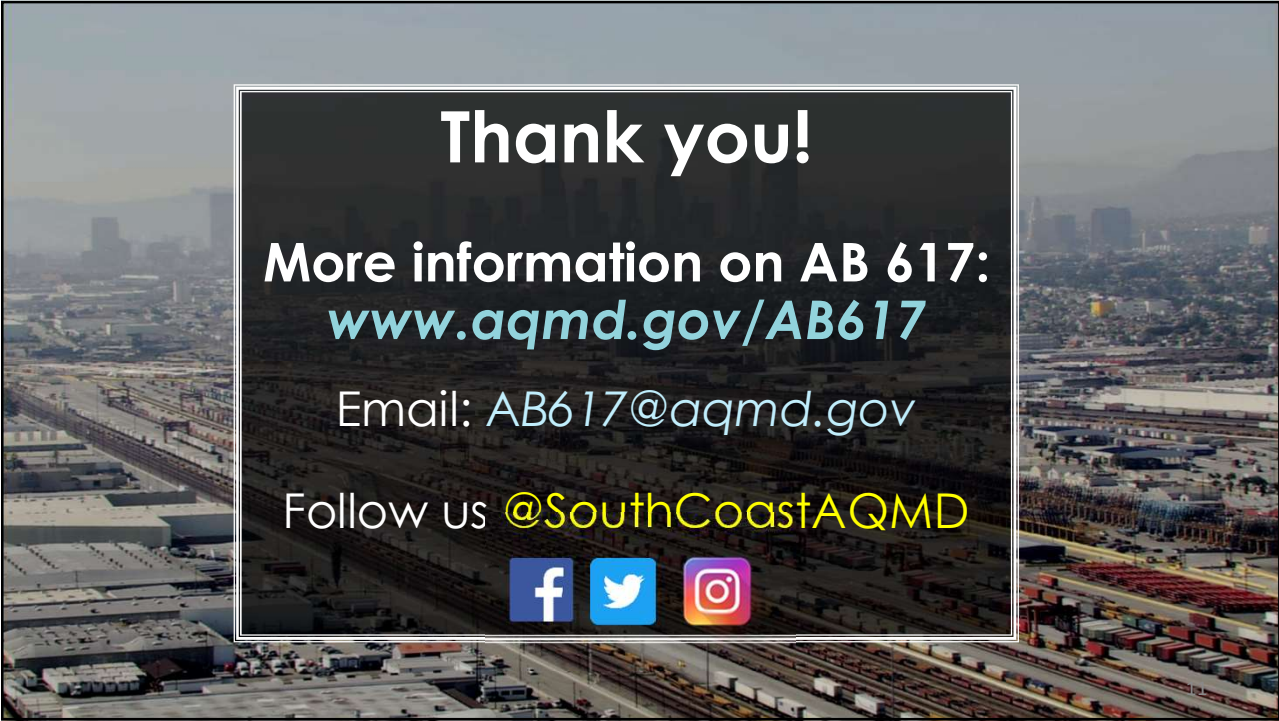


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Community Emissions Reduction Plan Overview – Actions, Strategies, and Goals



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Thank you!

More information on AB 617:
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**Environmental Justice
Community Partnership**

Program Update

Julie Franco
Senior Public Information Specialist
Legislative, Public Affairs and Media


**Local Government & Small Business Assistance
Advisory Council Meeting
August 13, 2021**

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Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP)

Overview:

- EJCP Advisory Council Meetings
- Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)
- Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force
- Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES)
- 7th Annual Environmental Justice Conference
- College Student Webinar



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EJCP Advisory Council

The mission of the Advisory Council is to ensure that the EJCP programs address the air quality concerns of diverse communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. Members advise and assist South Coast AQMD staff on the development and implementation of EJCP programs.

Accomplishments for 2020:

- Provided input to South Coast AQMD programs
- Helped increase community participation for the 6th Annual Environmental Justice Conference
- Kept all regularly scheduled meetings despite COVID-19
- Members provided presentations on issues affecting their communities



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Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)

The mission of EJAG is to advise and assist South Coast AQMD in protecting and improving public health in the most impacted communities through the reduction and prevention of air pollution.

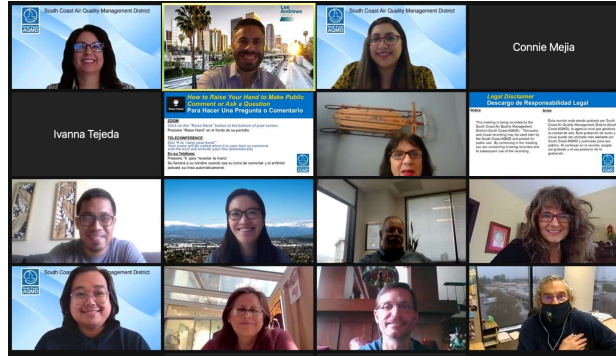


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Inter-Agency Task Force

The Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force creates opportunities for collaboration and communication between agencies that respond to environmental justice issues and address complaints by the general public.

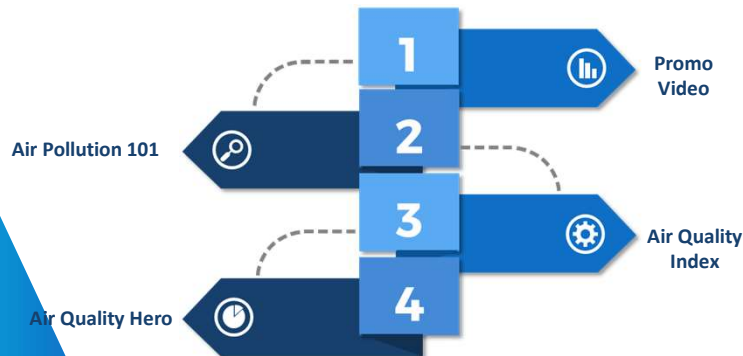
- Meets annually with executives from multiple Federal, State and Local Government Agencies including community organizations
- Implemented an environmental agency staff training
- Created and distributed a “Who to Call Guide”



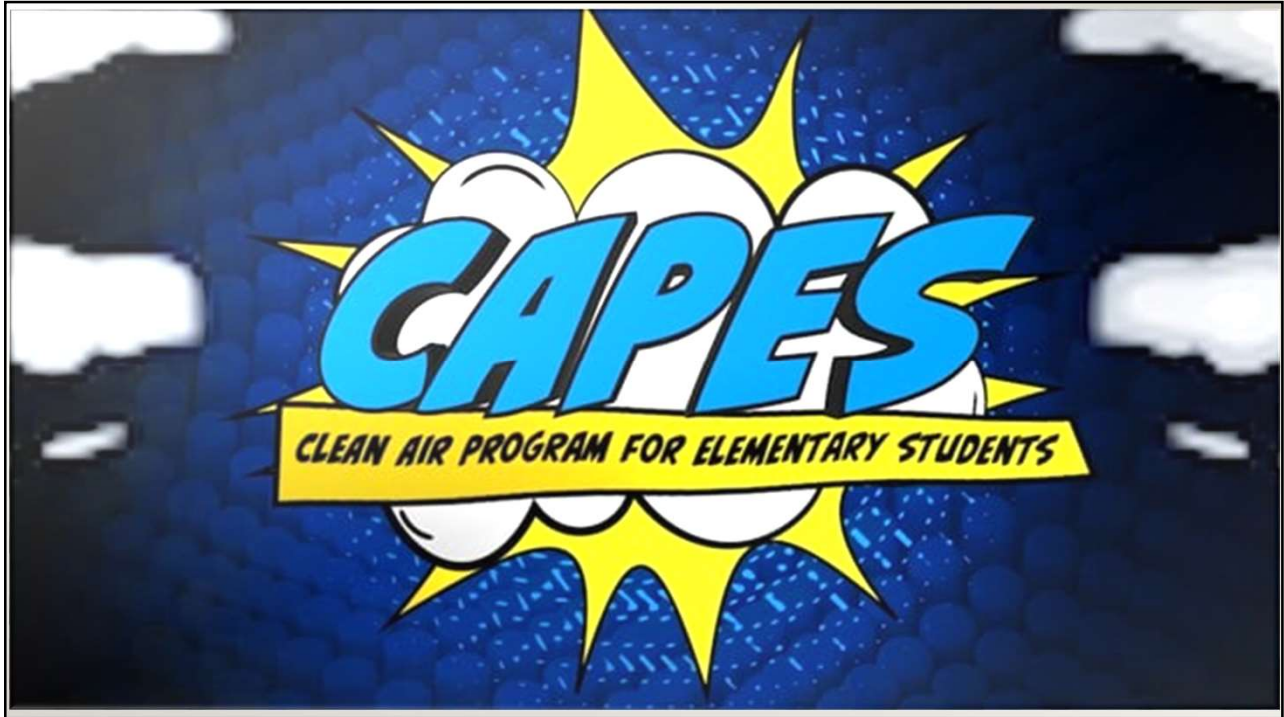
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Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES)

CAPES is designed for elementary students to learn about the importance of air quality, the impact of air pollution, and actions students can take to protect the environment.



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7th Annual Environmental Justice Conference

*The Fight for Clean Air, Yesterday, Today,
Tomorrow*

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

- Virtual and In-Person
- Zoom Events
- Breakout Sessions
- Plenary Session
- Networking Opportunities



Save the Date


**7th Annual
Environmental Justice
Conference**

**The Fight
for Clean Air,
Yesterday, Today,
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**Wednesday,
October 27, 2021**




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College Student Webinar

- Partner with a local college
- Provide a webinar
 - Role of South Coast AQMD
 - Environmental Justice in the Inland Empire
 - Career opportunities
 - Live Questions and Answers
- Expand?



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Environmental Justice Efforts



Continued staff engagement with Environmental Justice Organizations and leaders throughout the region.

Examples of other efforts at South Coast AQMD:


- AB 617
- Why Healthy Air Matters Program (WHAM)



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Comments



Questions

EJCP Contact

Alicia Lizarraga
Email: EJCP@aqmd.gov



Small Business Assistance Report on June & July 2021 Activities for LG&SBA Advisory Group Meeting of 8/13/2021

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Services Offered – June

- Permit Application Assistance 205
- Air Quality Permit Checklist Processed 63

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Services Offered – July

■ Permit Application Assistance	234
■ Fee Review Committee Request	2
■ 2 Granted (Reinstate Permit)	
■ Air Quality Permit Checklist Processed	63

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Permit Assistance – June

- 205 Activities Providing Help with Permit Applications. Examples include:
 - 55 *General Contractors/Consultants/Architects*
 - 11 *Manufacturing Facilities*
 - 19 *Restaurants*
 - 17 *Retail Stores*
 - 9 *Auto Body and Repair Shops*
 - 10 *Dry Cleaners/Garment Cleaners*
 - 12 *Warehouses (Storage/Distribution)*
 - 4 *Fuel Dispensing Facilities*

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Permit Assistance – July

- 234 Activities Providing Help with Permit Applications. Examples include:
 - 39 *General Contractors/Consultants/Architects*
 - 21 *Manufacturing Facilities*
 - 13 *Retail Stores*
 - 16 *Warehouses (Storage/Distribution)*
 - 14 *Restaurants*
 - 16 *Auto Body and Repair Shops*
 - 10 *Dry Cleaners/Garment Cleaners*
 - 4 *Fuel Dispensing Facilities*

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Activities – June & July

- No on-site consultations conducted
- Event(s) Attended
 - 06/11/2021 - Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee Meeting

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Dry Cleaner Grants Issued (as of 7/2021)

■	Professional Wet Cleaning	166
■	CO ₂ Machines	4
■	Hydrocarbon (funds expended)	488

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Small Business Activity June 2020 – June 2021

ACTIVITY	Permit Assistance	On-Site Consultations	Variance Assistance	Fee Review Requests	Air Quality Permit Checklists
Jun-2020	220	0	0	1	51
Jul-2020	345	0	2	3	110
Aug-2020	216	0	0	2	57
Sep-2020	381	0	0	2	65
Oct-2020	280	0	0	3	84
Nov-2020	214	0	15	2	50
Dec-2020	251	0	43	2	59
Jan-2021	225	0	3	1	70
Feb-2021	179	0	1	2	62
Mar-2021	236	0	0	4	90
Apr-2021	203	0	0	2	69
May-2021	168	0	0	0	93
Jun-2021	205	0	0	0	63
TOTAL	3124	0	64	24	923

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Small Business Activity July 2020 – July 2021

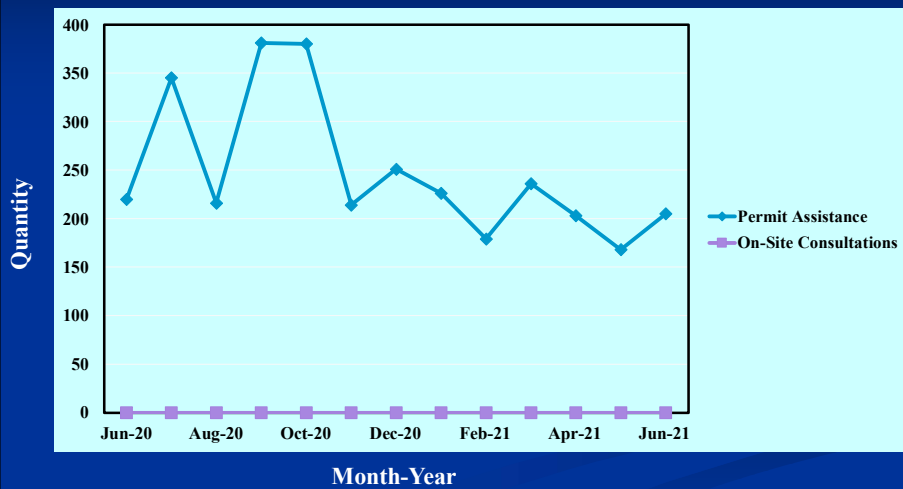
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Oct-2020	280	0	0	3	84
Nov-2020	214	0	15	2	50
Dec-2020	251	0	43	2	59
Jan-2021	226	0	3	1	70
Feb-2021	179	0	1	2	62
Mar-2021	236	0	0	4	90
Apr-2021	203	0	0	2	69
May-2021	168	0	0	0	93
Jun-2021	205	0	0	0	63
Jul-2021	234	0	0	2	63
TOTAL	3138	0	64	25	935

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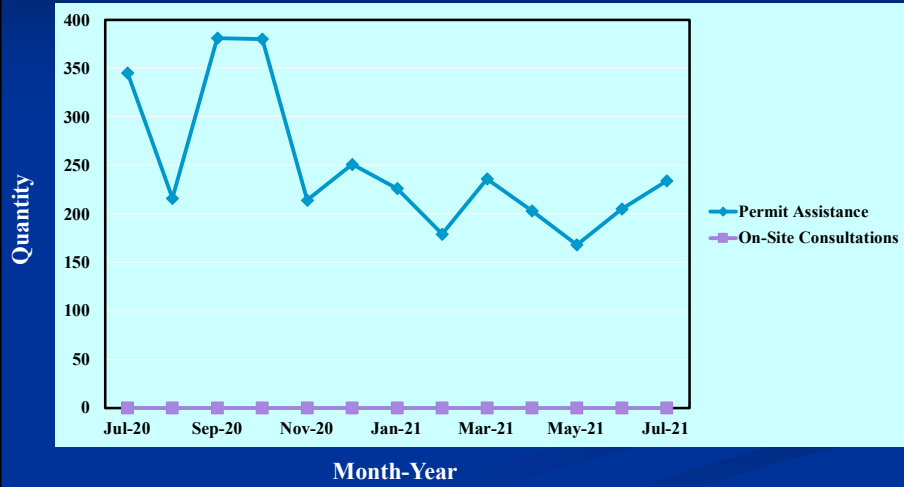


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Small Business Activity July 2020 – July 2021



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