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Air District to reduce pollution in Southeast Los Angeles environmental justice communities

South Coast AQMD to hold kick-off meeting tonight in Huntington Park

DIAMOND BAR—The South Coast Air Quality Management District will host a community meeting today in Huntington Park, Calif., that will officially launch community-focused efforts to improve air quality in Southeast Los Angeles. The Southeast Los Angeles community, which includes Cudahy, Walnut Park, and major portions of South Gate, Florence-Firestone (eastern portion), Huntington Park (western portion), and Bell Gardens (southern portion), was recently designated by the California Air Resources Board to develop and implement community plans for measuring and reducing air pollution through the Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) which focuses resources in environmental justice communities.

“Many environmental justice communities continue to suffer from disproportionate impacts from air pollution,” said Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer for South Coast AQMD. “We are pleased to continue our efforts under AB 617, to provide additional resources, strategies and solutions that will further improve air quality in the most impacted communities.”

Tonight’s community meeting will provide an overview of the program and additional information on how to participate as a member of the Community Steering Committee (CSC). The CSC’s will include members of the public who live, work, or go to school within the communities and will be able to provide input, recommendations and feedback on the development and implementation of both the Community Air monitoring Plan and the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) in Southeast Los Angeles.

The meeting will be held:

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Social Hall at Salt Lake Park
3401 E. Florence Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255

Each plan under AB 617 is unique to the community and will be created in collaboration with the CSC. Air monitoring data will help provide more specific information on air pollution within the community and will be used to support actions to improve air quality. The CERP will include specific actions that go beyond existing regional efforts by South Coast AQMD and other agencies, to reduce emissions through regulation, enhanced enforcement, incentives and other efforts.

To read more about South Coast AQMD's AB 617 Community Air Protection Program, visit www.aqmd.gov/ab617.

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