

# REGIONAL CLEAN AIR COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

## Community Air Protection Program (CAPP)

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:30-7:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026 5:30-7:00 pm**

Thursday, April 30, 2026 5:30-7:00 pm

Thursday, May 14, 2026 5:30-7:00 pm



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Promoting environmental  
justice through inclusion

## CONSENSUS BUILDING



Supporting community  
partnerships by building  
trust and mutual respect

## MEETING FACILITATION



Facilitating complex  
conversations to achieve  
community-focused resolution

# LAND AND LABOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Community Engagement and Air Programs (CEAP) division of South Coast AQMD, we acknowledge that we are on the ancestral land of the Cahuilla, Serrano, and Gabrielino/Tongva people. We also honor the labor of the people who have and do reside here and their efforts to foster a healthier environment and enhance the quality of life for all residents and community stakeholders. We are excited to be in a communal space as we reflect on our relationships with both the land and one another to celebrate the progress and achievements of our collaborative efforts.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND AIR PROGRAMS (CEAP) DIVISION



Enhance

Enhance public education and equitable treatment for all communities

Identify

Identify gaps in employee awareness of community issues and community engagement throughout the region

Increase

Increase collaboration within and between communities of community issues and community engagement throughout the region



WELCOME,  
OUTCOMES &  
INTRODUCTIONS



SOUTH COAST  
AQMD & AB 617  
OVERVIEW



COMMUNITY  
DIALOGUE



NEXT STEPS

# AGENDA

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# MEETING OUTCOMES

1

Share information about Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) & ongoing South Coast AQMD community incentives

2

Listen to attendees' air quality concerns to determine next steps for emission reduction benefits in your community

3

After tonight, connect within communities to further discuss specific community concerns

# LET'S MEET OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS



## **ZOOM POLL**

HOW DID YOU HEAR  
ABOUT TONIGHT'S  
MEETING?



## **ZOOM CHAT**

INTRODUCE YOURSELF &  
COMMUNITY IN THE  
CHAT



# WHO IS SOUTH COAST AQMD?

We are the **Regional Government Agency** that cleans the air to protect public health

## Meet State and Federal Clean Air Standards

- Air Quality Management Plan
- Adopt air quality rules and regulations

## Enforce South Coast AQMD Rules

- Permitting and facility inspections
- Responding to air quality complaints

## Clean Technology

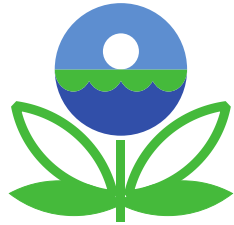
## Air Monitoring

## Public Outreach and Education



# AIR QUALITY AGENCIES

## Federal



### United States Environmental Protection Agency

Sets and enforces national air quality standards. Regulates interstate transportation.



Trains



Ships



Planes

## State



### California Air Resources Board

Regulates mobile sources of air pollution, greenhouse gases, and consumer products



Cars



Trucks



Buses

## Local

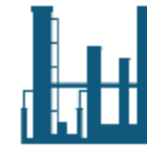


### Local Air Districts

Regulate stationary and local sources of air pollution



Factories

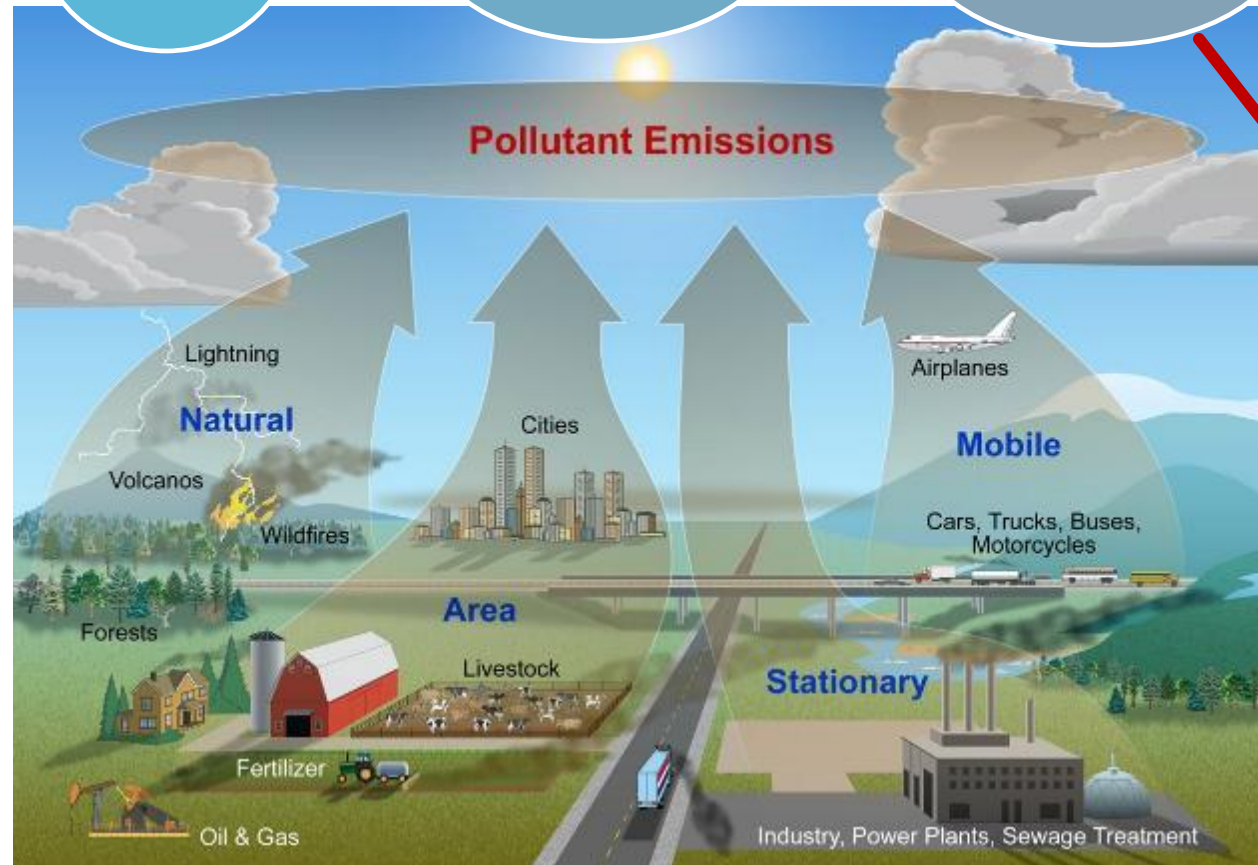
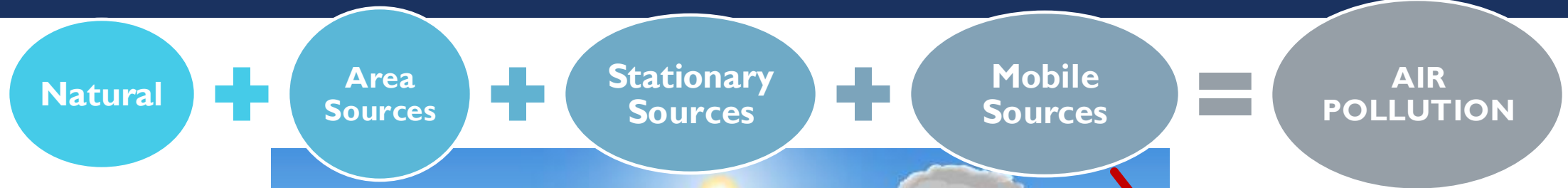


Refineries



Residential woodstoves

# SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION



Contribute to nearly 80% of the total air pollution – such as trucks, marine vessels, trains, construction equipment

# TYPES OF REGULATED FACILITIES



**Automotive Painting**



**Gas Stations**



**Dry Cleaners**



**Hospitals**

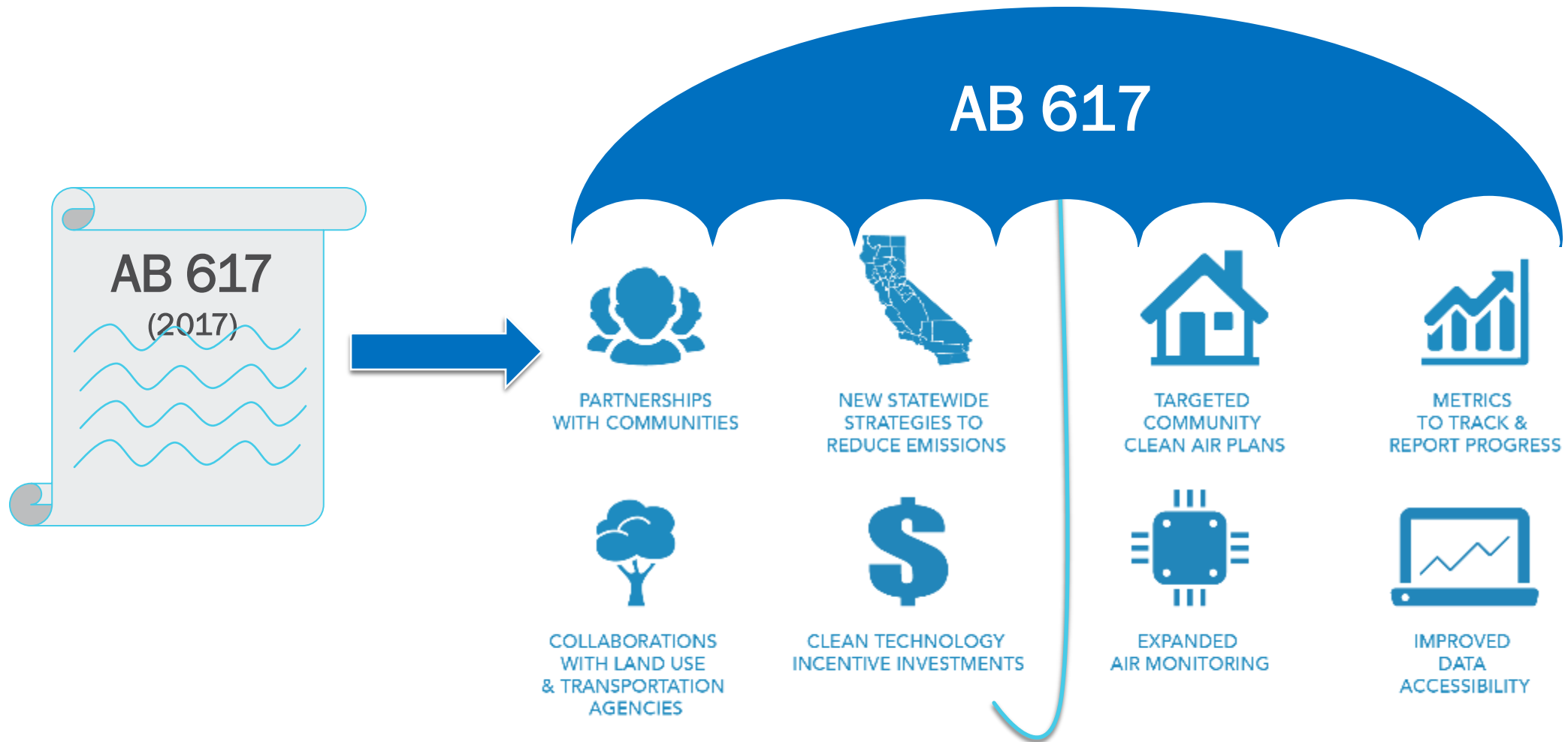


**Refineries**



**Power Plants**

# OVERVIEW OF ASSEMBLY BILL 617



# AB 617 – KEY RESPONSIBILITIES



## CARB

- Strategies to benefit communities statewide
- Establishing Program requirements
- Program oversight
- Community Air Grants



## Local Air Districts

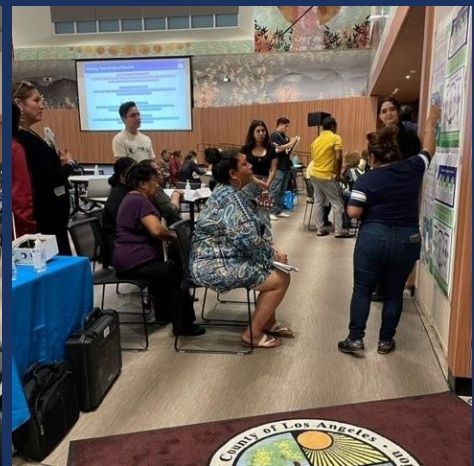
- Partnering with communities on community air monitoring and community emissions reduction programs
- Rules requiring stronger pollution controls on industrial sources
- Administering incentive funding



## Communities

- Providing direction on community concerns and local and statewide programs
- Partnering with air districts on community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs

Public/Community Engagement



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE YEARS

# WHAT WE PREVIOUSLY LEARNED

## (LA COUNTY)

### Community Air Quality Concerns



Trucks



Freeway Traffic



Rail



Toxics



Refineries / Industry



Waste Pollution



Ports



Dust

# PAST COMMUNITY FEEDBACK & SUGGESTIONS (Los Angeles County)



Air quality education



Greater enforcement for facilities of concern



Buffer between industry/freeway and residences



Improved public transit



Focus on cumulative impacts of air pollutants



Home and school air filtration



Electrification of trucks & zero-emission vehicles



Improve collaboration with local government



Incentive Programs to reduce emissions



Improved spatial coverage of air monitoring

# INCENTIVE FUNDING



# EXAMPLES OF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS



## Carl Moyer Program

- Trucks, off-road, marine vessels, locomotives, cargo handling and infrastructure
- Voluntary Program
- Accelerates commercialization of cleanest technology
- Reduces air pollution in communities disproportionately impacted



## Clean Community School Initiative

- Privately-owned fleets
- Replacement of diesel, compressed natural gas and propane school buses for zero-emission school buses
- Charging infrastructure
- Currently open



## Clean Community Emergency Generator Replacement Project

- For schools, colleges, city-owned facilities, hospitals and other sensitive receptors
- Replacement of diesel emergency generators for zero-emission generators
- Solar and battery storage configuration



## Clean Community Service Vehicle Replacement Program

- Funding for refuse trucks, street sweepers, utility trucks, senior shuttle buses, emergency vehicles for zero-emission vehicles

Community Informed Feedback



# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK RECEIVED DURING THE SAN BERNARDINO REGIONAL MEETING

- **Immediate protection from pollution and air monitoring**
  - Air filters for homes and schools
  - Better local air monitoring
  - Action now, not just long-term plans
- **Stronger limits on development**
  - Fewer warehouses and trucks near neighborhoods
  - Better land-use planning and protection of open space
  - More community say in zoning decisions
- **Fair access to funding**
  - Incentives that reach small businesses and independent truck drivers,
  - Easier application process and better outreach
- **Stronger prevention policies**
  - Better rules on truck routes, zoning, and siting of industry near homes and schools
- **Youth involvement**
  - Air quality education in high schools
  - More youth leadership opportunities
- **More accountability**
  - Clear follow-up on how community input is used
  - More action, less repeating concerns year after year

# WHAT ARE YOUR COMMUNITY'S AIR QUALITY CONCERNS?



WHAT TYPES OF INCENTIVE PROJECTS DO YOU THINK WOULD BE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

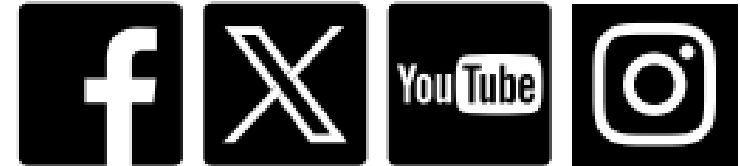
# NEXT STEPS – IN PERSON COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

Regional Clean Air Community  
Conversations



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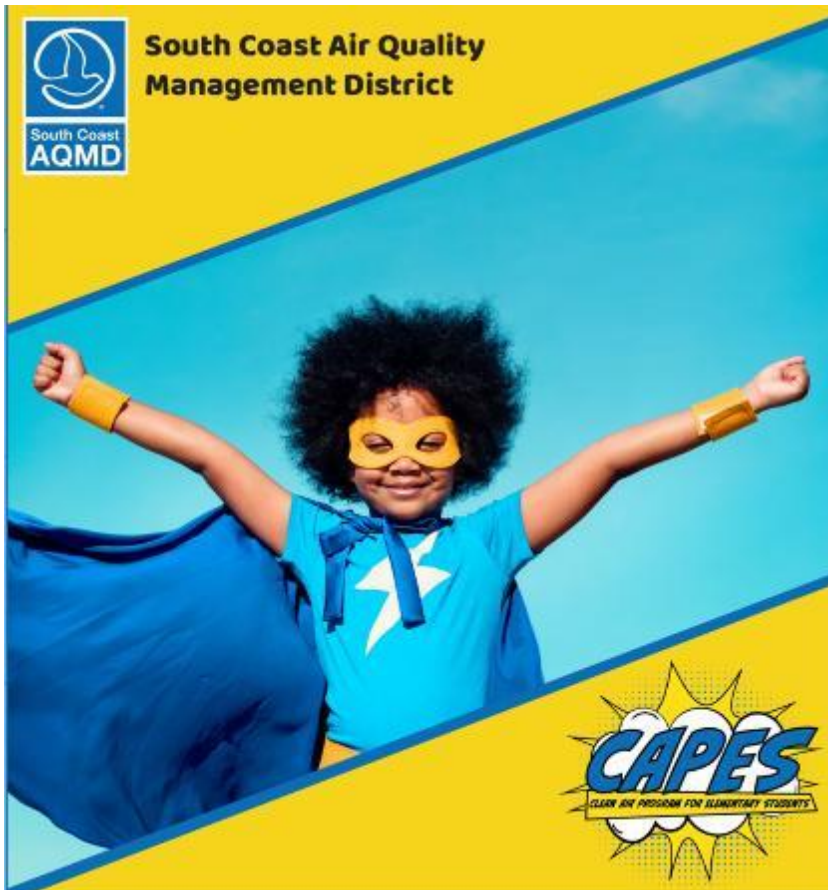
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# TOOLS & RESOURCES



# CAPEs - CLEAN AIR PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

# WHAM – WHY HEALTHY AIR MATTERS



## Information / información:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/education>

The image is a promotional graphic for the WHAM program. It features the 'WHAM' logo in large orange letters, with the tagline 'Why Healthy Air Matters' and 'Air Quality Education by South Coast AQMD' below it. To the right of the logo is a small illustration of a globe. Below the logo, there is a circular inset image of a young girl wearing a pink shirt and a black and white patterned face mask. The background is a light blue gradient. The text 'Middle School & High School Air Quality Education Program by South Coast AQMD' is centered below the logo. Below that, there are three sections: 'WHAT IS THE WHAM PROGRAM?', 'WHY IS THE WHAM PROGRAM IMPORTANT?', and 'What does each participating school receive?'. The 'WHAT IS THE WHAM PROGRAM?' section describes the program as a free air quality education program for high school and middle school students. The 'WHY IS THE WHAM PROGRAM IMPORTANT?' section states that the region suffers from some of the poorest air quality in the nation and does not meet federal standards for ozone and fine particulate matter. The 'What does each participating school receive?' section states that each participating teacher will receive access to the WHAM curriculum as well as the supplies and materials needed to successfully complete the lessons and experiments. In the bottom right corner, there is a 'CONTACT US' section with the text 'For more information about the program or to refer a school for potential participation, please visit [AQMD.gov/WHAM](https://www.aqmd.gov/WHAM) or contact:'. A small footnote at the bottom left states '\*Due to limited resources, only teachers are eligible to receive supplies for assignments from South Coast AQMD.'.

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=en8QvEmg288&t=9s>

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2y5RpI00eo>



# SCAQMD SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The mission of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's SCAQMD Public Advisor's Small Business Assistance Office is to help small business owners comply with clean air rules and regulations, and ensure that small business owners have a voice in the rule development process.

## Frequently Asked Questions

	<b>What defines a small business?</b> A business having 100 or fewer employees or with annual gross revenues up to \$5 million.
	<b>How much do SCAQMD's small business assistance services cost?</b> SCAQMD provides these services free of charge. Please call 1-800-388-2121 or visit us at <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov">www.aqmd.gov</a> .
	<b>What types of services are available?</b> • Technical Assistance - completing permit applications, issuing clearance letters and assisting with fee review filings. • Financial Assistance (dry cleaning grants). • Hearing Board Assistance - help with variance applications.
	<b>What happens if a business owner cannot complete required forms, or does not speak English?</b> SCAQMD can assist small business owners to complete all required forms. This assistance is available in multiple languages.
	<b>What happens if a business cannot immediately comply with air pollution control laws?</b> In order to continue operations, a business will need to obtain a variance by filing a petition and appearing before the SCAQMD Hearing Board.
	<b>What is the SCAQMD Hearing Board?</b> The SCAQMD Hearing Board is a five-member independent panel that hears appeals from businesses and the public. The Hearing Board has the authority to provide businesses temporary relief from rule requirements.
	<b>What kind of technical assistance is available?</b> SCAQMD's Public Advisor's Office has engineers and inspectors available to help small business owners understand SCAQMD rules and regulations, to provide no-fault inspections, and to assist businesses with regulatory record keeping.
	<b>What kind of financial assistance is available?</b> If you are a dry cleaner operating within SCAQMD's four county jurisdiction, SCAQMD can help you switch to a dry cleaning machine that does not use the toxic chemical perchloroethylene (perc). Grants up to \$20,000 are available. Please inquire about funding through other SCAQMD programs.
	<b>What is the SCAQMD Fee Review Committee?</b> The Fee Review Committee resolves fee related disputes between owner/operators and the SCAQMD. The Fee Review Committee has the authority to adjust fees or reinstate permits when an administrative error by the SCAQMD has occurred.

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*Cleaning the air that we breathe...™*



# Helping small businesses do their part

# *Ayudar a las empresas pequeñas a hacer su parte*

<https://www.aqmd.gov/programs/business-detail?tid=small-business-assistance>

## HOW TO REPORT AN AIR QUALITY COMPLAINT



There are 3 ways to file:



Call 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664)



Visit [www.AQMD.gov/Complaints](http://www.AQMD.gov/Complaints)



Download the South Coast AQMD app and select "1-800-CUT-SMOG"



Date and time of the air quality event



Type of air quality event (odors, dust, asbestos, smoke, etc.)



Odor description (gas, chemical, rotten eggs or other familiar odor)



Address or location of suspected source

Please have ready:

@SouthCoastAQMD



## CÓMO PRESENTAR UNA QUEJA SOBRE LA CALIDAD DEL AIRE



Hay tres formas de presentar la queja:



Llame al 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664)



Visite [www.AQMD.gov/Complaints](http://www.AQMD.gov/Complaints)



Descargue la aplicación de South Coast AQMD y seleccione "1-800-CUT-SMOG"



Fecha y hora del incidente de calidad del aire



Tipo de incidente relacionado con la calidad del aire (olores, polvo, asbestos, humo, etc)



Descripción del olor (gas, producto químico, huevos podridos u otro olor familiar)



Dirección o ubicación de la fuente presunta

Por favor, tenga listo:

@SouthCoastAQMD



# SOUTH COAST AQMD APP

## ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- Fully translated to Spanish
- Interactive air quality map
- Forecasted air quality
- Configurable air quality notifications
- Integrated temperature information
- Animated weather background
- Alternative fuel stations
- Call 1-800-CUT•SMOG at the touch of a button



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# NEXT STEPS

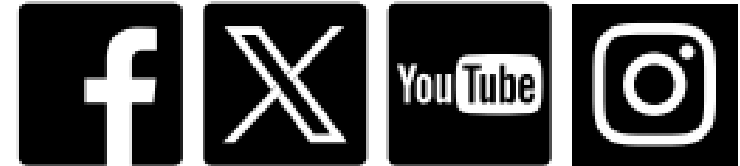
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# Community Air Protection Program (AB 617)

## Regional Clean Air Community Conversations



South Coast AQMD is holding a series of virtual conversations across the region focused on improving air quality and strengthening community partnerships. City & county leaders, residents, community organizations and anyone interested in local air quality issues are encouraged to attend.

### These sessions are an opportunity to:



Learn about the Community Air Protection Program (AB 617) and ongoing South Coast AQMD incentives that may benefit your community



Share your air quality concerns and priorities



Discuss potential community events, gatherings, and collaborations



Help identify local partners and opportunities for community engagement

Spanish translation will be available (additional language accommodations can be made with at least 10-day advance notice). For more information, contact Evangelina Barrera at [ebarrera@aqmd.gov](mailto:ebarrera@aqmd.gov) or (909) 396-2583.

Region	Date and Time	Zoom Link
San Bernardino County	Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<p><b>English Sessions Link:</b> <a href="https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1603638721">https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1603638721</a></p> <p><b>Spanish Sessions Link:</b> <a href="https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1611042947">https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1611042947</a></p> <p>Teleconference Dial In +1 669 254 5252</p>
Riverside County	Wednesday, April 29, 2026 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	
Los Angeles County	Thursday, April 30, 2026 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	
Orange County	Thursday, May 14, 2026 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	



# Programa Comunitario de Protección del Aire (AB 617)

## Charlas comunitarias sobre el aire limpio en la región



South Coast AQMD está organizando una serie de charlas virtuales en toda la región enfocadas en mejorar la calidad del aire y fortalecer las alianzas comunitarias. Invitamos a participar a los líderes de la ciudad y el condado, a los residentes, a las organizaciones comunitarias y a todas las personas interesadas en la calidad del aire en su comunidad.

### Estas sesiones son una oportunidad para:



Obtener información sobre el Programa Comunitario de Protección del Aire (AB 617) y los incentivos vigentes de South Coast AQMD que podrían beneficiar a su comunidad



Compartir sus inquietudes y prioridades sobre la calidad del aire



Conversar sobre posibles eventos, encuentros y colaboraciones en la comunidad



Ayudar a identificar aliados locales y oportunidades para la participación comunitaria

Estará disponible el servicio de interpretación al español (también se pueden solicitar adaptaciones en otros idiomas con un mínimo de 10 días de anticipación). Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Evangelina Barrera a [ebarrera@aqmd.gov](mailto:ebarrera@aqmd.gov) o (909) 396-2583.

Región	Fecha y hora	Enlace de Zoom
Condado de San Bernardino	Miércoles, 15 de abril de 2026 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.	<p><b>Enlace para las sesiones en inglés:</b> <a href="https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1603638721">https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1603638721</a></p> <p><b>Enlace para las sesiones en español:</b> <a href="https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1611042947">https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1611042947</a></p> <p>Acceso telefónico para la teleconferencia: +1 669 254 5252</p>
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Condado de Los Ángeles	Jueves, 30 de abril de 2026 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.	
Condado de Orange	Jueves, 14 de mayo de 2026 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.	

