

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

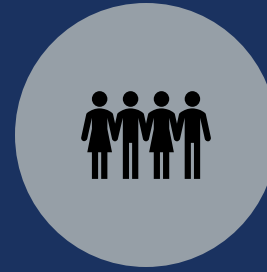
Increase collaboration within and between communities of community issues and community engagement throughout the region



WELCOME,
OUTCOMES &
INTRODUCTIONS



SOUTH COAST
AQMD & AB 617
OVERVIEW



COMMUNITY
DIALOGUE



NEXT STEPS

AGENDA

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

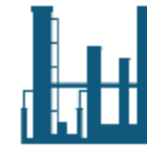


Local Air Districts

Regulate stationary and local sources of air pollution



Factories

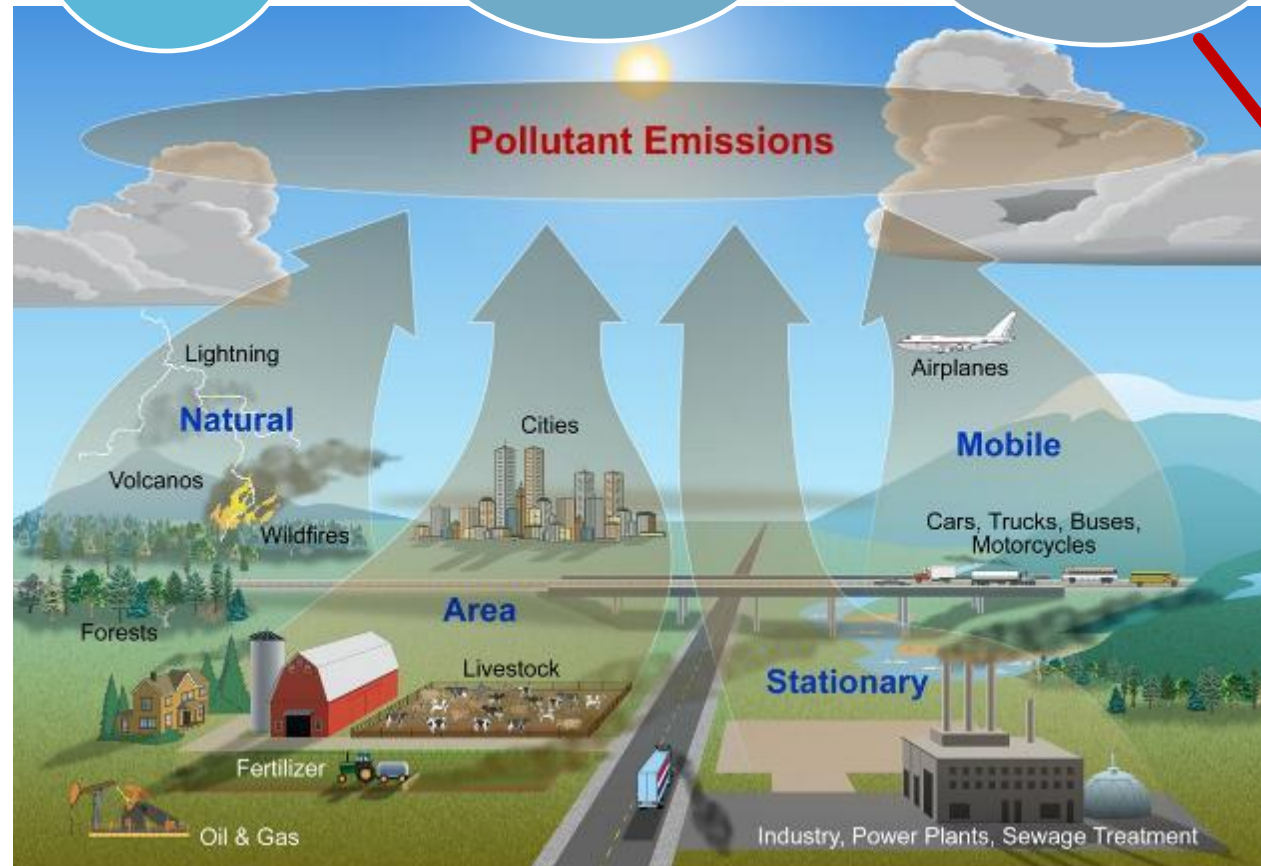


Refineries



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

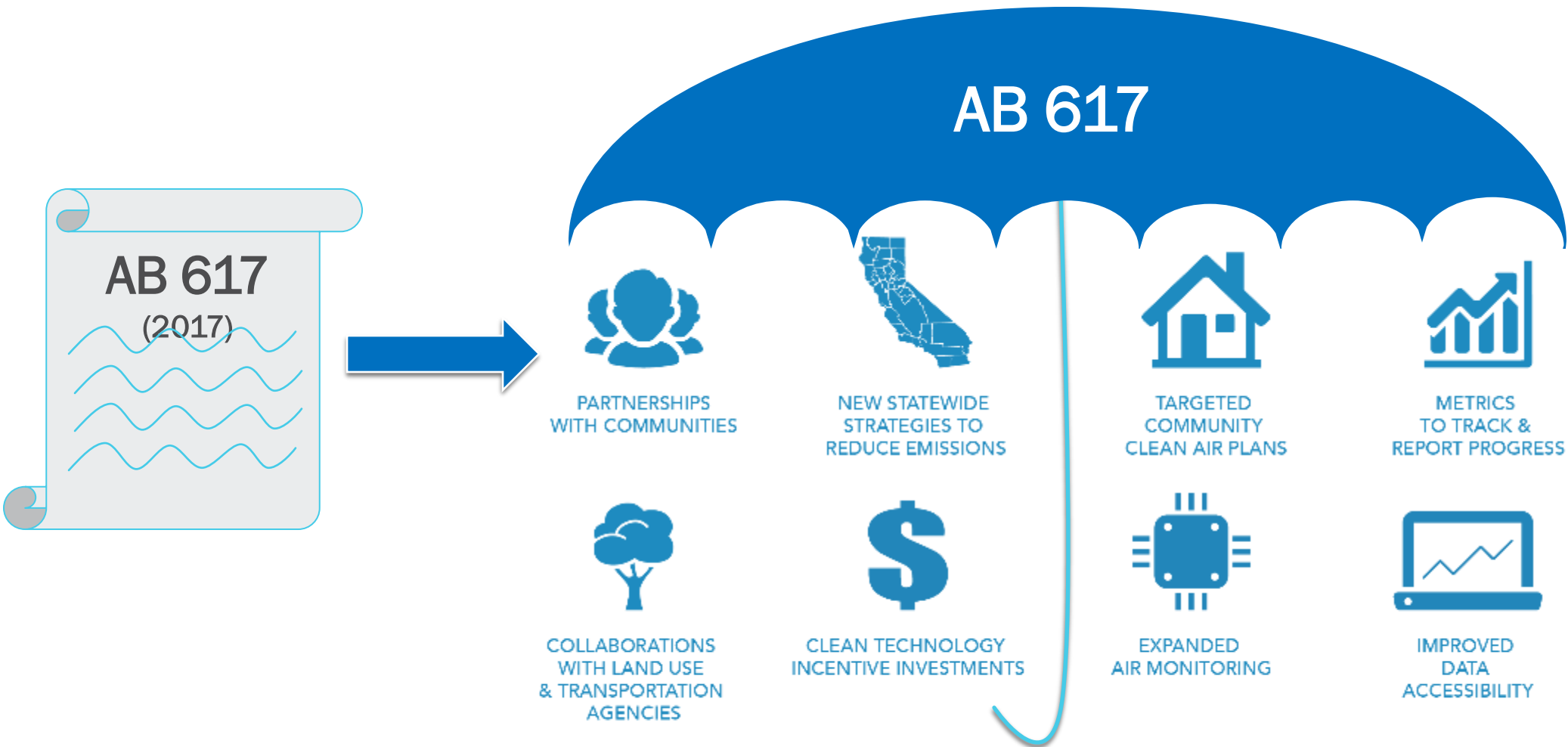


Refineries



Power Plants

OVERVIEW OF ASSEMBLY BILL 617



AB 617 – KEY RESPONSIBILITIES



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



Local Air Districts

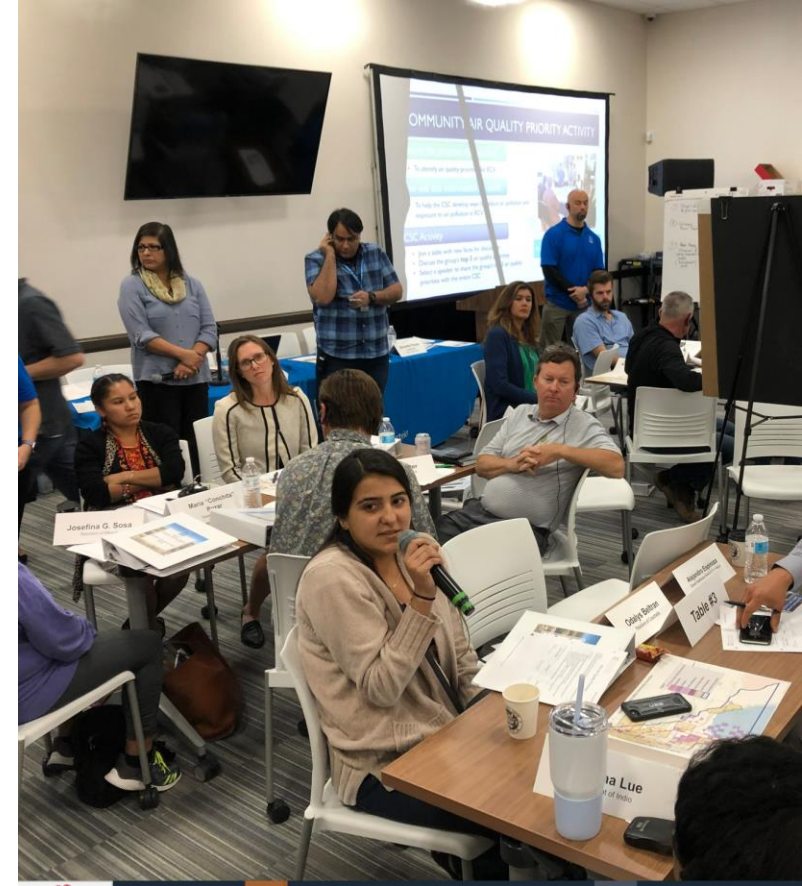
- Partnering with communities on community air monitoring and community emissions reduction programs
- Rules requiring stronger pollution controls on industrial sources
- Administering incentive funding



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



RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE YEARS

WHAT WE PREVIOUSLY LEARNED

(RIVERSIDE COUNTY)

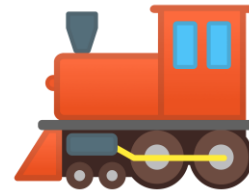
Community Air Quality Concerns



Trucks
(idling and
neighborhood
truck traffic)



Freeway Traffic



Rail



Dust



Industry / Warehouses



Health Impact Disparities



Public Transit

PAST COMMUNITY FEEDBACK & SUGGESTIONS

(Riverside County)

 Air quality education

 Greater enforcement for facilities of concern

 Buffer between industry/freeway and residences

 Green spaces

 Charging stations and infrastructure

 Home and School air filtration

 Electrification of trucks & zero-emission vehicles

 Improve collaboration with local government

 Incentive Programs to reduce emissions

 Improve transit

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 ARE SOME INCENTIVE PROJECTS THAT MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

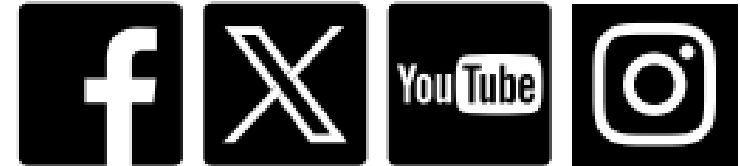
NEXT STEPS – IN PERSON COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

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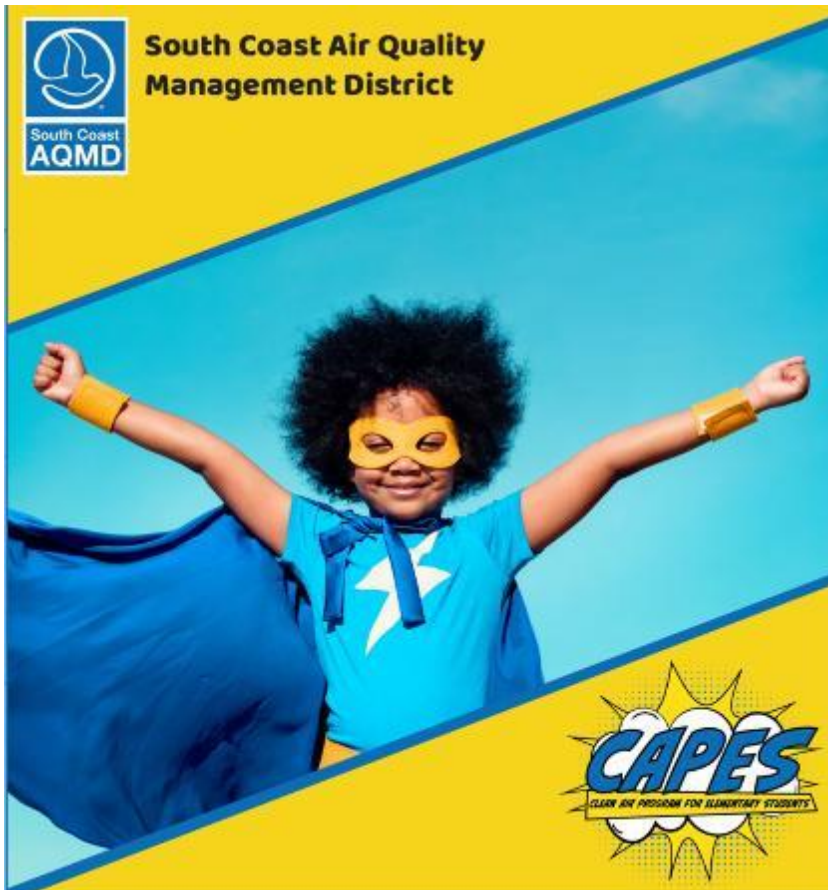
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TOOLS & RESOURCES



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 below the logo describes the program and provides information about the South Coast AQMD and contact details.

WHAM
Why Healthy Air Matters
Air Quality Education by South Coast AQMD

Middle School & High School
Air Quality Education Program
by South Coast AQMD

WHAT IS THE WHAM PROGRAM?
The WHAM Program is South Coast AQMD's free air quality education program for high school and middle school students. After school programs, clubs, and other organizations are also eligible to participate in the program. The program utilizes a curriculum developed by South Coast AQMD, which is aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

WHY IS THE WHAM PROGRAM IMPORTANT?
This region suffers from some of the poorest air quality in the nation and does not meet federal standards for:

- Ozone (smog)
- Fine particulate matter (PM2.5)

WHAM increases awareness of air quality issues in communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, especially within environmental justice communities, and seeks to introduce students to potential academic and career pathways related to air quality.

What does each participating school receive?*
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. WHAM provides teachers with flexible options to accommodate their classes and their students' needs.

*Due to limited resources, only teachers are eligible to receive supplies for assignments from South Coast AQMD.

WHAT IS SOUTH COAST AQMD?
The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the regional air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. South Coast AQMD's mission is to clean the air and protect the health of all residents in the South Coast Air District through practical and innovative strategies.

CONTACT US
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:

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

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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

	What defines a small business? A business having 100 or fewer employees or with annual gross revenues up to \$5 million.
	How much do SCAQMD's small business assistance services cost? SCAQMD provides these services free of charge. Please call 1-800-388-2121 or visit us at www.aqmd.gov .
	What types of services are available? • 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.
	What happens if a business owner cannot complete required forms, or does not speak English? SCAQMD can assist small business owners to complete all required forms. This assistance is available in multiple languages.
	What happens if a business cannot immediately comply with air pollution control laws? In order to continue operations, a business will need to obtain a variance by filing a petition and appearing before the SCAQMD Hearing Board.
	What is the SCAQMD Hearing Board? 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.
	What kind of technical assistance is available? 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.
	What kind of financial assistance is available? 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.
	What is the SCAQMD Fee Review Committee? 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.

South Coast Air Quality Management District • Visit us at www.aqmd.gov or call 1-800-388-2121

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
-  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:







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
-  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:



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



Download South Coast AQMD's Mobile App

NEXT STEPS

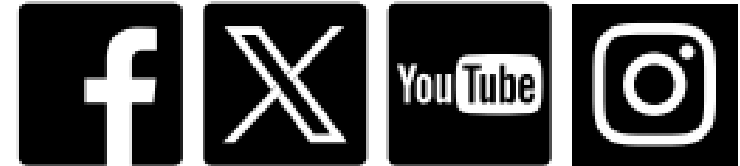
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Community Air Protection Program (AB 617)

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 or (909) 396-2583.

Region	Date and Time	Zoom Link
San Bernardino County	Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	<p>English Sessions Link: https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1603638721</p> <p>Spanish Sessions Link: https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1611042947</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 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>Enlace para las sesiones en inglés: https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1603638721</p> <p>Enlace para las sesiones en español: https://aqmd.zoomgov.com/j/1611042947</p> <p>Acceso telefónico para la teleconferencia: +1 669 254 5252</p>
Condado de Riverside	Miércoles, 29 de abril de 2026 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.	
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.	

