



2026 PROGRAM **AB 617**

3RD ALL COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE (CSC) EVENT

SOUTH COAST AQMD INVITES ALL AB 617 COMMUNITY
STEERING COMMITTEE (CSC) STAKEHOLDERS TO CONNECT
WITH COMMUNITIES, SHARE THEIR VOICES, AND HELP
SHAPE WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE FUTURE OF AB 617

Saturday, October 24, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



WELCOME

CEAP 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.



Greetings from CEAP Division

We are honored to welcome community members and colleagues to our 3rd Annual AB 617 All Community Steering Committee (CSC) Event. We are grateful that we have reframed the origins of the AB 617 program to now include multiple opportunities for CSC engagement across the region. For the past three years, we have gathered in this shared space to reflect on our connection to the land and to one another, to celebrate the progress made through our collective efforts and to address the changes of AB 617 moving forward.

Given the unprecedented and intersecting concerns each of our communities are experiencing, we are grateful that you have joined us today. Our communities have been and are still being challenged. Although we have not all been together since the beginning of this hard-fought process, it is your willingness to engage and dialogue that has enabled meaningful strides in improving air quality and public health.

Today's event is grounded in respect for residents' lived experiences and community expertise as essential assets in our work. As multiple injustices intersect with environmental and air-quality issues, we are deeply appreciative that community members continue to stay engaged in these efforts through challenging times.

Our agenda is interactive and designed to foster new connections, expand knowledge and skills, and strengthen our partnerships so that we adapt to evolution of the AB617 program. As we move ahead, we hope to deepen the trust, build on the successes and journey together toward our common vision for healthier air, resilient communities, and sustainability for current and future generations.

*Dr. Anissa Cessa Heard-Johnson
Deputy Executive Officer,
Community Engagement and Air Programs*

Welcome Community Members! On behalf of the CEAP Division, we are honored to host our 3rd Annual AB 617 All Community Steering Committee Event to not only reflect on our air quality accomplishments together in the most heavily impacted communities in South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, but to continue our conversations and building upon our commitments to further improve air quality in your neighborhoods.

We are so excited being on this journey with our Community Engagement and Air Program team and with you the community, as we look to bring forth focused community emission reduction programs that will further reduce the air quality impacts in additional overburdened communities, while continuing engagement with our six original AB 617-designated communities.

Looking ahead, we continue to align our efforts with Blueprint 2.0, CARB's statewide strategy on AB 617 implementation, focusing on providing incentives that will reduce emissions. From our Clean Community School Bus Initiative, where we replace old diesels school buses with zero-emission replacements, to the Regional Road Paving Program, where South Coast AQMD will partner with public entities to pave dirt road to minimize fugitive dust, our efforts on providing these programs will be collaborative and purposeful, with the goal of improving the quality of life for you and your neighborhoods. I am excited and honored for the opportunity to work together on this path forward!

*Walter Shen,
Director,
Community Engagement and Air Programs*

Agenda

8:30 AM	Doors Open at 8:30 am	Lobby
9:00 AM	Check-In and Registration - Pick up welcome packet - Breakfast	Lobby/AQMD Cafe
10:00 AM	Welcome / Opening Remarks - South Coast AQMD Executive Leadership - Program Update - Community Steering Committee (CSC) Recognition	Auditorium
10:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Jan Victor Andasan: From Grassroots to Strategy: Development Director & Consultant with 10+ Years in EJ, Policy, and Organizing Expert in Grant Writing & Storytelling Creating Community Champions: Future Community Engagement	Auditorium
11:25 AM	Group Photo	Auditorium
11:30 AM - 12:15 pm	Networking Lunch	Cafeteria
12:30 PM - 2:00 pm	Panel Discussion From Community Science to Community Organizing: Real Work, Real Wins	Auditorium
2:00 pm	Community Resources & Connections	Lobby Area
3:00 pm	Conclusion of Program CSC Transportation Pick-up	

Event Map



Emcee: Angie Balderas

Angie is a dedicated advocate and long-time community organizer for social justice who has lived in the Inland Empire for over 30 years. She works as a Digital Strategist/Organizer and Communications Coordinator for the People's Collective for Environmental Justice and serves on several boards, including the Environmental Justice Advisory Board for the South Coast Air Quality Management District and The Garcia Center of the Arts.

Keynote Speaker: Jan Victor Andasan

Jan Victor Andasan (Siya/They/Them/Theirs) is a queer non binary sober immigrant Pilipino. They immigrated and grew up in West Long Beach until their family settled in a home in Carson. Jan Victor attended UCLA and received a BA Asian American Studies with a concentration in Pilipin@ Studies. During their tenure at UCLA, they were involved with organizing students of color, LGBTQ issues, and various issues affecting underrepresented communities.



Panelists

Estephanie Garcia

Estephanie Garcia is the Air Quality Education & Outreach Coordinator at PSR LA. Their role is to bring communities together to create the livable spaces we all deserve. They work at the intersection of reducing air pollution and improving community health by connecting partner organizations, people, and causes to advance healthier, more equitable neighborhoods.



Dr. Ryan Sinclair

Ryan G. Sinclair, PhD, MPH, BCES, is a Board-Certified Environmental Scientist and Professor at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health. He was awarded the 2021 Clean Air Scientist Award (Robert M. Zweig, M.D. Memorial Award) at South Coast AQMD's 32nd Annual Clean Air Awards for his outstanding contributions to air pollution health research and community health. An active contributor to Assembly Bill 617 initiatives, Dr. Sinclair serves on the Community Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Group for the San Bernardino, Muscoy, and Eastern Coachella Valley communities, partnering with local residents to advance community science, exposure monitoring, and actionable clean air solutions.



Magali Sanchez-Hall

Magali Sanchez-Hall is the Founder and Executive Director of EMeRGE Environmental Justice, a community-based organization dedicated to addressing the environmental and public health impacts experienced by residents of Wilmington and communities surrounding the Port of Los Angeles. Her work focuses on air-quality monitoring, reducing pollution from refineries and goods movement, advancing zero-emission transportation, expanding access to green careers, and ensuring that frontline communities have a meaningful role in environmental decision-making.



Mary Valdemar

Mary Valdemar has been organizing in the Inland region for over 30 years. She began her journey as a student at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) on occupied Yuhaaviatam Maara'yam land where she learned grassroots organizing through MEChA, Child Development and local shared governance. As a poet, artist and spoken word activist she uses her voice to bring thunder and lightning to the issues in our community.



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