

## Post-Year 5 Governance and Community Engagement

As required by Blueprint 2.0, South Coast AQMD is providing this addendum as an assessment of the Community Steering Committee (CSC) process, evaluating its effectiveness, inclusivity, community engagement and governance of meetings conducted—highlighting strengths, gaps, and future recommendations for clear, transparent, and community-friendly communications for Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) implementation.

South Coast AQMD continues to deepen its commitment to community-led air quality improvements through sustained relationship building under the AB 617 program. A core component of this effort is the robust and evolving framework of community interaction facilitated through Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings, subject-focused working team meetings, and the Post-Year 5 Transition (PY5T) Working Team meetings. These platforms are designed to expand and strengthen participation from CSC members, consistently nominated AB 617 communities, community stakeholders and members of the public. In 2025, these PY5T meetings were focused on the 2018 designated CSC communities, and this year transitioned focus to the 2019 designated CSC communities, including Eastern Coachella Valley and Southeast Los Angeles.

Through active participation in these various forums, CSC members play an essential role in guiding the implementation of the Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERPs), while maintaining close, ongoing relationships with Community Liaisons and AB 617 staff. This open line of communication enables ongoing responses to community concerns, fosters mutual accountability, and creates a feedback loop for improving existing and future initiatives.

To support and evaluate the effectiveness of these efforts, staff utilize a comprehensive Engagement Tracker that documents all community interactions — including email, phone calls, in-person visits, and virtual sessions. This tool provides valuable insights into the depth and reach of engagement efforts over time.

A summary of engagement activities includes:

- A detailed list of CSC, working team, listening sessions, office hours and Post-Year 5 meetings;
- Meeting attendance records, including Zoom participation;
- Viewership metrics from livestreamed sessions on Facebook Live.

Together, these efforts demonstrate South Coast AQMD's ongoing efforts in thorough, responsive, and transparent engagement with communities most affected by air pollution.

## AB 617 Meetings and Metrics

### Community Steering Committee Meetings

Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings are a central part of the AB 617 program, designed to ensure community voices are at the heart of local air quality planning and community guidance. CSC meetings are required under Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617), which aims to reduce air pollution in communities most impacted by environmental and health disparities. These meetings are essential for building trust, promoting accountability, and ensuring community priorities are central to all air quality improvement strategies designed in each Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP). CSC meetings are public meetings where residents, local organizations, business representatives, community organizations and other community stakeholders from AB 617-designated communities work directly with the South Coast AQMD, partner agencies, and CSC members to:

- Identify and prioritize local air pollution concerns
- Develop and oversee CERPs and Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMP)s
- Provide feedback on projects, strategies, and funding opportunities
- Collaborate on solutions tailored to their community's environmental and public health needs

#### Key Features of a CSC Meeting:

- **Community-Driven:** Residents and stakeholders help shape agendas, priorities, and CERP objectives.
- **Collaborative:** Meetings include South Coast AQMD staff, community members, local agencies, and sometimes academic or technical advisors.
- **Transparent:** Meetings are open to the public and include accessible materials, multilingual interpretation, and virtual recordings.
- **Ongoing:** After CERP development process, CSCs meet quarterly throughout the year to monitor progress, adjust plans, and address emerging concerns until CERP completion.

### Working Teams

In partnership with CSC members and/or co-leads, South Coast AQMD has developed a structured and community-centered strategy for the implementation of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) and community engagement. This working team model emphasizes shared leadership, community-driven priorities, and transparent decision-making to ensure effective and equitable outcomes. The following are working teams that have been created to encourage CSC member dialogue and feedback:

*AB 617 Post-Year 5 Transition:* In 2025, the AB 617 Post-Year 5 Transition (PY5T) working team meetings were designed to guide communities and stakeholders through the next phase of the AB 617 program following the initial five years of implementation and meet regularly with CSC communities who have reached their fifth year in the program.

The purpose of the PY5T meetings is to reflect on progress and assess what has been accomplished during the first five years, including progress made on Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERPs), monitoring initiatives, and community capacity building. By identifying these challenges and lessons learned to inform the next phase, South Coast AQMD intends to support continued community engagement to ensure that CSC members and other stakeholders remain engaged beyond the initial implementation phase. Maintaining open communication channels between community members, South Coast AQMD, and other community stakeholders through a long-term sustainability plan, the

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PYST meetings explored how emission reduction strategies and sustainable community engagement efforts will continue beyond the initial AB 617 funding and identify opportunities for ongoing monitoring, enforcement, and investment.

CSC members discussed the importance of how to expand and evolve participation and re-engaging with consistently nominated AB 617 communities and encourage involvement from new voices (e.g., youth, local organizations, underserved groups). CSC members discussed ways to initiate mentorship of existing AB 617 CSC communities for consistently nominated communities (CNCs) and Community Air Grant (CAG) recipients. CNCs are defined as localized geographic areas that have been recommended for inclusion in the Community Air Protection Program. These areas have been nominated since the program's inception in 2018 but have not been formally selected by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) governing board.

Discussions on the evaluation of the program structures gave CSC members the opportunity to review how certain structures and processes for CSCs, working teams, and engagement methods could have better aligned with long-term goals and community needs.

The overall goal of these discussions is to transition the AB 617 program from a five-year implementation focus into a long-term, sustainable model of community-driven air quality improvement, while ensuring community voices continue to shape decision-making and accountability remains strong.

*Budget / CERP Implementation Working Team:* In 2020, the Eastern Coachella Valley CSC was the first South Coast AQMD CSC to convene focused discussions for various subject-specific topics, such as Budget/CERP Implementation, Charter, Monitoring, and Outreach. These working teams meet as-needed, often on a weekly basis.

Initially, the Budget working team began focusing on understanding the implementation and incentives budgets of the program, and how projects are prioritized and funded. This working team has shifted its focus on how to implement the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) objectives in a way that reflects community priorities. Members discuss budget planning, funding opportunities, and implementation strategies to ensure resources are used effectively and equitably. The team helps guide decisions on which projects move forward and how progress is tracked.

*Charter:* These meetings provide CSC members and community stakeholders with a space to collaboratively develop and refine the CSC's Charter—a foundational document that outlines the group's shared goals, responsibilities, decision-making processes, and expectations for participation. The goal of the Charter Working Team is to ensure that the CSC operates with transparency, accountability, and equity, while reflecting the unique values and priorities of the designated communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley and South LA CSCs.

*Monitoring:* This working team helps shape the air monitoring efforts implemented in the Eastern Coachella Valley and South LA CSCs. Eastern Coachella Valley working teams primarily focused on air quality issues affected by pesticides, the Salton Sea, agricultural operations, fugitive dust and diesel mobile sources. In South LA monitoring working team meetings, CSC members provided input on where and what to monitor specific to oil and gas sites, auto-body shops and general industrial facilities in South LA community. CSC members work with South Coast AQMD staff to review data, identify

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monitoring locations, and ensure the community's air quality concerns are addressed. The goal is to make sure monitoring supports both the CERP and local needs.

*Outreach:* The Outreach working team focuses on making sure community members stay informed and involved. This includes helping to create flyers, events, and communication materials that are clear, accessible, and culturally relevant. The team supports broader engagement by helping connect with residents who may not regularly attend meetings.

*Community Mobility:* In the South Los Angeles CSC, additional working teams have been implemented and meet quarterly. The Community Mobility Working Team aims to identify engagement strategies, workshops, and collaborative tools that empower residents to: document their experiences of air pollution and lived experiences; advocate for improvements from agencies regulating air quality; increase awareness of and accessibility to environmental wellness tools; identify gaps in engagement; and continue building a collective grassroots movement to shape air quality in South LA. This Working Team has four main goals: engage the CSC with the implementation of mobile source rules and regulations; prioritize a list of schools to inform the installation of air filtration systems; support community-led projects for safer routes and mobility; and our new funding opportunities for air filtration systems.

*Just Transition:* In defining just transition, the core principles of the framework are to: protect health and quality of life; ensure economic stability; incorporate economic justice (ensure equity exists in transitions by taking into account diverse backgrounds and lived experiences that impact businesses and people); and improve air quality in the community. The goals of this Working Team are to: educate the community and facilities about requirements and best options for emission reduction; uplift CSC members to become potential leaders in our working team; identify funding and budgets for safer alternatives; and address the volume of activities for unpermitted and permitted facilities.

*Oil And Gas:* The Oil and Gas Working Team has five main goals: organize the CSC to identify facilities of concern; engage CSC in the development and implementation of Rule 1148 series; coordinate with the CalGEM on inspections; inform the community or other agencies' authority and their new or ongoing projects; and identify strategies and funding opportunities to implement best practices.

### Onboarding Workshops

Onboarding new community members are essential for ensuring a smooth and successful integration into the community. Workshops helped introduce new members to the community's mission, values, guidelines, and structure and provided a refresher for current CSC members. Roles and responsibilities within the community members and South Coast AQMD staff were identified and set appropriate expectations for participation. These onboarding workshops also provide an opportunity for new members to interact with existing members, community leaders and staff.

These onboarding workshops not only to provide information on general overview of the AB 617 program, the CERP and CAMP, charter, stipends, etc., but also to engage new CSC members to become active contributors who feel comfortable, informed, and connected within the community.

## Additional Meeting Forums

### *Agenda Setting Meetings*

In preparation for Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings, South Coast AQMD staff also hosts Agenda Setting Meetings for community members to collaborate directly with staff to identify and prioritize topics of interest for upcoming CSC meetings. These sessions provide an important opportunity for community voices to help shape meeting content, ensuring that discussions remain relevant, responsive, and grounded in local priorities.

### *Co-Lead Retreats*

South LA CSC Co-leads, CARB staff, and community members gathered for an in-person retreat to reflect on the past year, refine the South LA CSC Charter, and strengthen collaboration. Small group discussions focused on accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned, while setting goals for Working Teams and participatory budgeting. A draft calendar was reviewed, and a new Working Team was formed to continue Charter revisions. The retreat reinforced shared commitments to environmental justice, transparent decision-making, and community-led implementation.

### *Community Tours*

Community Tours continue to be a powerful tool to foster education, dialogue, and deeper local engagement. These tours have successfully brought together CSC members, South Coast AQMD staff, and community-based organizations (CBOs) to directly observe and discuss sources of air pollution and community health concerns in specific neighborhoods.

#### **East LA, West Commerce, Boyle Heights**

Led in collaboration with organizations like Legacy LA, the tour examined rail corridors, industrial zones, and the Alameda Corridor. CSC members gained insight into legacy pollution, heavy truck traffic, and gaps in green infrastructure. The experience provided a valuable foundation for building future strategies to address rail emissions, land use concerns, and youth-centered environmental advocacy.

#### **Eastern Coachella Valley**

This tour brought attention to agricultural fields, pesticide monitoring sites, and dust emission hotspots. Residents and local advocates offered insight into how land use patterns, lack of buffer zones, and unpaved roads contribute to chronic respiratory health issues. The tour strengthened collaboration between CSC members and agricultural experts and built momentum for enhanced air monitoring and pesticide notification systems.

#### **Ontario/Pomona**

Focusing on rail activity and its impacts, this tour revealed community concerns around diesel emissions, noise pollution, and health risks near major railyards. Participants observed the need for stronger mitigation at rail-adjacent neighborhoods and better communication with freight operators. The tour led to productive dialogue on clean locomotive technology and land use planning.

#### **Paramount**

Participants toured facilities identified as emission sources—many near homes and schools. The tour included discussions about past metal-processing emissions and highlighted improvements in enforcement and community trust-building. Residents expressed appreciation for increased transparency and monitoring, while noting the need for continued vigilance.

### **South Los Angeles**

With support from community co-leads, this tour focused on oil and gas extraction sites and auto body shops, where residents shared longstanding concerns about odors, emissions, and potential health impacts. The tour helped deepen understanding of localized industrial activity and emphasized the importance of community-led enforcement and permit reform. Active participation from co-leads helped bridge trust and spark renewed interest in long-term solutions.

### **San Bernardino / Muscoy**

This tour centered on rail emissions and goods movement corridors, with residents pointing out how freight traffic disproportionately impacts low-income communities. Engagement focused on monitoring gaps, buffer zones, and collaborative solutions with rail operators. The tour built on long-standing community efforts to improve air quality and land use around railyards.

### **Southeast Los Angeles (SELA)**

Touring SELA communities highlighted the stark lack of green space and the environmental burden placed on densely populated neighborhoods. Participants visited locations identified for potential greening and environmental justice investments. The tour reinforced how air quality goals must intersect with equitable access to green infrastructure and park space.

### **Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach**

Focused on ports, refineries, and goods movement corridors, this tour highlighted the close proximity of industrial operations to homes, schools, and parks. Community members shared firsthand accounts of daily exposure to emissions from refineries, container trucks, and port operations. The tour elevated awareness of cumulative impacts and reinforced the urgency of strategies for cleaner trucks, port-related monitoring, and stricter enforcement in frontline neighborhoods.

Across all AB 617 community tours, common themes emerged around the impacts of industrial activity, goods movement, and inadequate land use planning on air quality and public health. Emissions sources such as rail yards, freight corridors, ports, refineries, agricultural operations, metal-processing facilities, oil and gas sites, and auto body shops were consistently identified as major concerns. Communities highlighted diesel emissions, pesticide exposure, dust, odors, and noise pollution, especially in areas near homes, schools, and parks. Key priorities included stronger enforcement, buffer zones, cleaner technologies, increased monitoring, and equitable access to green space. These tours also reinforced the value of community-led solutions, enhanced transparency, and ongoing collaboration with local organizations to address environmental justice and health disparities.

To further strengthen equity and sustained engagement, South Coast AQMD has continued conducting outreach and research with CBOs from consistently nominated communities, including those not yet formally designated as AB 617 communities. These efforts include:

- One-on-one meetings with CBOs to understand local environmental priorities
- Sharing tools, data, and AB 617 program information with emerging community leaders
- Offering technical assistance to help CBOs participate in future nomination cycles
- Listening sessions to identify barriers to participation and co-develop solutions

This approach ensures that community voices remain at the center of decision-making and that future community selection processes are informed by grassroots insights and environmental justice needs.

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### *Office Hours*

Staff and SLA CSC community co-leads met with CSC members and residents to review the Draft Project Plan for the SLA Professional Wet Cleaning Conversion Project. Discussions covered permitted facility identification, emissions tracking, project eligibility, cost guidelines, and next steps for the RFP timeline. The session also introduced plans for a facility tour and encouraged community feedback during the open comment period. The conversation helped clarify project details and emphasized the importance of community input in shaping implementation. Additionally, staff provided office hours for stipends, green spaces, and other specific topics.

### *Regional Clean Air Community Conversations*

South Coast AQMD hosted regional community conversations to hear directly from residents and community partners throughout the region about air quality priorities and opportunities to expand AB 617 incentive funding to CNCs. The discussions focused on how Community Air Protection (CAP) funds can support cleaner technologies, reduce air pollution, and address local community needs.

## AB 617 CSC Meeting Attendance and Views

This table presents a chronological summary of community engagement metrics for AB 617-related meetings, including, but not limited to Community Steering Committee (CSC) meetings, Post Year 5 Transition (PY5T) meetings, Working Team meetings (WTM) beginning June 2024 when this requirement was incorporated into the Annual Progress Report. Each entry includes the meeting date, meeting title, participation attendance (including in-person and Zoom participants), and online viewership (Facebook Live or other streaming platforms, where applicable). The table provides an overview of community involvement over time and helps assess outreach effectiveness and engagement trends.

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| <b>June 5, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Just Transition<br>WTM<br>5:30 – 6:45 pm<br>CSC:<br>Zoom: 47<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>June 6, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 10<br>Zoom: 60<br>Facebook Live: 15 | <b>June 12, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Participatory Budget<br>WTM<br>5:30 – 6:45 pm<br>CSC: 14<br>Zoom: 50<br>Facebook Live: 13 | <b>June 13, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>WCWLB CSC<br>2:00 – 4:30 pm<br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 75<br>Facebook Live: 14    |
| <b>June 20, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 46<br>Facebook Live: 17                  | <b>June 27, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 15<br>Zoom: 85<br>Facebook Live: 35 | <b>August 24, 2024</b><br>In-Person<br>All CSC: APR Meeting<br>8:30 am - 3:30 pm<br>CSC: 91<br>Zoom: 170<br>Facebook Live: 39    | <b>September 5, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>5:00 - 7:30 pm<br>CSC: 10<br>Zoom: 64<br>Facebook Live: 25 |

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| <b>September 26, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>Onboarding Workshop<br>5:30 - 6:30 pm<br>CSC: 12<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: N/A        | <b>October 3, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>WCWLB CSC<br>2:00 - 4:00 pm<br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 78<br>Facebook Live: 17                              | <b>October 4, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA Bidder's Conference<br>2:00 - 3:00 pm<br>CSC: 0<br>Zoom: 22<br>Facebook Live: N/A             | <b>October 17, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC CSC<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 55<br>Facebook Live: 17               |
| <b>October 24, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>South LA CSC<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 15<br>Zoom: 80<br>Facebook Live: 15                  | <b>November 7, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 7<br>Zoom: 60<br>Facebook Live: 18                              | <b>November 14, 2024</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00 - 8:00 pm<br>CSC: 9<br>Zoom: 54<br>Facebook Live: 14                             | <b>January 8, 2025</b><br>South LA<br>Virtual<br>Intro to WTM<br>5:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 27<br>Zoom: 72<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
| <b>January 9, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>All CSC Onboarding<br>Workshop<br>5:30 - 6:30 pm<br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 26<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>January 16, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>5:00 - 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 15<br>Zoom: 60<br>Facebook Live: 20                              | <b>January 22, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Post Year 5 Transition<br>Workshop<br>5:30 - 6:30 pm<br>CSC: 22<br>Zoom: 61<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>January 30, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00 - 8:00 pm<br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 40<br>Facebook Live: 12                   |
| <b>February 13, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>South LA CSC<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 27<br>Zoom: 77<br>Facebook Live: 40                 | <b>February 19, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Post Year 5 Transition<br>Workshop<br>5:30 - 6:30 pm<br>CSC: 26<br>Zoom: 62<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>February 27, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>WCWLB CSC<br>2:00 - 4:00 pm<br>CSC: 10<br>Zoom: 71<br>Facebook Live: 22                          | <b>March 5, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Just Transition<br>WTM<br>5:30 - 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 23<br>Zoom: 53<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
| <b>March 12, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Just Transition Office<br>Hours<br>CSC: 4<br>Zoom: 14<br>Facebook Live: N/A                   | <b>March 13, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 10<br>Zoom: 85<br>Facebook Live: 26                               | <b>March 19, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Post Year 5 Transition<br>5:30 - 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 26<br>Zoom: 62<br>Facebook Live: N/A               | <b>March 21, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV Monitoring WTM<br>2:00 - 3:30 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 33<br>Facebook Live: N/A         |

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| <b>March 27, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 2<br>Zoom: 44<br>Facebook Live: 13  | <b>April 2, 2025</b><br>SLA Community Air<br>Monitoring WTM<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 20<br>Zoom: 53<br>Facebook Live: N/A         | <b>April 10, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm<br>CSC: 6<br>Zoom: 38<br>Facebook Live: 24                          | <b>April 16, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Post Year 5 Transition<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 12<br>Zoom: 48<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
| <b>April 17, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>5:00 - 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 7<br>Zoom: 54<br>Facebook Live: 28      | <b>April 24, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA Green Space<br>Office Hours<br>4:00 – 6:30 pm<br>CSC: 0<br>Zoom: 13<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>April 30, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV WTM<br>4:30 – 5:30 pm<br>CSC: 1<br>Zoom: 5<br>Facebook Live: N/A                          | <b>May 7, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Community<br>Mobility<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 21<br>Zoom: 52<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
| <b>May 15, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>WCWLB CSC<br>2:00 - 4:00 pm<br>CSC: 7<br>Zoom: 70<br>Facebook Live: 20      | <b>May 21, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Oil & Gas WTM<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 14<br>Zoom: 54<br>Facebook Live: N/A                 | <b>May 21, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Post Year 5 Transition<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 15<br>Zoom: 42<br>Facebook Live: N/A           | <b>May 29, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC CSC<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 41<br>Facebook Live: 8                 |
| <b>June 4, 2025</b><br>In-person<br>South LA Co-Lead<br>Workshop<br>CSC: 6<br>Zoom: N/A<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>June 5, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 2<br>Zoom: 46<br>Facebook Live: 12                            | <b>June 12, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Diesel Mobile Source<br>Workshop<br>5:00 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 10<br>Zoom: 70<br>Facebook Live: 32 | <b>June 18, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Post Year 5 Transition<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 21<br>Zoom: 54<br>Facebook Live: N/A  |
| <b>June 26, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 13<br>Zoom: 51<br>Facebook Live: 16      | <b>July 10, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>5:00 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 43<br>Facebook Live: 20                            | <b>July 17, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm<br>CSC: 7<br>Zoom: 38<br>Facebook Live: 16                           | <b>July 30, 2025</b><br>All CSC Onboarding<br>Workshop<br>5:30 -6:30 pm<br>CSC: 23<br>Zoom: 39<br>Facebook Live: N/A      |

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| <b>August 13, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm<br>CSC: 25<br>Zoom: 55<br>Facebook Live: N/A            | <b>August 14, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 63<br>Facebook Live: 15      | <b>August 20, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>APR<br>5:30 – 7:30 pm<br>CSC: 25<br>Zoom: 69<br>Facebook Live: 23                   | <b>August 28, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 4<br>Zoom: 82<br>Facebook Live: 21                  |
| <b>September 11, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>4:00 – 6:00 pm<br>CSC: 27<br>Zoom: 90<br>Facebook Live: 89          | <b>September 12, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>10:00 – 11:30 pm<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 21<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>September 17, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>Community Mobility<br>WTM<br>5-7 pm<br>CSC: 24<br>Zoom: 64<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>September 25, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>WCWLB CSC<br>2-4 pm<br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 81<br>Facebook Live: 138                        |
| <b>October 1, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Wet/Dry Cleaning<br>Office Hours<br>CSC: 18<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>October 9, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>5:00-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 61<br>Facebook Live: 20         | <b>October 15, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Oil & Gas WTM<br>CSC: 27<br>Zoom: 67<br>Facebook Live: N/A                     | <b>October 16, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 53<br>Facebook Live: 20                     |
| <b>October 25, 2025</b><br>In-Person<br>All CSC Event<br>CSC: N/A<br>Zoom: N/A<br>Facebook Live: N/A                   | <b>October 30, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 7<br>Zoom: N/A<br>Facebook Live: 111     | <b>November 6, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 2<br>Zoom: 42<br>Facebook Live: 101            | <b>November 11, 2025</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Just Transition<br>WTM<br>5:30-7:30 pm<br>CSC: 19<br>Zoom: 52<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
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| <b>February 11, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA WT Recap & Orientation<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 42<br>Zoom: 75<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>February 12, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br><br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: 27                                 | <b>February 18, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>PY5T<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 8<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: 27               | <b>February 26, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>ELA CSC<br><br>CSC: 4<br>Zoom: 48<br>Facebook Live: 36                            |
| <b>March 4, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Oil & Gas WTM<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 33<br>Zoom: 72<br>Facebook Live: N/A              | <b>March 12, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 36<br>Zoom: 95<br>Facebook Live: 37                       | <b>March 17, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA WTM Office Hours<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 30<br>Zoom: 63<br>Facebook Live: 37 | <b>March 18, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>PY5T<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 30<br>Zoom: 50<br>Facebook Live: 37                     |
| <b>March 26, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>WCWLBC CSC<br>2:00-4:00 pm<br>CSC: 9<br>Zoom: 59<br>Facebook Live: 9                       | <b>March 31, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC Truck Routes<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 48<br>Facebook Live: N/A                          | <b>April 2, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>Incentive Funding Update<br>CSC: 20<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: N/A             | <b>April 8, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Monitoring WTM<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 38<br>Zoom: 65<br>Facebook Live: N/A       |
| <b>April 9, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SBM CSC<br>6:00-8:00 pm<br>CSC: 7<br>Zoom: 50<br>Facebook Live: 4                           | <b>April 15, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>RCACC – San Bernardino County<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 4<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>April 23, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 6<br>Zoom: 45<br>Facebook Live: 21              | <b>April 29, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>RCACC – Riverside County<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 2<br>Zoom: 57<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
| <b>April 30, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>RCACC – Los Angeles County<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 2<br>Zoom: 53<br>Facebook Live: N/A     | <b>May 6, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Community Mobility WTM<br>5:00-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 29<br>Zoom: 60<br>Facebook Live: N/A      | <b>May 7, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>ECV CSC<br>5:00-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 6<br>Zoom: 41<br>Facebook Live: 5                   | <b>May 13, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA Oil & Gas WTM<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 40<br>Zoom: 66<br>Facebook Live: N/A         |

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| <b>May 14, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>RCACC – Orange<br>County<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: N/A<br>Zoom: 49<br>Facebook Live: N/A | <b>May 21, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>ELABHWC CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 46<br>Facebook Live: 5         | <b>June 4, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 27<br>Zoom: 75<br>Facebook Live: 34     | <b>June 17, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>PY5T<br>5:30-7:00 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 35<br>Facebook Live: N/A |
| <b>July 9, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SELA CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 3<br>Zoom: 51<br>Facebook Live: 27                    | <b>August 27, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>Special ELABHWC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 5<br>Zoom: 66<br>Facebook Live: 19 | <b>September 3, 2026</b><br>Virtual<br>SLA CSC<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>CSC: 32<br>Zoom: 76<br>Facebook Live: 8 |                                                                                                     |

### Assessment: Accessibility and Inclusion

South Coast AQMD's AB 617 program continues to demonstrate a strong and consistent commitment to ensuring accessible and inclusive engagement for all community members participating in the AB 617 program, particularly those involved in the Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) Community Steering Committee and its Working Teams.

#### Use of Community-Friendly Materials and Plain Language

South Coast AQMD continues to prioritize the development and delivery of plain-language presentations, visual aids, and culturally relevant materials that make complex air quality topics easier to understand. Materials shared during Working Team and CSC meetings were designed with accessibility in mind, reducing technical jargon and promoting greater participation from residents of all backgrounds.

#### Language Access and Interpretation

Recognizing the linguistic diversity of the ECV region, South Coast AQMD ensured that all meetings—both virtual and in-person—offered live interpretation services, including Spanish and other needed languages, allowing non-English-speaking residents to engage meaningfully. All meeting materials were translated, and bilingual staff were present to support communication needs during workshops and community forums.

#### Virtual & In-Person Access

South Coast AQMD continues to host virtual meetings, in-person engagements with streaming access via Zoom and Facebook Live for wider community reach. Public interactions through phone, email, mail, and virtual platforms are encouraged to maintain continued community engagement. Facebook Live offered ongoing public access, extending transparency to community members unable to attend in real-time.

### Ongoing Outreach and Training

In addition to CSC meetings, South Coast AQMD hosted onboarding workshops, just transition sessions, and technical trainings such as, but not limited to Intro to Working Team Meetings, Post-Year 5 Transition” community info sessions, Regional Clean Air Community Conversations with CNCs. These efforts supported not only active CSC members but also new participants seeking to better understand the AB 617 process.

### Multiple Channels for Community Input

South Coast AQMD provided a wide range of communication pathways, including:

- Email inbox dedicated to AB 617 comments
- Phone calls, general email inquiries, and combination communications
- Mailed materials and hard copy access for community members without internet connectivity

South Coast AQMD’s AB 617 program continues to set a strong standard for equitable engagement, through its multilingual access, hybrid meeting formats, community-friendly content, and diverse communication channels. These efforts are key to building trust, transparency, and sustained community involvement in environmental decision-making.

### Methods of Communication

- Open invitations via AB 617 comments and inquiry inboxes gathered additional community input.
- Feedback prompted directly during CSC sessions.
- Transparent agenda-setting, strong facilitation, timely follow-up materials.
- Improved technical language barriers.

### Recommendations for Improvement on Current AB 617 Program and Post-Implementation

To further enhance the AB 617 community engagement process both with current AB 617 CSCs and with Consistently Nominated Communities as the program evolves towards implementation of Blueprint 2.0, South Coast AQMD will implement the following strategies:

- Structured surveys at the end of each CSC meeting to assess whether meetings are meaningful, clear, and accessible to all participants.
- Continued outreach to youth and consistently nominated communities to diversify and strengthen engagement.
- Consideration of meeting fatigue and barriers to participation, ensuring that meetings remain accessible and engaging.
- Use of plain language summaries and multilingual translations to make materials understandable to a broader audience.
- Implementation of flexible meeting formats, including hybrid and virtual options, to accommodate varied community needs and preferences.
- Thought Partnership collaborations with AB 617 CSC members and revisiting lessons learned with community stakeholders as staff work toward the engagement of Consistently Nominated Communities within the South Coast AQMD region.

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These improvements aim to ensure inclusive, responsive, and effective community participation as the AB 617 program transitions into its next phase of implementation and collaboration.

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