



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Richard Corey  
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Re: Final Submittal from South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD): Community Recommendations for AB 617 Year 2 Implementation

Dear Mr. Corey:

The South Coast AQMD staff has prepared this report in order to continue implementing the community-based engagement, monitoring, and emission reduction elements of Assembly Bill (AB) 617. The attached report contains the recommendations for the communities for Year 2 implementation, along with information about the technical assessment and public process that helped inform these recommendations. South Coast AQMD staff has built upon the technical evaluation and prioritization process from the initial implementation (Year 1), and has conducted additional public outreach and gathered community input to recommend two communities for Year 2 of this program. The Year 2 self-nomination forms from these outreach efforts are also attached. The South Coast AQMD is proposing to implement this program in two additional communities by developing community emissions reduction plans and air monitoring plans in close collaboration with the Community Steering Committees. The content and timing of the plans will be responsive to community concerns, and existing and future air monitoring data.

An uncertainty of the AB 617 program is the amount of funding allocated to South Coast AQMD. South Coast AQMD received \$10.8 million for the initial implementation of AB 617 and \$20 million for the first year of this program. Additionally, in 2019, South Coast AQMD was awarded approximately \$85 million in total grant funding through the Community Air Protection funds for implementing incentive projects to benefit AB 617 communities and other disadvantaged communities in the region. Looking ahead to the future of this program, and based on our experience developing community plans for the three Year 1 communities, the anticipated resource needs to support South Coast AQMD's operational costs for ongoing implementation of

AB 617 is \$30.7 million per year. This assumes that two to three new communities are added each year, and each community program lasts approximately five years with a maximum of 14 communities in the program simultaneously. By securing a consistent source of funding, South Coast AQMD would be better positioned to plan for and implement the allocation of funds for the AB 617 communities. Also, providing additional CAP funds for incentive projects is expected to result in more emissions reductions for these communities.

The South Coast AQMD remains committed to ensuring the success of the AB 617 program, which serves to address air pollution problems in our most burdened and disadvantaged communities. We look forward to our ongoing collaborations with your staff as we work toward implementing this important program.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

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Enclosures:

- Final Submittal from South Coast AQMD: Community Recommendations for AB 617 Year 2 Community Plans Implementation
- Year 2 Self Recommendation Forms