



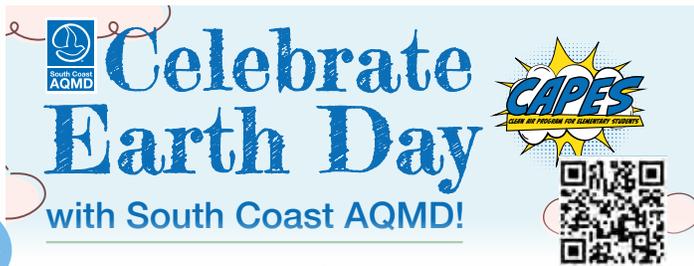
# CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2026 WITH SOUTH COAST AQMD



South Coast AQMD will celebrate Earth Day 2026 with two free virtual events designed to engage and educate students across the region. On April 22, South Coast AQMD will host interactive webinars through its Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) programs, which serve elementary, middle, and high school classrooms.

This year's Earth Day events will feature more interactive and engaging formats, moving beyond traditional presentation-style webinars to encourage greater student participation and sustained engagement. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, students will learn about air quality, South Coast AQMD's mission, and how they can help protect the air we breathe — while also exploring environmental and air quality career pathways.

South Coast AQMD will also participate in various Earth Day events throughout the region in support of our community partners. Follow @SouthCoastAQMD on all social media platforms for the latest updates.



## CAPES - Virtual Event: April 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our annual virtual Earth Day celebration! South Coast AQMD's Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) invites you to a free virtual webinar. In this interactive event, students will learn about the agency's mission and how they can do their part to help clean the air we breathe.

Register today! (<https://forms.office.com/g/RNjqhs9T1d>)

For more information, please contact (909) 396-2420 or [capinfo@aqmd.gov](mailto:capinfo@aqmd.gov).



## WHAM - Virtual Event: April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual virtual Earth Day celebration! South Coast AQMD's Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program invites you to a free virtual webinar. Students will learn about South Coast AQMD's mission, the importance of air quality, and hear from air quality professionals about environmental career pathways.

Register today! (<https://forms.office.com/g/Vd96h21rLb>)

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## AB 617 UPDATE

AB 617 is a community-based program that brings together residents, local businesses, health and environmental organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders to form Community Steering Committees (CSCs). These CSCs work together to develop and implement plans to help reduce air pollution in communities. These plans are known as Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs) and Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMPs). CERPs focus on community-identified air quality priorities while CAMPs provide localized strategies for air quality monitoring. All six communities within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction are currently in the implementation phase of their CERPs and CAMPs.

South Coast AQMD continues to hold quarterly meetings with CSC members and co-lead organizations to provide updates on the progress of plan implementation.

For more information on the AB 617 Program or meeting schedules, visit [www.aqmd.gov/ab617](http://www.aqmd.gov/ab617).

### Upcoming AB 617 Community Meetings:

- San Bernardino, Muscoy (SBM) – Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6-8 p.m.
- Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) – Thursday, April 23, 2026, 4-6 p.m.
- Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) – Thursday, May 7, 2026, 5-7 p.m.
- East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) – Thursday, May 21, 2026, 4-6 p.m.
- South Los Angeles (SLA) – Thursday, June 4, 2026, 4-6 p.m.
- Wilmington, Carson West Long Beach (WCWLB) – Thursday, June 18, 2026, 2-4 p.m.