

**AB 617 Community Steering Committee Selection Criteria**  
**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**

The District is seeking to provide opportunity for AB 617 Steering Committee participation to all applicants as feasible. With that in mind, a large committee is preferable to eliminating applicants while continuing to seek the balanced perspectives provided by the following criteria:

1. The majority of committee membership must be residents of the defined community.
2. The core of the steering committee should directly represent the residents and businesses in the community.
3. Additional committee members may include representatives from local community-based environmental justice organizations, city and county planning agencies, transportation agencies, health departments, and schools.
4. Only one steering committee member will be allowed from each organization address, to avoid loading the committee with a single perspective. The District will make an effort to select the first application received from a given affiliation. The selected steering committee member can speak for all applicants with same affiliation.
  - a. Applicants with same affiliation may volunteer a specific committee member from amongst themselves, and the District will make the adjustment to the committee membership list.
  - b. For continuity purposes, this committee member substitution may only occur once for a given affiliation.
5. Members may assign one alternate member that can sit in their place on the committee, if, for some reason, the main member cannot attend a meeting.
  - a. The alternate must be officially assigned as the member's sole alternate on the District's committee membership list.
  - b. The alternate must meet the same membership criteria as the main member, and must submit a committee membership application.
  - c. Main member will be responsible for keeping the alternate informed of committee activities and discussions so that continuous progress is possible without significant rehashing of previously discussed topics.
6. Applicants without valid affiliation are excluded from committee membership consideration, but will be invited to attend the committee meetings to provide input as members of the public:
  - a. Applicants who claimed residence affiliation only, but whose residence is not within community boundaries.
  - b. Business entities or associations without office address within community boundaries.
7. Government officials/agencies are entities that can take action, and are encouraged to participate. Government officials serve as full participants in the committee, except that they serve in an advisory role in final consensus building and decision making processes.