# Introduction to Components of a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP)

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# California Community Air Protection Program

- AB 617 Legislation established community-focused framework
- CARB's Community Air Protection Program implements AB 617
  - Community Grant Funding
  - Expanded Air Monitoring
  - -Improved Data Accessibility
  - Partnerships with Communities
  - -Statewide strategies to reduce emissions
  - Community Emission Reduction Programs (CERPs)
- Community Emission Reduction Programs:
  - -Advised by Community Steering Committee process
  - Lays out plan to reduce pollution in each selected community



# **Community Emissions Reduction Programs**

- Guidance on CERPs included in CARB's Community Air Protection Blueprint: Appendix C
- Elements of a CERP include:
  - Understanding the Community
  - -Community partnerships and public engagement
  - -What are the Air Pollution Challenges facing the community?
  - -What are solutions for these challenges?
  - -Implementation schedule
  - -Enforcement plan
  - -Metrics to track progress over time



# **Understanding the Community**

- Description of community boundaries, public health and socioeconomic factors, types of pollution impacting community
- Technical assessment to understand community pollution impacts
  - List of the key pollutants and emission sources driving community exposure
  - Analysis that assesses share of mobile, stationary, and area-wide source emissions contributing to community exposure
  - -Sensitive receptor locations within community (schools, day care, hospitals, etc.)
- Analysis of existing air quality programs in reducing emissions in community (emission reductions, local compliance, etc.)



# **Community Partnerships and Engagement**

- Community Steering Committee Activities and Input
  - -Committee makeup and Charter information
  - -Meeting details and minutes
  - -Website information
- Public Outreach Efforts and Results
  - -Community engagement efforts (workshops, Steering Committee meetings, other community engagement)
  - Plan for public engagement moving forward upon adoption of CERP
  - -Key takeaways from public input



# **Identifying Community Air Quality Concerns**

- Community-Identified Air Quality Priorities
  - Discussion of pollution concerns as indicated by Steering
    Committee members and the public
  - Pollution sources of priority will be highlighted and potential emission reduction measures will be analyzed for each source category
- Technical analysis of pollution sources impacting community
  - List of the key sources and source categories within and surrounding the community
  - Use tools (emissions inventory, emissions modeling, air monitoring)
    to better define emissions sources of concern



# **Pollution Reduction Strategies**

- Emission Reduction Incentive Funding Strategies
  - -Targeted funding to reduce pollution in the community (replace fireplaces, older cars, trucks, tractors, transit and school buses, lawnmowers, nut harvesters, etc.)
  - Additional outreach and education events (Drive Clean in the San Joaquin events, etc.)
- Regulatory Strategies
- Mitigation Strategies
- Other Strategies requiring communication with other agencies (Dept. of Pesticide Regulation, land use, transportation)
- Implementation Schedule
- Enforcement Plan



# **Pollution Reduction Targets**

- Health Based Air Quality Objectives
  - -e.g. reductions in PM2.5, air toxics
- Emissions reduction targets to be achieved within five years
- District will include numerical goals for mobile, stationary and area-wide sources of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants impacting the community, including:
  - Compliance goals
  - Goals for deploying or implementing available technologies or control techniques
  - Measureable goals for deploying or implementing exposure reduction measures at sensitive receptor locations



# **Metrics to Track Progress**

- Specify required annual metrics to track progress
  - Emission reductions achieved and progress towards meeting the individual emissions reduction targets for each pollutant
  - Dollars invested, reductions achieved, number of projects implemented in and/or benefitting the community for incentive strategies
  - Compliance, deployment and implementation goals for sources of identified pollutants
  - Emissions exposure reductions for sensitive receptors
  - Status of rules and regulations adopted or other strategies implemented
  - Additional enforcement activities
- Specify approaches for evaluating air quality and exposure at the five-year milestone



## 2019 Timeline for Shafter CERP

## **April**

Provide input on CERP: Components & outline

### May

Provide input on CERP: Potential Strategies

#### June

Provide input on CERP: Targets and Metrics

## July

Committee finalize input on CERP

## September

CERP adopted by District Governing Board

#### October

Adopted CERP sent to CARB for approval

Implementation & Annual Reports



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# **Questions for Steering Committee**

 District asking Community Steering Committee for thoughts and comments in the following areas: Comments or questions on lay-out and components of CERP ☐ Sources of pollution that are a concern to the community ☐ Ways to reduce pollution from these sources that you would like to see implemented, or would like to learn more about ☐ Emission reduction funding programs that you would like to receive more information about, or see increased funding in the community ■ What specific information and resources could assist the Steering Committee in providing meaningful input on the CERP?

