

2019 AB 617 Community Selections

Guidelines for Submitting a Community Self-Nomination

Through implementation of the Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Protection Program, new resources are available to California communities to reduce air pollution, improve quality of life, and help the region meet clean air mandates. AB 617 requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB), in consultation with local air districts and other stakeholders, to select disadvantaged communities around the State with high cumulative exposure burden for criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants for the deployment of community air monitoring systems and/or preparation of community emissions reduction programs. South Central Fresno and the City of Shafter were chosen for the initial year. CARB will be selecting additional communities to receive these clean air resources in December of 2019.

The Valley Air District will be working closely with San Joaquin Valley stakeholders, residents, businesses, environmental advocates, and community groups to identify communities for recommendation to CARB for selection. CARB's selection of additional communities will be based on a number of factors that characterize cumulative exposure to criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants within disadvantaged communities. Community member input is critical for this identification.

Community Member Input Needed

The Valley Air District is seeking community self-nominations for additional clean air resources to be allocated under AB 617. Recommendations can be submitted directly to the Valley Air District and/or to CARB in the form of a one-page write-up that includes:

- *Community location.*
- *Whether the community is nominating itself for deployment of a community air monitoring campaign, development of a community emissions reduction program, or both.*
- *A brief description of the community.*
- *A brief description of air pollution concerns in the community. If available, include information on sources of air pollution and air pollution impacts to the community.*

The community self-nominations will be included in technical evaluations completed by the District and/or CARB, which will guide the selection of communities identified for recommendation at the Valley Air District's Governing Board meeting in September, 2019, and CARB's ultimate selection of additional communities in December, 2019.

Please submit your community self-nomination to the Valley Air District via email to AB617@valleyair.org, or via postal mail to: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Attn: AB 617, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave, Fresno, CA, 93716.

If the community representative would like to submit their self-nomination directly to CARB, the nomination may be emailed to communityair@arb.ca.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you!