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Subject: AB 617

Hi Karen and Veronica,

Thank you again for CARB's efforts regarding AB 617. It is of course a challenging undertaking for many reasons, especially since your implementation charge is complicated by factors outside of your control, such as statutory timeframes, the great need in many communities, and vast geographic scope. On the whole, however, CARB is doing well, so thank you.

Although there are many disadvantaged and over-burdened communities, we submit that Lost Hills is an especially appropriate community to address for the following reasons (you have received our funding proposal):

- Lost Hills is located immediately next to and downwind of the Lost Hills Oilfield, which has over 5,200 active oil and gas wells (and an untold number of inactive wells, which continue to have adverse impacts).
- Lost Hills residents regularly smell noxious chemical odors coming from the oilfields and suffer chronic health impacts, such as skin rashes, burning eyes, respiratory issues, and other afflictions.
- The town is also bounded by vast expanses of agri-business orchards.
- It is a low-income, linguistically-isolated community.
- Clean Water Action (CWA) has been active in Lost Hills since 2014, including having conducted preliminary air monitoring, which found various hydrocarbon chemical compounds.
<https://www.cleanwateraction.org/sites/default/files/docs/publications/CaliforniansAtRiskFINAL.pdf>
- CWA has organized a community group, Lost Hills en Accion (a recent name change from Los Residentes Unidos de Lost Hills, the name on the "community self-nomination" letter), with elected officers. It has been meeting twice a month recently in preparation for the submission of the AB 617 funding proposal (by the way, the proposal is submitted by "Clean Water Fund," our 501c3, our common name is Clean Water Action).
- At the most recent Lost Hills en Accion community meeting, SJVAPCD was invited and two staff attended to provide an overview of the District's responsibilities and to answer residents' questions.
- CWA is partnering with Blue Tomorrow <http://blue-tomorrow.com/> for air monitoring technical assistance. Blue Tomorrow is involved in a similar project in Arvin, including an online, real-time data monitoring portal, which we will also develop in Lost Hills. <http://arvinairquality.com/>

In short, if achieving AB 617 goals is do-able in Lost Hills (one of the most over-burdened communities), which we are confident it is, it is achievable anywhere.

Question: as you know, the SJVAPCD released its AB 617 recommended "communities." The list, however, is a large number of census tracts. Just wondering how that is to be condensed into priority communities.

If you have questions about our proposed project, we would be happy to answer them. Thank you for your consideration.

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