

December 23, 2021

California Air Resources Board
Attn: Richard Corey
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Dear Mr. Corey,

Since 2018, CARB has selected fifteen (15) communities for AB 617 implementation, including the San Joaquin Valley communities of South Central Fresno and Shafter in Year One, and Stockton in Year Two. In Year Three, CARB selected the community of Arvin/Lamont for both community air monitoring and emissions reduction programs. The District has been working closely with community residents, community-based organizations, and other community stakeholders to develop a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) and Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for the selected Arvin/Lamont community. Under AB 617, the CAMP is required to be initiated and the CERP is required to be prepared one year from selection, in February 2022.

The District was quick to work with community members to establish a steering committee, identify community co-leads, and work with community stakeholders to provide equitable connectivity and access to the virtual meetings in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To the credit of the CSC members, once the community boundary was finalized and the final CSC membership was established, the meetings have been well attended and have included a wide-range of agenda topics necessary for advancing towards development of a completed CERP. While the CSC has shared an appreciation for virtual meetings because of the ability to continue to move the process forward, CSC members have also shared challenges and limitations of holding meetings in a virtual environment. These two factors have had a significant impact on the District and CSC's ability to complete the development of CERP to date.

Despite COVID-19 challenges, the District anticipates initiating community monitoring under the CAMP by the required February 2022 timeframe. However, while significant progress has been made on development of the CERP, during the Arvin/Lamont CSC meeting on December 15th, 2021, the CSC reached consensus on the need for a brief extension to finalize the CERP. District staff concurs that additional time is needed, and in accordance with CARB guidance and support, the District hereby requests an extension through June 30, 2022. Below are the responses to CARB's guidance on this matter:

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1. All elements of a CERP that have already been adopted by the air district board, if any;

The District and Community Steering Committee (CSC) are working closely on developing a suite of air pollution and emission exposure reduction measures for possible inclusion in the CERP.

2. The anticipated date that the local Board will consider approval of a complete CERP;

District's Governing Board Public Hearing scheduled on June 16, 2022.

3. A summary of decisions the steering committee and district staff have made to date and topics the steering committee has discussed;

To date, the Community Steering Committee has held 13 meetings, covering a wide range of topics, as summarized below:

- **March:** Kick-off meetings, solicited community steering committee members
- **April:** Discussed potential boundary and CSC member expansion
- **May:** Additional meeting to discuss community boundaries
- **May:** Adopted final boundaries, which expanded to include Hilltop, Fuller Acres, and the communities between Arvin and Lamont
- **June:** Discussed CSC charter and potential for community co-leads
- **July:** Continued charter and structure discussion and discussed community sources of air quality concern using online tools to receive community feedback
- **August:** Additional meeting to discuss community co-leads and finalize input for CSC charter
- **August:** Officially selected community co-leads, adopted CSC charter, introduced foundations of air quality and discussion with OEHHA on air pollution and public health
- **September:** Discussed CARB and District-developed community emissions inventory and reviewed feedback received on sources of concern to assist in community air monitoring and emission reduction program development
- **October:** Introduction to community air monitoring, including historical air quality trends and potential air monitoring equipment for the community air monitoring network
- **November:** Exercise with community members to identify potential air monitoring locations and proposed types of air monitoring equipment to be used based on CSC feedback on sources of concern
- **December:** Extra meeting to discuss development and enforcement of CARB and District regulations

- **December:** Discuss proposed community air monitoring network based on CSC exercise, vote on community name change, and discuss timeline for CERP completion
4. A listing of emissions reduction actions the steering committee and district staff have agreed on and a listing of the actions still under discussion, including, to the extent available, emissions reduction targets, implementation schedule, and enforcement plan:

Link outlining **CSC prioritized locations and sources of air pollution concern** for CERP implementation:

<https://valleyair.mysocialpinpoint.com/arvinlamont-community-engagement>

Link outlining CSC feedback on **community air monitoring locations**:

<https://valleyair.mysocialpinpoint.com/admin/projects/4964/dashboard>

5. Initial community air monitoring priorities and any air monitoring that has been deployed (if applicable):

Through a consensus-building exercise, the District worked with the community to develop a community air monitoring plan that is scalable, portable, and provides real-time data to ensure that the District can constantly adapt to community concerns, capture sources that may be impacting the community within the geographic boundary, and rapidly react to unanticipated pollution impacts. The fully implemented community air monitoring network will provide an understanding of the potential impacts of various community identified pollution sources of concern on Arvin/Lamont's local air quality, including heavy duty trucks, industrial processes, agricultural operations, passenger vehicles, idling vehicles, and dust.

While the District is continuing to work with the CSC on finalizing the community air monitoring plan, the CSC provided feedback on a proposed map of general locations to install air monitoring equipment, presented at the December 15, 2021 CSC meeting. The District is working with the CSC to finalize specific locations. The District anticipates initiating community monitoring under the CAMP by the required February 2022 timeframe, including performing early community air monitoring, as feasible, in CSC-identified priority areas using the mobile air monitoring van.

6. An overview of ongoing and planned community engagement efforts; and

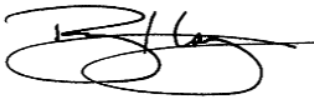
The District and committee will continue meeting 1 to 2 times per month to finalize the CERP. These meetings will continue to be supported by professional facilitation, translation, interpretation, and District staff, along with support from CARB staff and other community partners. Community engagement efforts will be focused on soliciting the final input needed from community residents and other stakeholders to develop a proposed CERP for District Governing Board consideration by June 2022.

7. A summary of next steps including, key, measurable interim milestones to track progress and a clear schedule for finalizing the emissions reduction program and/or community air monitoring plan.

The District and CSC will meet on a frequent basis, as necessary, to develop a CERP for District and CARB Board consideration. The following summarizes anticipated upcoming meetings in support of this effort:

- **January 26, 2022 (standing meeting):** Overview of pesticide regulations and monitoring efforts, introduction of measures for inclusion in CERP
- **February 23, 2022 (standing meeting):** Overview of partner agencies (City, County, etc.), CERP measures exercise and brainstorm
- **March 23, 2022 (standing meeting):** Refinement of proposed CERP measures, including budget and reduction targets, review draft CERP language (except CERP measures chapter)
- **April 27, 2022 (standing meeting):** Refinement of proposed CERP measures, including budget and reduction targets, review draft CERP language (including CERP measures chapter)
- **May 25, 2022 (standing meeting):** Overview of final CERP measures, CSC vote to approve final CERP document
- **June 9, 2022:** District to publish Governing Board Item with final CERP
- **June 16, 2022:** District Governing Board to consider adoption of final Arvin/Lamont CERP

Sincerely,



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