



Air Resources Board



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TO: All Interested Parties

DATE: August 2, 2016 (updated)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS UPDATING THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS POLICY TO BENEFIT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss updates to ARB's Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Policy to benefit disadvantaged communities. A SEP is an environmentally beneficial project that a person subject to an enforcement action voluntarily agrees to undertake in settlement of the action and to offset a portion of a civil penalty. Assembly Bill 1071 (2015), requires all boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to establish a SEP Policy that benefits disadvantaged communities.

The information presented at each workshop will be identical. The workshops will be held at the following locations and times:

Date: **August 9, 2016**
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium, 9530 Telstar Avenue, El Monte, California 91731

Date: **August 11, 2016**
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: City of Coachella Corporate Yard
53-462 Enterprise Way, Coachella, California 92236

Date: **August 23, 2016**
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Elihu M. Harris State Office Building
1515 Clay Street, Room 1, Oakland, California 94612

Date: **August 24, 2016**
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Comite Civico del Valle
235 Main Street, Brawley, California 92227

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Date: **August 30, 2016**
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Center for Community Conference Room
Central California Community Foundation
5260 North Palm Avenue, Suite 122, Fresno, California 93704

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Holistic Cultural and Education Wellness Center
4879 East Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, California 93727

Date: **August 31, 2016**
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Board of Supervisor's Multipurpose Room
1400 West Lacy Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

The workshop on September 1, 2016, is also available via webcast or video conference 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the locations or website listed below. These locations will be open to the public during the specified time frame.

Date: **September 1, 2016**
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, California 93308

Video Conferencing available at the following locations:

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – Central Office
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, California 93726

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – Modesto Office
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, California 95356

Webcast available at:

<http://www.valleyair.org/webstreaming/webcast-meetings.htm>

Information on submitting questions and comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation and any associated documents will be posted prior to the workshop on ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/seppolicy.htm>.

Background

State Law allows companies and individuals who have violated air quality regulations to pay part of a penalty to support a SEP. In 2015, ARB assessed more than \$10 million in penalties and diverted more than \$1.5 million of these funds to support SEPs.

Assembly Bill 1071 (Atkins) was adopted in 2015 and requires each board within the CalEPA to establish a policy on SEPs that benefits disadvantaged communities, and allows up to 50 percent of an enforcement penalty to be devoted to a SEP. The policy must be developed through a public process, and each board is required to develop an annual list of SEPs that may be selected for implementation. The policy is required to consider the relationship between the location of the violation and the location of the proposed SEP.

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodation for the workshop, or need this document in an alternated format (e.g. Braille, large print), or another language, please contact Ms. Victoria Villa, Air Pollution Specialist, either at (626) 575-6772 or by email at victoria.villa@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 14 business days before the workshop. TTY/TTD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Please check the website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/seppolicy.htm> for updates, including the workshop notice, presentation, and other related documents. Updates will also be sent our via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=ej.

We welcome your participation. If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Michelle Shultz Wood either at (626) 459-4338 or by email at sep@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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