

# AB 617 - SELA

COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE  
QUARTERLY MEETING #1 (2024)

VIRTUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Gina Triviso  
Senior Public Affairs Specialist



**Dr. Anissa “Cessa” Heard-Johnson  
- Deputy Executive Officer of  
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion with  
Community Air Programs**



Dr. Anissa “Cessa” Heard-Johnson is the Deputy Executive Officer of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In her role, she focuses on creating and implementing equity-based programming, training, and policy and procedure review.

Cessa has over twenty years of experience in fostering inclusive environments, supervising diversity practitioners, and creating equity-based programming, training in business, social service agencies, and educational organizations. Prior to joining the South Coast AQMD, Cessa was an adjunct professor at UC Santa Cruz and Oregon State University, teaching women’s studies and diversity/social justice.

She founded cultural and LGBTQIA+ centers and developed equity initiatives for Racial and Ethnic-based communities, Foster Youth, Gender Equity, Food and Housing Insecure, Promise Scholarship Recipients, Re-Entry, and Undocumented students and Veterans.

Cessa obtained her BA in elementary education with a minor in African American studies at San Diego State University, earned her MS in higher education policy and management at the University of Oregon, and graduated with her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from Seattle University in August 2021.

# SELA CSC 2024

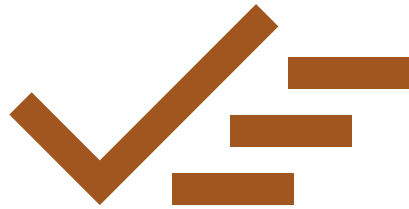
## Member Updates



# AB 617 – 2024 COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE (SELA)

<i>February 29, 2024 (Quarter 1)</i>	<i>Community Steering Committee Meeting 4 to 6 pm</i>	<i>June 6, 2024 (Quarter 2)</i>	<i>Community Steering Committee Meeting 4 to 6 pm</i>
<b>August 22, 2024 (Quarter 3)</b>	<b>All CSC Community Steering Committee Meeting 2 to 4 pm</b>	<b>November 7, 2024 (Quarter 4)</b>	<b>Community Steering Committee Meeting 4 to 6 pm</b>

# AB 617: CSC MEMBERSHIP 2024 / MEMBRESÍA DEL CSC 2024



## Current CSC Members / *Miembros actuales del CSC*

- ✓ No action required to continue serving as CSC Member / *No se requiere ninguna acción para continuar sirviendo como miembro del CSC*
- ✓ Will receive an email confirmation with CSC Interest Form / *Recibirá un correo electrónico con el Formulario de Interés del CSC*



## New Applicants / *Nuevos solicitantes*

- ❑ CSC Interest Form available at: /  
*El Formulario de Interés del CSC está disponible en:*  
<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/steering-committee-interest-form.pdf?sfvrsn=34>
- ❑ Send CSC Interest Form or Questions to /  
*Envíe el Formulario de Interés del CSC o Preguntas a:*  
[ab617comments@aqmd.gov](mailto:ab617comments@aqmd.gov) or 909.396.2957

# SELA CSC MEMBERSHIP & FEEDBACK

## CSC DISCUSSION

- Recruitment Recommendations?
- Recommendations for re-engaging with the Community?
  - What is working? What is not working?

All suggestions are welcome

# NEXT STEPS: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT?

## FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newsletters or emails
  - Continue CERP Implementation

## NEXT CSC MEETING

- June 6, 2024 (virtual)
- AQ Priority Updates & Agenda Topics
  - Future Meetings – CSC Suggestions

# Community Emission Reductions Plan (CERP) Implementation

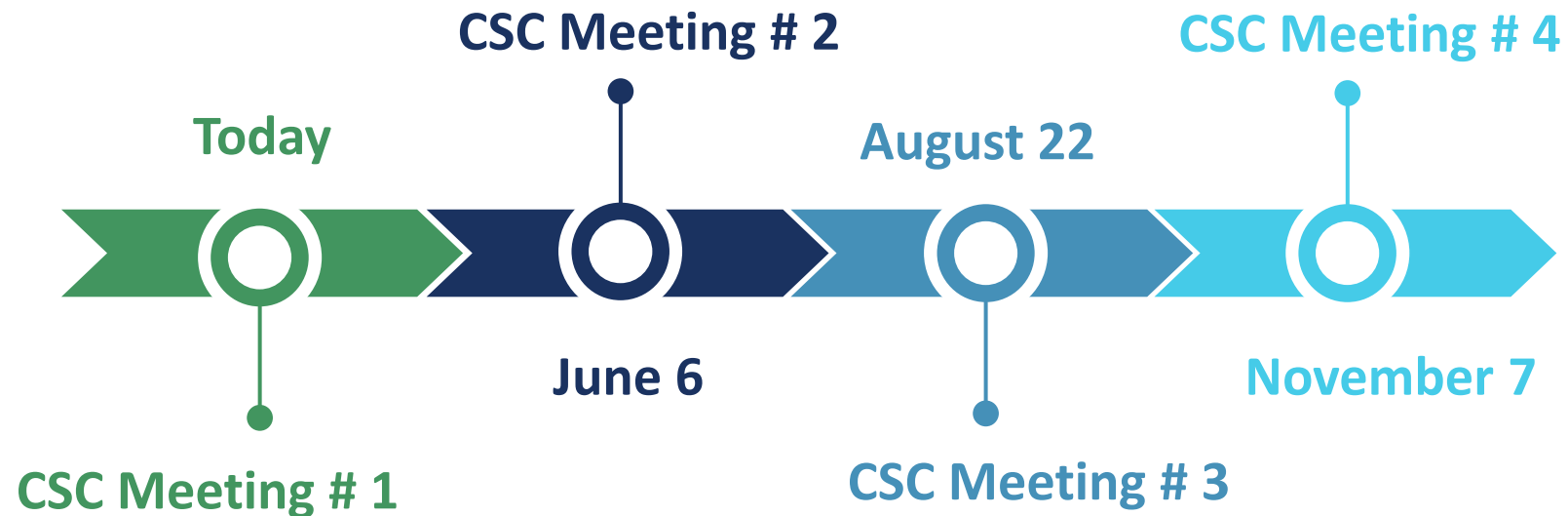
2024 Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Community Steering Committee (CSC)  
Quarterly Meeting # 1  
February 29, 2024



Alice Yang – Air Quality Specialist



# 2024 SELA CERP Implementation Progress



- Green Spaces Update
- Dashboard Demonstration & CSC Feedback

# Green Spaces

Nish Krishnamurthy, Ph.D.  
Air Quality Specialist

# Green Spaces

- Chapter 5d – Green Spaces, Objectives A, B, and C\*
  - **Goal:** Increase green spaces in the community
  - **Objective:** Evaluate opportunities to use funds in support of community green space projects (e.g., parks, bikeways, walking paths, transit corridors, etc.)
- **Purpose:** Provide update on the Green Space Program Request for Proposals (RFP)\*\* adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on February 2\*\*\*



\* <https://www.aqmd.gov/AB617CERP>

\*\* <https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/RFP2024-08>

\*\*\* <https://www.aqmd.gov/GoverningBoardPackage2024Feb2>

# Green Space Program RFP\* – Development Timeline

## Spring 2021

- CSC feedback collected
- CSC allocated \$2.5 million in CARB's Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) Incentive funding for green spaces

## Mid 2021 – Mid 2023

- Feedback and information collected through meetings and surveys with CSC members, community orgs, and agencies

## Late 2023

- SELA Critical Community Conversations for Purposeful Outreach (C3PO)
- Submitted Project Plan to CARB

## January 2024

- CARB approved Project Plan
- Green Space Program RFP approved by South Coast AQMD Stationary Source Committee

## February 2024

- Green Space Program RFP approved by South Coast AQMD Board
- Application open until May 3, 2024

\* Request for Proposals



# Green Space Project Plan Highlights

Funds planting drought-tolerant, low-volatile organic compound (VOC) trees and projects encouraging more active forms of transportation

Preference given to green space projects which increase recreational opportunities

Requires maintenance of green spaces for 5 years

Incorporates CSC input received and gives preference to applications which addresses that feedback

# Application Scoring Criteria

Scoring Criteria	Points
<i>Plan Comprehensiveness (0 – 50)</i>	
Thoroughness of plans for:	
• outreach	3
• site identification	3
• <b><i>tree planting and/or active transportation infrastructure</i></b>	3
• acquisition of permits and/or other necessary permissions	3
• incorporating CSC feedback	3
Applicant’s experience completing green space projects	10
<b><i>Potential for increased or improved recreational opportunities</i></b>	10
<b><i>Projected area of increased green space</i></b>	10
Maintenance Plan outline	5

\* ***Bolded and italicized font are criteria based upon CSC feedback***

## Application Scoring Criteria *(cont.)*

Scoring Criteria	Points
<i>Environmental and Other Benefits (0 – 10)</i>	
Detailing of additional benefits from green space project(s)	5
Funding leveraged to include an air quality benefit with green space installation	5
<i>Cost and Resource Effectiveness (0 – 20)</i>	
Project cost per area	10
<b><i>Efficient use of water for annual watering requirements</i></b>	5
Cost-sharing and/or leveraging CAPP Incentive funds to support maintenance activities	5

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## Application Scoring Criteria *(cont.)*

Scoring Criteria	Points
<i>Project Readiness (0 – 10)</i>	
Readiness of project implementation	5
Timeliness of project implementation	5
<i>CSC Support (0 – 10)</i>	
<b><i>CSC review and support</i></b>	10
<b><i>Total Points Available</i></b>	<b><i>100</i></b>

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# Green Space Program RFP – Next Steps

Friday, February 2, 2024

- RFP released

Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 3 pm

- Bidder's Conference

Friday, May 3, 2024 @ 2 pm

- RFP application deadline

Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 4 pm\*

- Quarter 2 CSC Meeting

\* CSC application review included in RFP scoring criteria

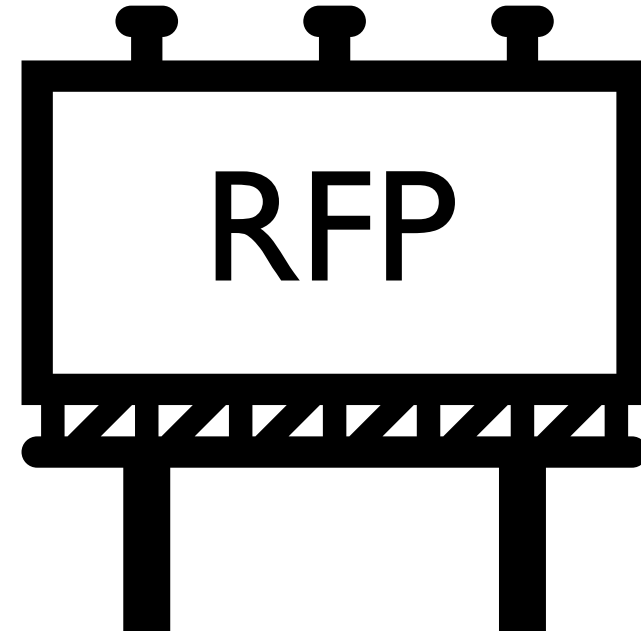
Summer 2024\*\*

- Execute contracts

\*\* Initiates green space project implementation

# RFP Outreach

- RFP posted on South Coast AQMD's Grants & Bids page\*
- Notice of RFP published in newspapers across region
- Notice of RFP emailed to:
  - legislative caucuses
  - minority chambers of commerce
  - community organizations
  - government agencies
- *Who else do you think we should reach out to?*



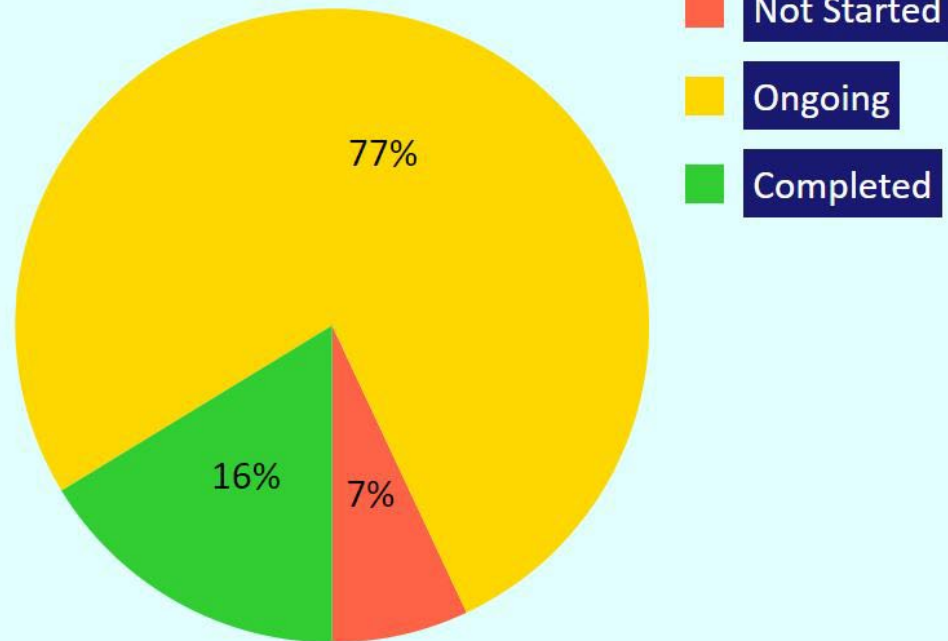
\* <https://www.aqmd.gov/nav/grants-bids> (Bid Number P2024-08)

## Assembly Bill 617 Community Emission Reductions Plan Southeast Los Angeles

Overall Implementation  
Last Updated: June 30, 2023

Air Quality Priority: All

All

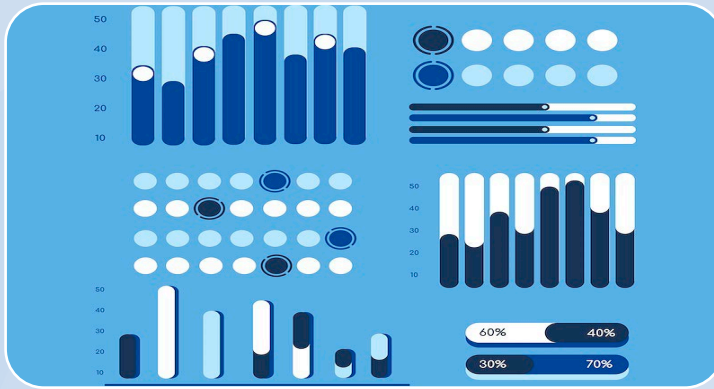


## AB 617 CERP Implementation Dashboard Demonstration & CSC Feedback

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Air Quality Specialist

# Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) CERP Implementation Dashboard Overview

## Descripción General del Tablero de Implementación del CERP de la Ley de la Asamblea 617 (AB 617, por sus siglas en inglés)



Interactive online tool to display the status of CERP implementation

*Herramienta interactiva en línea para mostrar el estado de la implementación del CERP*

For each CERP objective, includes detailed information on progress towards completion

*Para cada objetivo del CERP, incluye información detallada sobre el progreso hacia la finalización*

With CSC collaboration, Dashboard will be implemented in two phases:

Phase 1: Collect CSC feedback

Phase 2: Incorporate CSC feedback and finalize the Dashboard framework design

*Con la colaboración del CSC, el Panel de control se implementará en dos fases:*

*Fase 1: Recopilar retroalimentación del CSC*

*Fase 2: Incorporar la retroalimentación del CSC y finalizar el diseño del marco del Panel de control*

## Community Emission Reductions Plan (CERP)

The Community Emission Reductions Plan (CERP) provides a blueprint for achieving air pollution emission and exposure reductions to address this community's highest air quality priorities. This plan includes actions to reduce emissions and/or exposures in partnership with community stakeholders. Beginning in 2021, the plan will be implemented over several years, during which South Coast AQMD staff will track its progress and provide periodic updates to the community.

- [Final CERP \(PDF\)](#) - Adopted December 4, 2020

### AB617 CERP Implementation Dashboard:

- [AB 617 CERP Implementation Dashboard](#) - Updated June 30, 2023
- [Dashboard Demonstration and Tutorial Video](#)



<https://youtu.be/CNF0R8CUqpl>

- [Dashboard Feedback Form](#)

- SELA Homepage: <https://www.aqmd.gov/AB617/SELA>

# Tentative AB 617 CERP Implementation Dashboard Timeline

## Cronograma tentativo del tablero de implementación del CERP de AB 617

Jan – Mar  
Ene – Mar

- Demonstration of Dashboard Phase 1 and collect CSC feedback
- *Demostración de la Fase 1 del Panel de control y recopilación de la retroalimentación del CSC*

Apr – Jun  
Abr – Jun

- CSC feedback incorporated into Dashboard
- *Comentarios del CSC incorporados al Panel de control*

Jul  
Jul

- Dashboard Phase 2 release
- *Lanzamiento de la Fase 2 del Panel de control*

Ongoing  
En curso

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# **CARB Updates**

**Adrianna Hernandez**

SELA & ELABHWC CARB liaison  
[Office of Community Air Protection \(OCAP\)](#)



# Community Air Protection Program Funding

## Community Air Grants (CAGs)

Cycle 5 Coming Soon!!

**Up to \$16 million available!**

- Who can apply?
  - California community-based non-profit organizations
  - California Native American Tribes
- What can you apply for (project categories)?
  - Educational projects - \$100,000 maximum per project
  - Technical or Targeted projects - \$500,000 maximum per project
- Public engagement process starting late Spring 2024

Examples of what Community Air Grants are being used to fund include, but are not limited to:



✓ Community engagement and outreach related to AB 617



✓ Hiring consultants and/or technical experts



✓ Travel and logistical support for hosting and/or attending meetings related to AB 617 (i.e., room rental, meeting facilitation, transportation)



✓ Community operated air monitoring



✓ Data collection and analysis, including community based participatory research projects

# Community Air Protection Program Funding

## Community Air Protection Program Incentives ([CAPP Incentives](#))

Who Can Apply? Air Districts on behalf of communities

### New Chapters in Guidelines



- Agency Partnerships
- Community Greening and Vegetative Barriers



- Emergency Diesel Generator Replacement



- Paving, Sidewalk, and Bike Path Projects
- Dial-A-Ride Vehicle Replacement



- Alternatives to Agricultural Burning
- Low Dust Nut Harvesting



### Resources:

- ☺ **Upcoming Public Workshop on [March 19, 2024](#)**
- ☺ **Orientation for Community Air Protection Incentives, available [online](#)**

# Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP)

**What are SEPs?** Projects funded by enforcement settlement penalty fees. They can fund projects in your community.

## Who can apply?

- 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization
- Federally recognized tribe
- Local, regional, or state entity

## What can you apply for (project categories)?



- Pollution Prevention or Reduction
- Environmental Restoration and Protection
- Education and Compliance Training
- Community Monitoring
- Other

Mobile asthma clinic



No idling signs on school routes



Wilmington Weather Station



Insecticide reduction empowerment school program



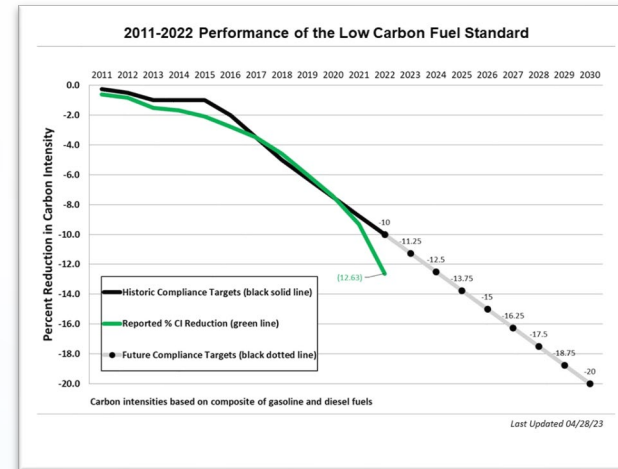
Marine Vessel Speed Reduction Incentive Program



# State Rulemaking

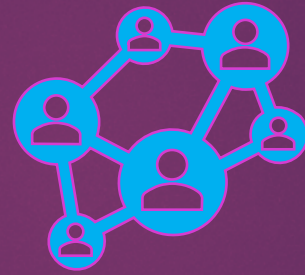
## 2024

- Low Carbon Fuel Standard
- Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation
- On-Road Motorcycles Regulation



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## *EVENTOS DE LA COMUNIDAD*



Connecting with  
our Communities

*Comunicando Con  
Nuestras Comunidades*



# 2024 GOVERNING BOARD STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Join us this summer for a paid opportunity to gain meaningful experience while learning what we do!



## Apply Online!

Deadline:  
Friday, March 8, 2024

[www.aqmd.gov/careers](http://www.aqmd.gov/careers)

## Program Details

- Start Date: Tuesday, June 11
- End Date: Friday, August 2
- Pay Rate: \$20/hr., 28 hrs./wk.
- In person and virtual

## Requirements

- Enrollment at a 2- or 4-year college/university
- At least 18 years of age



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*Plan de retiro*



**Telework up to 3 Days/Week**  
*Teletrabajo hasta 3 días/semana*



**Life Insurance Benefits**  
*Beneficios del seguro de vida*



**Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance**  
*Seguro médico, dental y de la vista*



**Wellness Programs**  
*Programas de bienestar*



**13 Paid Holidays**  
*13 días festivos pagados*



**Continued Education Reimbursement**  
*Reembolso de educación continua*