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To: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors
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League of Cities LA County Division Board of Directors

From: Judith Mitchell, Governing Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and California Air Resources (CARB) Board

Subject: Recap of April 2019 AQMD and CARB Meetings/Activities

AQMD April Board meetings/Other Key Items

Joint CARB/CTC Meeting: I participated in the joint meeting on April 9. We heard a presentation on the Automated Vehicle Principles for Healthy and Sustainable Communities, created by the California Multi-Agency Workgroup on Automated Vehicles. We also were given an overview of a recent University of California at Davis Institute of Transportation Studies roundtable series. For more information, visit <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/ma040919>

AB 617 and Environmental Justice: I participated in the fifth AB 617 Community Steering Committee meeting for the Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach community on April 11. The City of Los Angeles presented an overview of the city's authority and programs regarding oil drilling and production. AQMD staff provided information on the draft Community Air Monitoring Plan, source attribution data, and initial ideas for the Community Emission Reduction Plan to address this community's air quality priorities. The Committee had a lengthy discussion about oil drilling and production, and also commented about rail yard emissions, and schools, hospitals, parks and community centers. For more information, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/environmental-justice/ab617-134>

High School Air Quality Education Program: At the March AQMD meeting, the Board executed a contract with the Lee Andrews Group for a High School Air Quality Educational Program with funds from the BP Arco Settlement Project Fund. AQMD plans to implement the program at 100 high schools in environmental justice communities within its jurisdiction.

CARB

Update on California's Actions to Minimize Community Health Impacts from Freight:

At the March meeting, the Board heard an update on California's actions to minimize emissions and community health impacts from California's freight system. This includes regulatory development, incentives, plans, and guidance on freight facilities, as well as transition to zero-emission equipment everywhere feasible and near-zero emission equipment powered by clean, low-carbon renewable fuels everywhere else.

Update on Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program:

The Board heard an update on implementation of AB 617 in communities throughout the state. AQMD staff shared best practices that have been successful in their Steering Committee meetings in southern California. This included 1) streaming the meetings via Facebook Live; 2) utilizing co-hosts and/or facilitators at the meetings; and 3) including breakout sessions within the meetings.

Announcement of Grants for First and Last-Mile Connector Trips: CARB announced a new \$17 million statewide program to make it easier for communities to get funding for clean mobility projects. The \$ program focuses on the needs of these communities to provide clean mobility solutions that include smaller scale car- bike- or scooter-sharing projects, and subsidies for transit, or car-hailing companies. Projects will also aim to address “first and last-mile connector trips”: getting residents to and from their homes and local transit stops. Applicants will receive technical assistance to help build clean mobility project applications that meet transportation needs of individual communities. As part of its outreach efforts to communities, CALSTART will hold workshops throughout the state, helping communities that have faced barriers to funding. Two car share projects have launched previously in California: Our Community Car Share and BlueLA. For more information, visit <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/new-statewide-project-improves-access-clean-alternative-transportation-modes-states-most>