



# Air Resources Board



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TO: All Interested Parties

DATE: September 30, 2016 (Updated October 17, 2016)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS POLICY

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The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in the second series of public workshops relating to the update of ARB's Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Policy. 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. In 2015, Assembly Bill 1071 was passed which requires all boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to develop a policy on SEPs that benefits disadvantaged communities. These workshops will introduce ARB's revised draft SEP Policy, and provide an opportunity to comment on the selection, development, and implementation of SEPs under the new SEP Policy.

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

Date: **October 24, 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  
Directions: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/hai/Documents/TravelingtoOakland.pdf>

Date: **October 25, 2016**  
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Kern County Public Services Building  
2700 M Street, #100, First Floor Conference Room  
Bakersfield, California 93301  
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/moMCXMja57H2>

*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: **October 26, 2016**  
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Comite Civico del Valle  
235 Main Street  
Brawley, California 92227  
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/ReBo2hQppRr>

Date: **October 27, 2016**  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Auditorium of the California Air Resources Board  
9530 Telstar Avenue  
El Monte, California 91731  
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/Wn8sK7E1hLP2>

Date: **November 2, 2016**  
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Community Media Access Collaborative  
1555 Van Ness Avenue  
Fresno, California 93721  
Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/MvQFUk8cQD62>

### 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 alternative 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](mailto: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](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](mailto:sep@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Sax', is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

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