



December 12, 2022

Chair Liane Randolph
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Health Comments on 2022 Scoping Plan

Dear Chair Randolph and Board members:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical groups, we write to request guidance be given to the staff regarding the next Scoping Plan health analysis. We must also continue to express our concern that the health analysis of the Scoping Plans adopted to date and now under consideration by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) are limited in scope and utility in terms of determining the most health-protective overall climate strategy for California.

As the board moves to approve the plan, we urge you to include resolution language to ensure that the implementation of the plan and future Scoping Plans include outside public health experts in the development of the scenarios, methodology, and implementation of the plans. We propose to add the following language to the 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan resolution.

"With the goal of optimizing the health benefits and minimizing any unintended adverse health equity consequences of the current and future Scoping Plans, CARB shall contract with independent public health professionals with demonstrated expertise in climate, health, and equity to conduct comprehensive public health equity analyses that (a) inform the implementation of each component of the 2022 Scoping Plan, and (b) are embedded into and inform the evaluation, selection and prioritization of the 2027 Scoping Plan strategies and policies. CARB shall establish by March 15, 2023 a Public Health Advisory Group composed of representatives from public health and medical organizations, the California Department of Public Health, and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. CARB shall conduct two public workshops to elicit input into the scope and design of the public health expert contract. The contract shall be in place by July 15, 2023. The contractor shall complete an interim report by December 15, 2023 that outlines the methodology for the analyses, requirements for completion of the analyses, and integration of the findings into implementation of the 2022 Scoping Plan and future Scoping Plan revisions."

As CARB moves into the implementation phase of the 2022 Scoping Plan, we will continue to provide input from medical and public health experts on how to optimize health benefits and health equity in individual measures.

Sincerely,

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