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Additional Information and Clarification to Question Posed During August 25th Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting

During the Charter Amendment agenda item discussion, a comment and question came from audience member Mr. Herman Barahona with United Latinos regarding expanding the boundaries that would result in no additional cost to the AB617 program.

During the meeting the District shared that there would be a significant impact on program resources should the CSC wish to revisit this issue. The District response was relatively brief given the time and additional agenda items still to be covered. Since this question has come up previously, we are taking this opportunity to expand and clarify on the response to this question.

Background:

- CARB sets initial boundaries based on submittals from Air Districts and/or community nominations
- Once selected, the identified community (through its Community Steering Committee) adopts final boundaries – reflect the concerns of that community
- Once the boundaries are finalized, all next steps and work are based on that decision
- Sac Metro Air District originally proposed 10 discrete communities to CARB including communities of interest to United Latinos
- CARB has selected only 13 AB 617 communities statewide, including South Sacramento/Florin
- Although technically a community can re-shape an adopted community boundary, this action is not advisable for the reasons listed below

Impact if the community decides to change boundary now:

- A new boundary would impact all accomplishments and efforts already underway
- All decisions made over the past 18 months of work would need to be revisited and the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) redone – go back to square 1. An updated CSC would be providing new comments (technical and public) for the expanded boundaries
- A new boundary would change monitoring efforts. The state Blueprint does not allow the CAMP to ignore portions of the boundaries

Staying the course – leaving existing boundary unchanged:

- The existing boundary allows for complimentary work by United Latinos and other organizations including Valley Vision's community air grant
- Sac Metro Air District incentive funding for projects are not limited to the boundary areas
- Ambient air monitoring under the approved CAMP will remain focused on selected community concerns

Recommended next steps for United Latinos and other interested organizations:

- The next round of AB 617 community nominations is currently open for Year 3
- Sac Metro Air District agrees with United Latinos and other organizations that additional communities like Oak Park/Fruitridge, should be a part of the next round of AB 617 community selections by CARB

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- Sac Metro Air District intends to make a formal recommendation that the state select those areas
- Sac Metro Air District recommends United Latinos and other organizations pursue a complimentary action and self-nominate to CARB communities of interest

The District is not set on specific boundaries for South Sacramento-Florin, but we do not recommend revising the boundaries at this time to ensure the planned monitoring and next steps can continue with existing resources. As mentioned above, changing the boundaries means we start over on the CAMP with an updated CSC. This would mean rather than moving forward on pre-CERP plans and looking for local solutions, the rest of this year and likely most of next year will be spent revisiting the CAMP and the decisions made this past 18 months. If the CSC has a desire to revisit boundaries, the District recommends considering it if and when the community is selected as a CERP.

As noted above, the District will advocate in the Year 3 nomination process for additional communities in Sacramento with their own dedicated resources.