

October 28, 2019

Mr. Richard Corey, Executive Officer
c/o Laura Zaremba-Schmidt, Air Resources Engineer
California Air Resources Board
9480 Telstar Avenue #4
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Subject: Submittal of the Sacramento Region Year 2 Recommendation for AB 617 Community Air Protection Program

Dear Mr. Corey:

On July 31, 2018, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (District) submitted its Assessment of Proposed Monitoring Locations for Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Air Protection Action report (Report). In the document, the District identified ten communities within Sacramento County (Sacramento) that meet the AB 617 criteria, those communities with high cumulative exposure burden to air pollution with a focus and priority on disadvantaged communities and sensitive receptors. These ten communities were approved by the District's Board of Directors (Approved Resolution No. 2018-014). For year 1 community recommendations, the District recommended 2 communities: 1) South Natomas community (Community A) or Del Paso Heights/Norwood/Old North Sacramento community (Community B); and 2) South Sacramento – Florin community (Community C).

For Year 1, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) selected the South Sacramento-Florin community for air monitoring only. The District has been diligently working with residents and business representatives in our South Sacramento-Florin Community Steering Committee to advance on the legislative goals of AB 617 and establish a localized ambient air quality monitoring network. At the South Sacramento-Florin Steering Committee meeting on October 22, 2019, the Steering Committee voted to remain an Air Monitoring Community and agreed to move on development of a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) when additional data is available to fully characterize the air pollution issues in the community and potential actions for emission reductions.

Our region appreciates the inclusion of South Sacramento-Florin in Year 1 as one of ten communities statewide. However, as our air pollution burden analysis outlined in the Report showed, immediate state action is also warranted for multiple communities in Sacramento. Therefore, for the Year 2 community selection process, the District would like to re-submit our initial recommendation of the South

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Natomas or the Del Paso Heights/Norwood/Old North Sacramento community areas for air monitoring and to request that additional resources be dedicated for this impacted community (See Figure 1; A and B). The District believes the recommendation for the South Natomas or the Del Paso Heights/Norwood/Old North Sacramento Community remains relevant for the CARB's Year 2 community selections.

The District has been engaging broadly with communities in the region about AB 617 and specifically hosted multiple meetings and coordinated with numerous leaders from our recommended Year 2 South Natomas/Del Paso Heights communities. We have received considerable support to expand our AB 617 efforts into these communities. Therefore, with your support and additional state resources, we look forward to promptly delivering on the promise of AB 617 to many more of our most marginalized and vulnerable residents.

Finally, the District expects to update the analysis for the Year 3 community selection process based on new data and the vast amount of community input that the District has received since the inception of the Community Air Protection Program. The impact of the AB 617 legislation on residents of Sacramento County has proven to be exceptionally positive and significant. We remain committed to implementing AB 617 programs to further improve the well-being of our residents and addressed long-standing pollution disparities. We are prepared to expand our efforts next year, with your help and new state funding, into the South Natomas or the Del Paso Heights/Norwood/Old North Sacramento community areas. If you have any questions regarding our recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-874-4802, AAyala@airquality.org or Mr. Mark Loutzenhiser, Division Manager, Planning and Coordination Division, at 916-874-4872, MLoutzenhiser@airquality.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alberto Ayala".

Alberto Ayala, Ph.D., M.S.E.
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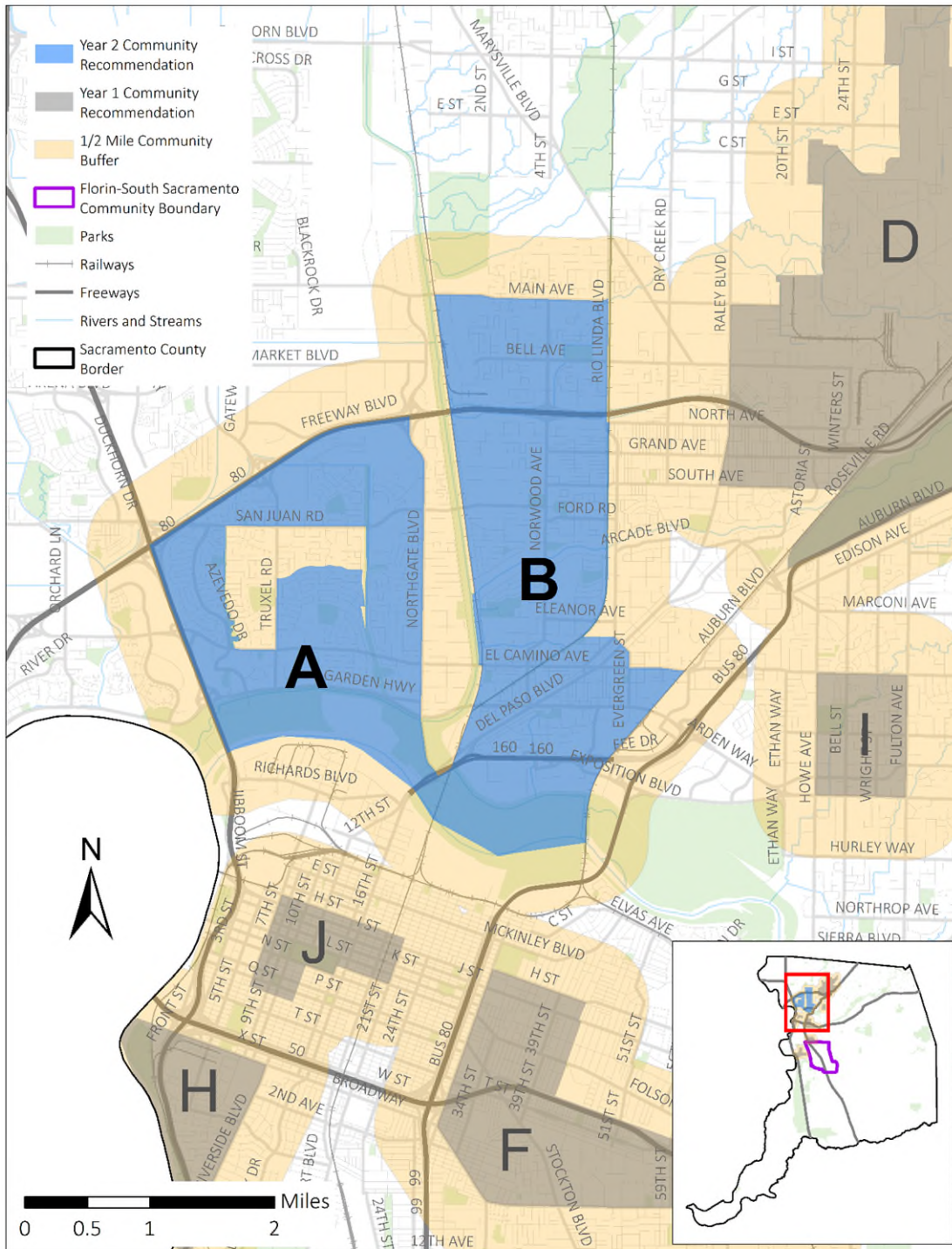


Figure 1 – Proposed communities recommended for Year 2 selection.

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