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### **South Sacramento Community Chosen to Receive New Pollution Monitoring and Prompt Action to Improve Air Quality**

A south Sacramento community, proposed by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District), has been selected by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to receive additional air quality monitoring and community engagement efforts under the new Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program.

This community is in the Florin area, which is located on the east and west side of Highway 99. It is heavily burdened with emissions from cars, trucks, and other sources. AB 617 directs air districts to develop and implement additional emissions reporting, air monitoring and emission reduction plans and measures in an effort to mitigate as quickly as possible disproportionate pollution exposure impacts in communities throughout the state.

Residents will soon see additional air quality monitoring instrumentation and equipment installed throughout the community in order to improve the general understanding of localized pollution, its sources, and how to quickly mitigate adverse public health impacts. In addition, local real-time air quality information will be available from these new monitors.

“We are extremely pleased CARB selected a Sacramento community to be a first-round priority when implementing the monitoring component and community engagement requirements of AB 617. Through this additional monitoring we will be able to more accurately assess how air pollution affects our most disadvantaged communities,” said District Director and Sacramento City Councilmember Larry Carr, who represents parts of the selected area. “This new information will set the stage for what I hope will be new measures by the Sac Metro Air District to reduce emissions including investments in the community for cleaner cars and trucks.”

Importantly, AB 617 also includes requirements to accelerate the retrofitting of air pollution control equipment on industrial sources, increasing penalty fines, and providing

greater transparency and availability of local air quality and emissions data to empower communities and accelerate air pollution control efforts throughout California.

The new air monitoring data will be critical to inform subsequent state and local regulatory action and funding decisions through targeted incentives to deploy cleaner, low, and zero-emission technologies in disadvantaged communities as well as grants to support community partnerships. More information is available on the Sac Metro Air District community air protection website: <http://www.airquality.org/Air-Quality-Health/Community-Air-Protection>