

EVENT AGENDA
Community Air Programs
AB 617 All CSC Event Agenda
Saturday August 24, 2024
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

South Coast AQMD's mission is to clean the air and protect the health of all residents in the South Coast Air Quality Management District through practical and innovative strategies.

- *By achieving clean air standards.*
- *By enhancing public education and equitable treatment for all communities.*
- *By operating efficiently and transparently.*

7:00 - 9:00 am	Transportation Hubs from the 6 communities
8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 am	Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
9:30 am	Keynote Speaker: Andrea Vidaurre – People's Collective for Environmental Justice
10:00 am	Community Steering Committee (CSC) Best Practices Panel
10:45 am	Break /Travel to Location for APR Presentation
11:00 am	CARB APR Presentation with Small Group Discussion
12:00 pm	Air Resources Fair/Boxed Lunch
1:00 pm	CSC Community Engagement Interactive Discussion
3:00 pm	Closing/Evaluation/Snacks
3:30 pm	Buses Depart

Andrea Vidaurre – People’s Collective for Environmental Justice
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Andrea Vidaurre, 29, is the co-founder and policy coordinator of the People’s Collective for Environmental Justice, a community-based organization in the Inland Empire.

Andrea was one of six grassroots activists to recently win the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for her work protecting the Inland Empire from rampant air pollution.

The prize recognized people from all six inhabited continents who are taking extraordinary actions to protect the planet.

In 2018, Andrea was working as a community organizer in areas experiencing increased air pollution and subsequent health issues due to rampant warehouse construction in the Inland Empire—with those impacts disproportionately affecting communities of color. Recognizing the need for statewide action, she pushed CARB to adopt stricter truck emissions regulations and quickly established herself as a vocal leader on the issue. Understanding the importance of workers’ rights, Andrea helped mobilize warehouse and trucking labor unions to join the statewide coalition of environmental justice organizations and communities that were also calling for emissions reductions. In response to the community outcry for decades, CARB initiated a rulemaking process to address emissions from the truck and rail industry in late 2018.

The rulemaking process included technical workshops with community members, industry representatives, and NGOs to draft policy proposals; and it included site visits to frontline communities to familiarize members of the committee with challenges on the ground. Andrea, known for her policy expertise, played a central role in the workshops as a civil society representative, submitting public comment, participating in Q&A sessions, and analyzing proposals. In addition to the policy work, she organized direct community advocacy to CARB voting members. Andrea coordinated “toxic tours” of frontline communities in the Inland Empire for CARB members and state legislators to witness firsthand the freight system’s impacts. When industry pushed to exempt 18-wheel trucks from new emissions rules, she led outreach to state legislators as she sought their support. The campaign was successful, leading state lawmakers to call for CARB to strengthen truck emission rules, in November 2019.

In 2023, her leadership persuaded CARB to adopt, two historic transportation regulations that significantly limit trucking and rail emissions. The new regulations—the In-Use Locomotive Rule and the California Advanced Clean Fleets Rule—include the nation’s first emission rule for trains and a path to 100% zero emissions for freight truck sales by 2036. The groundbreaking regulations—a product of Andrea’s policy work and community organizing—will substantially improve air quality for millions of Californians while accelerating the country’s transition to zero-emission vehicles.