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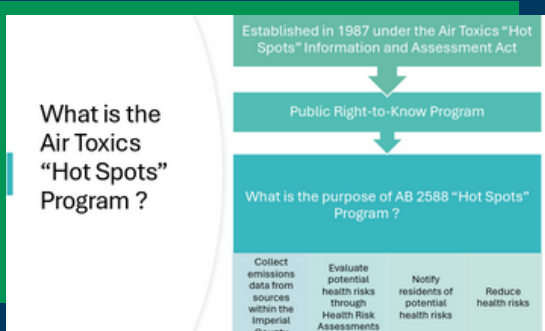
PAVING PROJECT APPLICATIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT NORTH-END STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



During the upcoming January, 26, 2026 meeting in Westmorland, CA, APCD Staff will present qualifying proposals submitted to pave existing unpaved lots or unpaved roads in the communities of Brawley, Westmorland, and Calipatria. The North End Steering Committee has identified paving as an effective control measure to reduce particulate matter emissions, to reduce exposure, and protect ambient air quality for the identified communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution. The Committee will evaluate each proposal's cost effectiveness, qualitative vs. quantitative benefits, and emission reduction benefit to the community.

AIR TOXICS "HOT SPOTS" PRESENTATIONS

The APCD Permitting Engineers presented at the November North-End CSC Meeting and the November South-End CSC Meeting to inform the Committees of the process APCD Staff follows in quantifying toxic air contaminants from industrial sources, and the processes APCD follows in assessing potential health risks to the community. Each source is given a facility prioritization score through a screening tool. High priority sources are assessed for chronic and acute health impacts to the community, and are subject to public notification requirements. The full presentation is accessible on the AB 617 Website Meetings tab.

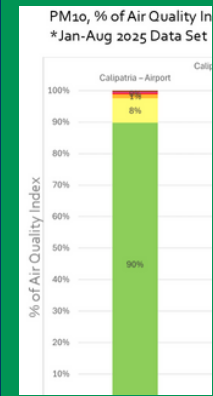


NORTH END PHASE I COMMUNITY

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PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY MONITORS IN THE NORTH-END

During the November CSC meeting, Jose Landeros of SCS Engineers, presented 2024 air quality trends and 2025 air quality trends registered by community air monitors deployed throughout the North End. Mr. Landeros provided the Committee with PM2.5 and PM10 trends, Air Quality Index trends, and effects of high summer temperatures. The full presentation is accessible on the AB 617 Website Meetings tab.



ENFORCEMENT METRICS BRAWLEY-WESTMORLAND-CALIPATRIA 2025 TOTALS

➔ NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS: 35

➔ PERMIT INSPECTIONS: 205

➔ COMPLAINTS: 15

➔ ACTIVE PERMITS: 205

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE NEW COMMUNITY STEERING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

BRAWLEY

JOHN GROSS
ERIC REYES
VINCENT J. CUEVAS



On December 23, 2025, the Imperial County Air Pollution Control Governing Board approved the appointment of nine Community Steering Committee Members, and three alternates, as the North End Phase I Community enters into its first year of incentive projects.

WESTMORLAND

HECTOR CERVANTES
SERGIO CABANAS
DAVID AGUIRRE / GUSTAVO GOMEZ (A)

CALIPATRIA

ANA MARIA BELTRAN
MARIO LOPEZ / YOLAND LOPEZ (A)
SERGIO A. VALENZUELA / JOSE G. LANDEROS (A)

SOUTH END COMMUNITY

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CARB EVALUATION TEAM VISITS IMPERIAL COUNTY APCD



This past November, the California Air Resources Board visited Imperial County APCD's Grants Division to discuss achievements of "First-Year" communities. After five years of implementation efforts in Calexico, Heber, and El Centro, the team was tasked with evaluating the outcomes of Assembly Bill 617, and planning effectively for future AB 617 communities throughout the State of California.

ENFORCEMENT METRICS CALEXICO-EL CENTRO-HEBER 2025 TOTALS

➔ NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS: 35

➔ COMPLAINTS: 32

➔ PERMIT INSPECTIONS: 281

➔ ACTIVE PERMITS: 281

LOOKING FORWARD: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

This "First-Year" community will now redirect its efforts from grant funding projects to community education and community involvement. Participating high schools will provide learning opportunities for students to explore current air pollution issues affecting Imperial County. APCD Staff and their best friend, Air Justice or "AJ" will be attending several community events to share air pollution basis and the achievements of AB 617.



Happy Holidays

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APCD STAFF WISHES YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR...



PROPOSED NORTH END MEETING 2026 DATES

- ☐ Monday, January 26 at Westmorland Youth Hall
- ☐ Monday, February 23 at Calipatria High School Library
- ☐ Monday, March 16 at Brawley Teen Center

MONTHLY MEETINGS

SOUTH END MEETING DATES

- ☐ Wednesday, January 14 at Heber Teresa Estrada Community Center
- ☐ No February Meeting
- ☐ No March Meeting

QUARTERLY MEETINGS