

AB 617 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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HEBER TOWNSITE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

On June 10, 2026, the Assembly Bill 617 South End Community Steering Committee celebrated the completion of the Heber Townsite Improvements Phase II Paving Project. The Community Steering Committee, and ICAPCD Governing Board, approved an approximate \$2.4 million award to Imperial County Department of Public Works on behalf of the township of Heber, CA. The project scope including the paving of approximately 56,440 square feet of previously unpaved roadway shoulders. For those visiting Heber, the paved area is located just North of the California State Route 86 between Heber Avenue and Heffernan Avenue. The Phase II Paving Project aims to reduce fugitive dust generated by daily vehicular traffic and to establish sidewalk paths for students and residents. This project serves as a great example of AB 617 grant fund implementation at work.



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URBAN GREENING PROGRAM APPROVED

On June 30, 2026, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved the expansion of the Urban Greening Program to include the incorporation of the AB 617 North End Phase I Community. The Urban Greening Program provides incentive funding for urban greening projects, which can be awarded to cities, counties, special districts, nonprofits, tribal governments, public agencies or public entities for projects. Approved grantee recipients are eligible to receive 100% of qualified costs which includes materials, construction, contracted services, and interpretative aids communicating information to the public regarding the project.

The Urban Greening Program aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple additional co-benefits like encouraging active transportation and reducing energy consumption due to shading.

AIR JUSTICE "AJ" INTRODUCED TO COMMITTEE

On June 15, 2026, Air Justice ("AJ") was introduced to the AB 617 North End Community Steering Committee. The introduction of AJ covered his accomplishments since 2023, and provided the committee with an overview of upcoming events that AJ will be attending. The ICAPCD Staff, and the committee, will continue to incorporate AJ into the community of Brawley, Westmorland, & Calipatria.



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HEBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT EV INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COMPLETE

In November 2023, Heber Elementary School District was awarded approximately \$1.1 million in Community Air Protection Incentive funding to assist with the installation of Level 2 single port charging stations and Level 3 single port charging stations – along with a 51.85 kW size solar generating system as a carport.

In May 2026, the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District visited the school district's maintenance, operations and transportation (MOT) department, and confirmed the completion of the installation of 3 Nuvve chargers and 1 Chargepoint charger.

The installation of electrical vehicle infrastructure at schools supports both CARB's and ICAPCD's mission of preserving public health & promoting clean air for residents of Imperial County.



2026 SUMMER HEALTH FAIR IN EL CENTRO

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District – and AJ – attended the 2026 Migrant Education Program Summer Health Fair in El Centro, CA hosted by the Imperial County Office of Education. In attendance were public health agencies and various family resources providing support and programs for children. ICAPCD Staff and AJ continue participating in community events within the South End Community to educate families about topics on air quality index, air quality monitoring, and various efforts by the air pollution control district.



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NORTH END WORKSHOP & TRAINING SESSION

On July 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., ICAPCD Staff hosted a public workshop and training on enforcement related topics at the Brawley Teen Center Recreation Room. During this workshop, ICAPCD Staff also covered the topic of accessing air quality data, and interpreting air quality data from online resources.

The public workshops and trainings are intended to increase the North End community's engagement, and improve enforcement of air quality regulations. All community members of Imperial County are encouraged to attend ICAPCD's public workshops.

ICAPCD AWARDED \$10,000 FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING

In June 2026, the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District accepted a grant award in the amount of \$10,000 from the California Air Resources Board for Prescribed Burning Reporting & Monitoring. The grant award is intended to provide funding and educational resources to air districts for improving smoke management plans.

The work funded by the grant program includes training sessions related to California's smoke management program, enhanced smoke planning, and reporting of prescribed fire activity in each region.



NORTH END MEETING DATES

- ☐ Monday, August 17 on Zoom
- Link Online AB 617 Website
- ☐ Monday, September 21 at
Westmorland Youth Hall
- ☐ Monday, October 19 at
Calipatria High School Library

MONTHLY MEETINGS

SOUTH END MEETING DATES

- ☐ No August Meeting
- ☐ No September Meeting
- ☐ Wednesday, October 14 at
Heber Teresa Estrada
Community Center

QUARTERLY MEETINGS



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