

## Community-Identified Project Approval Notice

### Expanded/Improved School Flag Program

**Air District:** Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

**Community:** Calexico, Heber, El Centro Corridor

**Community Emissions Reduction Program Measure:**

M-4: Expanded/Improved School Flag Program

**Project Plan Identifier:** 2021-07CIP-IC

**Project Type:** Mitigation Strategy

**Project Plan Completion Date:** February 25, 2021

**CARB Action (Date):** Approved; March 16, 2021

**Project Description:** The school flag programs are localized notification systems at campuses that provide daily updates on the air quality status in the area and typically involve hoisting color-coded flags that reflect each day's Air Quality Index (AQI). Eligible public and private schools will be awarded 100% of the eligible costs for the flag program or electronic marquee notification systems which include supplies/materials, installation, and construction.

**Project Benefits:** This strategy reduces exposure to criteria air pollutants like particulate matter and ozone for students, faculty, and other community members in the Corridor. The notification system would display forecasted AQI and designate its level of concern and associated color as a means to avert detrimental public health impacts in the vicinity. Siting these notification systems at schools prioritizes exposure reduction for sensitive receptors in the community.