

**Status Report
Ozone Planning Community Meetings**

October 16, 2003

As part of the public involvement effort for the current ozone planning process, the Air District, MTC and ABAG conducted a series of community meetings in September 2003. The goals of the meetings were to: 1) explain the ozone planning process and answer questions, and; 2) solicit suggestions from the public on control measures that should be considered during the ozone planning process. The meetings were led by professional facilitators.

The meetings were held during the evening, at local community centers, at the following locations:

Rodeo	Thursday, September 4
East Palo Alto	Wednesday, September 10
Richmond	Thursday, September 11
Oakland	Tuesday, September 16
San Jose	Wednesday, September 24
San Francisco	Tuesday, September 30

In order to help people prepare for the community meetings, the District also worked with community groups to hold two “pre-meetings”. These pre-meetings allowed for more detailed discussion of background information and individual concerns, prior to the community meetings. Pre-meetings were held in Richmond and San Jose.

Meeting participants suggested a variety of control measures for consideration. A total of approximately 50 control measure suggestions were provided. Suggestions included stationary source measures (focusing particularly on refinery sources), mobile source measures (particularly measures to promote alternative fuels and measures to reduce diesel emissions), and transportation control measures (mainly measures to enhance transit service). Meeting participants also provided comments on other issues, such as local health impacts of air pollution and the criteria used to evaluate potential ozone control measures.

The District and MTC are currently evaluating control measure suggestions received during the community meetings. The agencies are also considering how to address the other comments from the community meetings, either in the context of the ozone plans or through other programs. We will be holding additional community meetings – as well as public workshops – when draft ozone strategies are available for public review.

For more information on the ozone planning process, visit the District’s website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/Plans/ozone/2003/ozone2003.asp> or contact Henry Hilken at (415) 749-4642 or hhilken@baaqmd.gov.