Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco AB 617, Community Steering Committee Meeting #14 Summary

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2025, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm PDT

Location: Southeast Community Center, Alex Pitcher Room 1550 Evans Ave, San Francisco, CA

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Facilitator: Marsha Maloof

Note-taker: En2Action, summarized by AD

Co-Leads: Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates, &

Bay Area Air Quality Management District **Co-Chairs:** Nina Omomo and Chalam Tubati

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1. Meeting Agenda

- a. Welcome and Agenda Review
 - i. Summary
 - Co-Chair Nina Omomo welcomed everyone into the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and went over the group's purpose: develop a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.
 - Nina announced a motion needed to dismiss two CSC members, Yolanda
 Thomas and Joyce Armstrong, who have not attended several CSC meetings.
 CSC member Nikki Vismara made the motion and CSC member Makayla Scott seconded the motion.
 - 3. Nina introduced new CSC members Christopher Whiple, Sofia Esteva, and Violet Vasquez, and they spoke about themselves and their relation to BVHP/SESF.
 - 4. CSC members who were present during roll call:
 - a. Amanpreet Kaur
 - b. Chalam Tubati
 - c. Christopher Whipple
 - d. Kamillah Ealom
 - e. Kimberly Jeffrey
 - f. Leanne Wu
 - g. Makayla Scott
 - h. Nina Omomo
 - Nikki Vismara
 - j. Sheila Whittenberg
 - k. Sofia Esteva
 - I. Tuli Hughes
 - m. Violet Vasquez
 - 5. Present members who came after roll call:
 - a. Asipesionau Finau
 - b. Cheryl Ruff
 - c. Jun Zhong
 - d. Robin Robinson
 - e. Shelly Hart

- f. Tacora Hollins
- 6. Members not present:
 - a. Agustin Angel (excused)
 - b. Amelia Erskine (excused)
 - c. Georgina Jenkins
 - d. Michael Wong (excused)
 - e. Uzuri Pease-Green (excused)
- 7. Marsha Maloof asked members of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to raise their hands to acknowledge them for their support in the process.

ii. Announcements

- 1. Co-chair Chalam Tubati talked about the CARB Peer-to-Peer program. He explained that there are six air districts, and CARB is recruiting one CSC member from each air district to serve as a peer. Chalam recommended the CSC select one person to apply as the representative of the group. Co-Lead Michelle Pierce further explained how the program will help to form a design committee where the selected members can come together to let CARB know how the members will collaborate. She explained how this should be viewed as an engagement opportunity where CSC members are heard. She also stated how competitive the opportunity is and suggested the members who are interested should apply rather than selecting one person. select one person to apply as a representative, however, everyone is allowed to apply. Michelle said this round of Peer-to-Peer will be in an environmental justice fashion to design the layout for CARB.
- Danielle Ngo from San Francisco Planning, announced a free walking tour for the Yosemite Slough Neighborhood Adaptation Plan Project on Saturday, March 22, 2025, and Saturday, March 29, 2025.
- iii. Decisions (if applicable)
 - 1. Yolanda Thomas and Joyce Armstrong are dismissed from the CSC.
- iv. Action items/follow-up
 - 1. N/A
- b. Group Agreements
 - i. Summary
 - 1. Chalam and Nina re-introduce revised group agreements and ask for a motion to approve and adopt them into the charter
 - 2. Jun Zhong brought the motion to approve and adopt the group agreements was brought and seconded by Chris Whipple.
 - ii. Decisions (if applicable)
 - 1. Revised group agreements were approved, and will be added to the charter,
 - iii. Action items/follow-up
 - 1. N/A
- c. Sources, Emissions, and Data Gaps (SEDG) Sub-Committee Mapping Report Back
 - i. Summary
 - 1. The SEDG sub-committee, alongside the Air District, reported back on the mapping work they have been doing. This report included a recap of previous

- mapping work done by the whole CSC in March and April of 2024 where vulnerable populations and sources of concerns were identified.
- SEDG committee members, Jun Zhong, Makayla Scott, Tuli Hughes, and Chalam Tubati shared that they used Google Maps to identify additional facilities that were not included in the District's emissions inventory. Through that work, they identified over 300 locations, 43 of which were considered high priority, and referred to the district for further investigation.
- 3. Joseph Palmer, from the Air District's Compliance and Enforcement division reported out on the high priority sites referred by SEDG.
 - a. The 43 new high-priority sites identified by SEDG were added to 18 from the previous year, bringing the total to 61 sites under review.
 - b. 8 sites were either vacant or the use had changed
 - c. 13 required action, including:
 - i. Some sites received a notice of violation
 - ii. Others were issued a notice of compliance due to insufficient recordkeeping.
 - d. Inspectors are following up on the remaining sites, and Joseph expects these should be close to completion by the next meeting
- 4. Steve Reid from the Air District discussed the need to compile results from all the mapping exercises, which gathered significant data. He highlighted efforts to centralize the data into an accessible GIS platform which could be used to inform the steering committee's strategy development. For example, the maps will help identify emissions sources near sensitive populations, supporting the CERP. A similar tool is being developed for East Oakland, with plans to adapt it for Bayview. Community input will guide additional data layers to incorporate into the GIS tool.
- 5. Co-Lead Michelle clarified that GIS is a mapping data format. CSC can put the layers they wish to see such as pollution sites and churches for example.
- 6. CSC members raised concerns about data accuracy, small business impacts, and community involvement in emissions site identification. The Air District acknowledged gaps in data and staffing limitations. While the socioeconomic impact of regulations is considered, there is limited data on business owners and employees. Suggestions included incorporating protections and incentives for small businesses in the CERP. Community members expressed willingness to assist in verifying emissions sites and advocated for greater transparency and collaboration. They also proposed field trips and internships to engage and educate residents, particularly youth.
- ii. Decisions (if applicable)
 - 1. N/A
- iii. Action items/follow-up
 - 1. N/A
- d. Next Steps on Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP), Visions to Actions
 - i. Summary
 - 1. David Ralston from the Air District shared an update on the CERP process. He shared that the group is in the data compilation stage of the CERP and moving towards strategy development.

- 2. David presents an activity to finalize community concerns into plan thematic focus areas. The group was broken up into four groups to answer these questions, with the SEDG presentation in mind:
 - a. What are some of the larger areas of concerns that can be grouped together that the CERP should focus on?
 - b. Can you describe some of the specific air pollution or health impacts as you understand them for any of these areas of concern?
 - c. What would success look like in addressing these concerns?
 - d. Would addressing these problems support the CSC's overall Vision and Principles for the CERP? [Refer to Visions and Principles on wall]
 - e. Is there anything missing to highlight as far as areas of concern?

3. Report out:

- a. Breakout groups discussed various community concerns and solutions. Group 2 suggested penalizing companies for emissions violations and using the funds for community benefits or research. They advocated for free inspections, streamlined permitting, and increased community presence by the District. They also recommended job opportunities for CSC contributors. Group 3 and 4 focused on community vulnerability assessments, illegal dumping, diesel emissions, and health impacts like asthma and COPD. The group raised concern with buffer zones because they were small and did not provide a sufficient distance between industrial and residential zones. Group 1 called for zoning changes, increased accountability, and recognition of social determinants of health, advocating for a holistic air quality approach and better communication between the air district, CSC, and government leaders.
- b. David lets CSC members know that the notes from this activity will be transcribed and used to organize the next meeting and finalize community concerns. David also proposes starting a sub-committee for strategy development, which will be organized by co-lead Chalam. The sub-committee will have a large working group with smaller ad-hoc groups.

ii. Decisions (if applicable)

 Strategy Development Sub-Committee is approved by consensus and Chalam Tubati will be organizing it, with Air District staff supporting and staffing the meetings.

iii. Action items/follow-up

1. Chalam will provide next steps and provide a consensus on what the co-leads have decided regarding the smaller committee groups.

e. Wrap up and Action Items

i. Marsha Maloof mentions how important it will be for CSC members to be present at upcoming meetings to help develop strategies.