

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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DRAFT MINUTES

Richmond – No. Richmond – San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee

May 20, 2024, 5:30 P.M

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The Richmond – No. Richmond – San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Community Steering Committee (CSC or Committee) Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Present: Co-Chair Dr. Omoniyi Omotoso, Co-Chair Nancy Aguirre, , Co-Chair Marisol Cantú, Alfredo Rafael Angulo-Castro, Y’Anad Burrell, Lucia Castello, Suzanne Coffee, Michelle Gomez Garcia, Lizbeth Ibarra, Jeffrey Kilbreth, Jessica Range, Dave Severy, Franklin Ungo, Heidi Swillinger, Hakim Johnson (non-voting), BK White (non-voting)

Absent: Kevin Ruano Hernandez, Simren Sandhu, Sandra Castañeda (non-voting), Michael Kent (non-voting)

Also Present: Air District Staff: Danny Fung, Diana Ruiz, Dan Alrick, Steve Reid, Karissa White, Paul Hibser, Samuel Garcia, Sonia Bustamante, Adam Springer, Grace, Viet Tran, Alexander "Sandy" Crockett, Jeff Gove, Laura Cackette, Wendy Goodfriend, Meredith Bauer; MIG staff: Joey Nielsen, Ramona McCabe; Interpreter Norma Herrera; Members of the Public: “Good”

2. PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

Public Comments

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 25, 2024

00:19:25

The Committee reviewed the meeting agenda and approved the March 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes with a roll-call vote.

Committee Comments

None

Staff Comments

None

Committee Action

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth made a motion, seconded by Suzanne Coffee, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Co-Chairs Dr. Omoniyi Omotoso, Nancy Aguirre, Marisol Cantú, and Members Alfredo Angulo, Y'Anad Burrell, Lucia Castello, Suzanne Coffee, Michelle Gomez Garcia, Lizbeth Ibarra, Jeffrey Kilbreth, Jessica Range, Simren Sandhu, Dave Severy

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Kevin Ruano Hernandez, Simren Sandhu

Public Comments

None.

4. **UPDATES ON CHEVRON 6-5 SETTLEMENT AND FLARING ACTION**

00:22:14

The Path to Clean Air Steering Committee and the public received updates on Chevron 6-5 settlement and flaring actions.

Committee Comment

Committee Member BK White stated that the repeated referencing of operator training was insulting to the operators who work in the plants. He discussed not mentioning design and engineering or source control effectively lets the industry off the hook, whether intentionally or not.

Committee Member Suzanne Coffee asked how many public comments there were and who commented.

Air District Staff Danny Fung responded that three comments were received -- two from Richmond community members, and one from CBE. He also let the committee know the comments were posted on the website.

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth stated that the system was not working if only three comments were received. He emphasized that he was not aware of the deadline for public

comments and asked if the rules the Air District has are the right rules to mitigate flaring. He mentioned that a flare minimization plan would need to include Chevron and the settlement agreement would need to include a website and detailed report on flaring events. He also emphasized that the primary goal is to cut flaring events, but in order to do that the committee has to figure out how to make the flare mitigation plans work.

Co-Chair Marisol Cantú re-emphasized BK White's comments about operator errors referenced. She asked how many times Chevron referenced operator errors as an issue to gain clarity on the percentage of flaring incidents related to operator error. She also asked how the flare mitigation plan was enforced and who would be reviewing the BMPs from the Air District. Marisol asked when the CSC would be able to have a conversation about the health impacts and noted how the conversation should include the operators. She asked how the CSC would move forward with the implementation of the rules and what the next steps would be.

Committee Member Lizbeth Ibarra asked when information about the compliance measures and flaring events would be published on the Chevron website and how the public would be notified.

Air District Staff responded that the process for the website and community action plan would need to be implemented within four months of the signing of the settlement agreement.

Co-Chair Nancy Aguirre asked who would be doing the checks and balances on the information coming from Chevron to ensure that it is accurate. She also asked who should be doing the review of information from Chevron and asked for more clarification on the rule implementation and violations.

Air District staff Laura Cackette shared that the control options and lessons learned would be used to create a gap analysis which would then produce next steps and actions. Those next steps would be available to the public and to the committee for discussion.

Committee Member Y'Anad Burrell asked about the collaboration with a non-profit or community-based organizations (CBOs) to develop the action plan. She emphasized that partnering with just one organization was concerning to reaching the entire community. She recommended that the collaboration should be with multiple CBOs to ensure that multiple communities can engage with the process.

Committee Member BK White mentioned that the Richmond Safety Ordinance was only useful when enforced, and that a 2017 audit found gaps in the Chevron refinery and the mitigations they gave the County were removed in 2021 because there was no oversight. He emphasized that without enforcement the Ordinance was not going to be adhered to.

Public Comment

None.

5. **BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS**

01:15:51

The Committee broke out into team building discussion groups to discuss monthly meeting vision planning, CSC communication, and CSC engagement/empowerment. The breakout

discussions lasted approximately 45 minutes and after the discussions each group reported out the key points and themes from their groups.

Committee Comment

Committee Member Dave Severy reported on the discussion from the virtual breakout session. He discussed how the committee could do engagement overall and emphasized how there was a call for leadership among the committee to interpret all the information the committee receives. He also talked about how the committee could do rotating topics and explored how there could be a decentralized way to put together agendas for the CSC meetings. He also expressed how the group wanted to see more opportunities for committee members to collaborate in informal ways and opportunities to make the meetings more engaging.

Committee Member Suzanne Coffee reported on the discussion from the in-person group. She commented that the meetings are long, but that is ok because they involve important topics. She emphasized that breaks are helpful. She also discussed how there could be opportunities for committee members to provide feedback and recommendations for the meeting agenda. She talked about opportunities for joint presentations with Air District staff and committee members to ensure more knowledge holding within the CSC group. She suggested providing options for various times for the meetings to make them accessible to more committee members. She talked about using an app such as GroupMe or Slack to facilitate more informal and casual conversations between meetings. Suzanne also brought up how a Google calendar could be created to track all the different activities that committee members could participate in. Finally, she reported on opportunities to build community and host community events or meetings.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. FUEL REFINING AD HOC

02:14:43

The Committee and the public received a presentation from Co-Chair Marisol Cantú on the Fuel Refining Ad Hoc Letter to Chevron.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Comments

Committee Member Y'Anad Burrell asked if the 11-page letter from Chevron was included in the CSC package and asked if Marisol could provide the date from that letter

Committee Member Jeffrey Kilbreth expressed that the Committee should remain forward-looking as they approached implementation. He emphasized that the language of the letter was good, and there was nothing inaccurate included; however he suggested that the letter

should be ended by asking Chevron to do three things to help everyone make AB617 a success. The three requests he suggested were (1) a profile of the amount of pollution and different pollutants; (2) working together to reduce toxics; and (3) working with Chevron's Flare Minimization Plan to make it effective and reduce flaring. He emphasized that the work could not be done without Chevron.

Committee Member Hakim Johnson discussed how the letter has been delayed by other committee agenda items. He asked the Air District how edits would be done since the plan has been approved.

Air District staff Wendy Goodfriend reminded the committee that the public comments were brought to the Committee along with non-substantive changes which were approved by the Committee. She mentioned that the plan was final and would hopefully be posted at the end of May or early June.

Committee Member Hakim Johnson acknowledged how a meeting had been scheduled, but expressed some concern that the meeting would be held after the adoption and approval of the Plan.

Committee Member Jessica Range asked for clarification on the comments from Chevron and if they amounted to the non-substantive changes that were made.

Committee Member Y'Anad Burrell asked if there were other written comments that the committee would respond to by letter and if other comments had been submitted in a letter format.

Air District staff Wendy Goodfriend mentioned that there were no other letters sent out responding to the public comment.

Air District staff Diana Ruiz mentioned that over 49 public comments were received with over 150 questions and that had all been shared with the CSC. She also reiterated that the letter to Chevron originated in the Fuel Refining Ad Hoc and not from the Air District. She also noted that the Air District did not make any edits to the letter.

Committee member Y'Anad Burrell asked the Fuel Refining Ad Hoc committee to clarify why they responded to one comment, but not any others.

Co-Chair Marisol Cantú responded that the Fuel Refining Ad Hoc responded to the letter to uplift the communities' voices.

Committee Action

Co-Chair Marisol Cantú made a motion, seconded by Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso, to recommend the Fuel Refining Ad Hoc send the final letter in response to comments on the Draft Path to Clean Air Plan to Chevron in response to the submitted public comment. The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Co-Chairs Dr. Omoniyi Omotoso, Nancy Aguirre, Marisol Cantú, and Members Alfredo Angulo, Lucia Castello, Suzanne Coffee, Michelle Gomez Garcia, Lizbeth Ibarra, Jeffrey Kilbreth, Jessica Range, Simren Sandhu, Dave Severy

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Y'Anad Burrell

ABSENT: Kevin Ruano Hernandez, Simren Sandhu

Public Comments

None.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE WRAP-UP

02:35:30

The Committee and the public received a presentation from Committee Member Dave Severy on the community engagement and outreach committee wrap up.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Comments

Committee Member

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. STANDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE UPDATES

02:38:35

The Committee and the public received Environmental Justice updates.

Public Comments

None.

Committee Comments

None.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

02:39:54

The June CSC meeting will be hybrid on June 24, 2024, at 5:30pm. The on-site location will be 4114 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806, and a Zoom link will be provided to the public and on the BAAQMD website for those who wish to join virtually.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

02:01:51

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda for the meeting will have two minutes each to address the Committee.

Public Comment

None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Dr. Omotoso at 8:10 pm.

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