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**Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)
Community Steering Committee Meeting #45**

June 23, 2025

Welcome

Marisol Cantú, CSC Lead

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Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
5:30 PM	Welcome, Meeting Logistics, Agenda
5:40 PM	Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 19th, 2025 (Action Item)
5:45 PM	CSC Liaisons Report-out
5:55 PM	Community Investments Office Presentation and Discussion Activity
6:40 PM	Break
6:50 PM	Community Benefits Standing Committee Presentation and Discussion Activity
7:25 PM	Next Steps/Meeting Details
7:30 PM	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Item Matters and Meeting Close-Out

Tips for Participants for a Successful Hybrid Meeting and Meeting Agreements

Tips for Successful Hybrid Meeting

- **Minimize background noise** – avoid side conversations
- **Mute your microphone** until Facilitator calls your name
- **Raise your hand to speak** whether attending in-person or virtually
- **Say your name before speaking** whether attending in-person or virtually
- **Mindful Q&A** – 2-minute timer set for questions and AD Staff answers
- **Technology happens** – please be patient. If audio or video issues, please use raised hand function and/or write in the zoom chat

CSC Meeting Expectations

- **Be prepared** - Review materials beforehand: CSC meeting slide-deck & pre-read materials (if any)
- **Be engaged** – Encouraged to have camera on for virtual attendance and ask questions. We'll “popcorn” mic to allow quieter CSC members to have space
- **One mic, one voice** - Please be respectful and wait until called on.
- **Progressive Stack approach** – to ensure CSC processes always inclusive
- **Action items** – Once Public Comment concluded, one CSC member motions with 2nd motion required for a vote

Meeting Goals

Goal 1	Approve the May 19th CSC Meeting Minutes
Goal 2	The CSC will receive a report out from the Refinery Communities Bimonthly Meetings Group (RCBM) and Refinery Technical Working Group (RTWG) CSC Liaisons and an update on the Legal Enforcement Working Group
Goal 3	The CSC will receive a presentation on the Community Investments Office (CIO), learn about local level Air District funding programs, and participate in a discussion activity
Goal 4	The CSC will receive a presentation from the Community Benefits Standing Committee (CBSC) and participate in a discussion activity

Where are We Today? - 2025 Agenda Planning Recap

April

Flaring
Just Transition
PoA

May

Community
Benefits PoA
Legal
Strategies/Actions

June

Community
Investments Office
Presentation
CBSC Presentation

July

*CSC Workshop: Just
Transition*

August

CBSC Outreach Work
Plan Presentation
Year 1 Reflection and
Year 2 Visioning

September

Finalize Year 1
Annual Report

October

Finalize Year 2
Implementation
Plan

December

Draft JT Vision Plan

Note: 2025 agenda-planning results are draft – CSC members can provide input via email to all 3 Leads/chat offline

Approval of May 19th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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Steering Committee Questions and Discussions

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CSC Liaisons Report-out

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Refinery Communities Bimonthly Meetings Group (RCBM)



RCBM Liaisons Report Out

Liaisons: Lizbeth Ibarra; BK White

Last RCBM Meeting: June 17th, 2025

Agenda

- Martinez Refinery Company (MRC) Fire: Incident Oversight Update
- Refinery Monitoring Updates
- Air District Penalty Assessment Process

Upcoming RCBM Meeting: TBD

Refinery Technical Working Group (RTWG)



RTWG Liaisons Report Out

Liaisons: Jeff Kilbreth, Kerry Guerin

Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Goals
- Meeting Topics and Timeline

Upcoming RTWG Meeting: June 25th, 2025

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Community Investments Office Presentation and Discussion Activity

Miriam Torres, Acting Officer, Community Investments Office



Penalty Fund Timeline of Actions

- **March 21, 2024:** [Presentation](#) on Funding Community Benefits Penalty Funds at the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
 - PTCA CSC Members provided public comment asking for 90% to local benefit fund for most impacted community and 10% regional benefit fund
 - The CAC voted to recommend that the Board of Directors (BOD) allocate penalty funds to a Community Benefits Fund: with 80% for local and 20% for regional
- **April 9, 2024:** [Presentation](#) on Rule 6-5 Settlement Agreement and the Community Air Quality Fund to the Community Equity, Health, and Justice (CEHJ) Committee
 - Draft PTCA CERP actions presented (slides #11-21) to CEHJ

Penalty Fund Timeline of Actions (cont.)

- **May 1, 2024:** [Presentation](#) on Funding Community Benefits from Penalty Funds at the Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
 - When the PTCA Plan was adopted, the Air District Board of Directors (BOD) was also considering a districtwide policy to allocate penalty funds to community benefits
 - PTCA recommendations cited in slides and [PTCA letter to BOD](#) (p.1216)
 - BOD approved the policy to allocate money to community benefits with an 80% local to 20% region wide split


Community Investment Office Presentation






Local Level Air District Incentives and Grant Programs



Strategic Incentives Division

Incentive/Grant Program	Program Overview/Target Audience	Connection to Actions in PTCA Plan
<u>Vehicle Buy Back</u> (Retirement Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 • Individual-level incentive • Retire (crush) an older vehicle • Reimbursement-based incentive • Open Now 	
 Clean HEET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000-\$10,000 per appliance • Household-level woodsmoke reduction • Fireplace and stove replacement • Reimbursement-based incentive • Open Now through July 31 	Health 2.5 Reduce Exposure to Wood Burning
<u>Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial program • Replace combustion → electric equipment • Reimbursement-based incentive • Opening Fall 2025 	Health 2.6 Create incentives for electric lawn and gardening equipment

Technology Implementation Office

Incentive/Grant Program	Program Overview/Target Audience	Connection to Actions in PTCA Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants up to \$12,000 for income-qualified Bay Area residents to retire their older car and replace it with a plug-in hybrid, battery, or hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle, or a pre-paid card to use for public transit and purchase e-bikes. 	Mobile 5.3 Light-duty support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants for installation of publicly-accessible vehicle charging infrastructure. 	Mobile 5.3 Light-duty support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports commercialization and deployment of greenhouse gas-reducing technologies in California by providing loan guarantees to climate tech companies. Target audiences include small businesses, lenders, facility owners. 	

Environmental Justice Office

Incentive/Grant Program	Program Overview/Target Audience	Connection to Actions in PTCA Plan
School Air Filtration Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Air District utilizes the following criteria to identify public schools in communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution: enrollment, school size, free and reduced lunch eligibility, distance from freeway, life expectancy, school size, and PM 2.5 data.• The Air District has tentatively approved \$1.3 million funding for 14 elementary schools in Richmond and San Pablo.	Health 4.2 Ensure resources for high-efficiency air filtration unit distribution
James Cary Smith Community Grant Program Community Grants Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three-year grants of up to \$100,000 per year for nonprofit and community-based organizations engaged in community capacity building work around air quality and environmental justice.• Cycle 1 will conclude in Summer 2025. Cycle 2 projects will launch July 1, 2025.	

Steering Committee Large Group Discussion Activity

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Large Group Discussion Activity (25 min)

Goal/Outcome: Build collective understanding of Community Investments Office's mission, role, and how funds will be dispersed in Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo.

Discussion Question(s): What clarifying questions do you have about the information shared on the Community Investments Office and local level Air District Incentives and Grant Programs?

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Break (10 minutes)

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Community Benefits Standing Committee Presentation and Discussion Activity

Dr. Niyi Omotoso, CSC Lead/Community Benefits Standing Committee Facilitator
Y'Anad Burrell, CSC Member/Community Benefits Standing Committee Facilitator



Overview of Community Benefits Standing Committee

Purpose

- Ensure fuel refining penalty funds benefit frontline PTCA communities disproportionately impacted by environmental injustice

Primary Goals

- Collaborate with CIO to inform equitable benefit distribution
- Support transparent public engagement in program development
- Promote community-driven project priorities aligned with the PTCA Plan
- Engage and build momentum among local CBOs to implement the community-driven projects identified from the PTCA Plan

Structure of Community Benefits Standing Committee

Standing Committee Roles and Meeting Frequency

- 2 Co-Facilitators
- 11 CSC Members
- Bi-Weekly 60-minute Meetings

Standing Committee Tasks

- One CSC participant included on CIO Officer hiring panel
- Map and meet with priority stakeholders (Tribal Leaders, CBOs, CAC, Contra Costa Health, etc.)
- Share best practices from benefit programs
- Provide input on CIO guidelines and project priorities/selection criteria
- Research EJ-aligned benefit frameworks

Example Path to Clean Air Actions

- Residential Ventilation & Air Filtration
 - H 4.2 - Ensure resources for high-efficiency air filtration unit distribution and installation programs and support for partnerships to benefit vulnerable populations and places
- Urban Greening
 - UG 1.1 - Plant Street Trees and Vegetation in Priority Neighborhoods
- Public Transportation
 - Mobile 5.2 - Heavy-Duty Vehicle Support: Support heavy-duty vehicle transition to cleaner fleets through incentives, education, and outreach – including for school buses

Steering Committee Breakout Discussion Activity

Y'Anad Burrell, CSC Member

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Breakout Discussion Activity (25 min)

Instructions: Break out into 2 groups (1 virtual and 1 in-person)

Goal/Outcome: Get feedback from the CSC on the list of stakeholders to engage with and list of projects identified in the PTCA Plan.

Discussion Question(s):

- How should we engage with the stakeholders? Which CSC members have existing relationships?
- What projects would you potentially prioritize for further investigation ?
- What is the goal for a Community Benefits Workshop and who is our target audience?

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Next Meeting Details

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Next Meeting Details

- **July 28th, 2025**
 - Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 - On-site Location: Richmond HQE
 - 4114 Lakeside Dr., Richmond CA 94806
 - Online: Zoom (link provided in the coming weeks)

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

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