

Draft Year 1 Key Accomplishments

Pre-read

Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Path to Clean Air CSC Meeting (August 2025)

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Background

As we near the end of the first year of implementation (Year 1) of the Path to Clean Air (PTCA) Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP or Plan), the Air District is working with the CSC and agency implementers to highlight key accomplishments for Year 1 in the Annual Report. These highlights will uplift important accomplishments and areas of progress made in the PTCA.

This pre-read lays out some accomplishments that the team has collected from Air District staff and external agencies so far. During the August CSC meeting, the CSC will hear an overview of the draft key accomplishments and provide their feedback via a group discussion. A short survey will also be shared to provide an opportunity for your further input. The Air District will

collect this input and use it to develop the Year 1 Annual Report, which will be shared with the CSC in September 2025. The Annual Report is due to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in October 2025.

As part of your review, please pay particular attention to the **“Why this is important” row (Row 4)** in each of the following key accomplishments. **Questions for reflection in the August CSC meeting discussion and/or post-meeting survey include:**

- Are there any action implementation accomplishments missing?
- After reading the ‘why this is important’ section for each key accomplishment, do you think anything critical was left out?
- Of the key accomplishments shared, which ones felt most meaningful or important to you - and why?

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Air District and CSC-led Accomplishments

1. Allocated \$1.3 million to elementary schools in Richmond and San Pablo from the Air District’s School Air Filtration Program

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Public Health and Reducing Exposure
Strategy:	Strategy 4: Promote Resilience Centers
Related Action(s):	Action 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
Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Air District’s School Air Filtration Program secured Board approval to allocate \$4,000,000 of Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives funding to support Home and School Air Filtration Programs. Of the total funds, \$3,000,000 is allocated to school air filtration with about \$1.3 million allocated to elementary schools in Richmond and San Pablo. The Air District is working with the West Contra Costa Unified School District to gather information on eligible school sites. Next, the Air District will gather new quotes and assessments from the contractor. Implementation of the projects is expected in Fall 2025. • The school air filtration projects are aligned with the strategy objective of ensuring that all residents in the PTCA area have access to a Resilience Center that provides indoor air filtration, has programming to meet community members’ needs, and is sustainably funded.

2. Air District secured a decisive victory: Chevron refinery dropped lawsuit over Rule 6-5 (a groundbreaking health-protective rule) and agreed to pay record-breaking violation penalties

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Fuel Refining
Strategy:	Strategy 5: Reduce Exposure and Public Health Impacts from Particulate Matter and Other Criteria Air Pollutants Emitted by the Fuel Refining Sector
Related Action(s):	Action FR 5.1: Implement Rule 6-5. Air District to engage in negotiations to resolve litigation and implement Rule 6-5 such that compliance occurs by the originally adopted timeline specified in the Rule.
Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On February 13, 2024, the Air District announced it reached two separate agreements with Chevron and Martinez Refining Company resulting in an end to the litigation against the agency over its groundbreaking Regulation 6, Rule 5 (Rule 6-5), major emissions reductions from both refineries, unprecedented penalties and other payments of up to \$138 million, and a Richmond-area Community Air Quality Fund, among other benefits. The Air District estimates that the emission reductions achieved by the rule will result in tens of millions of dollars per year in health benefits by reducing early deaths and other health impacts of exposure to particulate matter. Chevron will now comply with the rule by installing a Wet Gas Scrubber. The City of Richmond is currently evaluating a Conditional Use Permit application for the Wet Gas Scrubber project, and the Air District is working on the air permit. When the permitting is complete, Chevron will begin construction of the equipment, which is expected to take up to two years.

3. Air District introduced the Targeted Inspection Program Policy in the PTCA

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Compliance and Enforcement
Strategy:	Strategy 1: Compliance and Enforcement
Related Action(s):	Action C&E 1.2: Conduct targeted investigations of facilities of community concern (i.e., facilities identified and prioritized using community concern and AB617 data).

Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Targeted Inspection Program aims to modernize the Air District Compliance and Enforcement inspection program by utilizing comprehensive data analyses and community input to better identify compliance issues, prioritize inspections, and target enforcement resources. • Launch of the program is planned for Fall 2025 in PTCA after evaluation of a summer 2025 pilot in the Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco AB 617 community. • An initial introduction to the Targeted Inspection Program was given at the March 2025 CSC meeting. Feedback from that presentation helped to shape the pilot, specifically to incorporate emissions toxicity. • As part of the August CSC meeting, a presentation was given on the progress of the pilot program.
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4. CSC established a Just Transition Standing Committee (JTSC) and a Plan of Action. JTSC hosted a successful community workshop in July 2025

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Fuel Refining
Strategy:	Strategy 1: Move Towards a Just Transition
Related Action(s):	Action FR 1.1: Educate the CSC and Air District on how Just Transition would apply to the Zero Emission Future and a managed phase-down of fossil fuels in the PTCA area. The CSC will establish a Just Transition [Standing] Committee (JTSC) as part of Path to Clean Air Plan Implementation by Q2 2024.
Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This action is a CSC-led action and a top priority chosen by the CSC in Fall 2024. • In Spring 2025, a Just Transition Standing Committee (JTSC) was convened. The CSC formed the JTSC and approved a Plan of Action in accordance with the Year 1 Implementation Plan. • In July 2025, the JTSC hosted an educational workshop, which took place in person as well as virtually. Over 50 community participants attended, representing residents, labor unions, elected officials, and local nonprofits, as well as Air District staff and CSC members. • At the workshop, a list of Just Transition Principles drafted by the JTSC was discussed in order to collect feedback from the community.

5. Air District Board Directors approved a policy in May 2024 to allocate money to a community benefits fund with an 80% local to 20% region wide split. The CSC established a Community Benefits Standing Committee and a Plan of Action

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Fuel Refining
Strategy:	Strategy 3: Hold Chevron and Other Emitters Accountable for Reducing Pollution and Negative Public Health Impacts from their Operations
Related Action(s):	<p>*Action FR 3.9: First, Air District will partner with the CSC to develop, within 1 year of PTCA Plan adoption, a Community Benefits Policy (CBP) that invests up to 100% of penalty monies from the fuel refining sector back into the PTCA area. Then, Air District will partner with the CSC to expand the Fuel Refining Community Benefits Policy (CBP) to cover the full PTCA area.</p> <p><i>*Language of Action FR 3.9 is different from the policy to allocate money to a community benefits fund that was approved by the Board of Directors on May 1, 2024. See June CSC slides for more information.</i></p>
Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This action is a CSC-led action and a top priority chosen by the CSC in Fall 2024. • In May 2024, the Air District Board Directors approved a policy to allocate money to a community benefits fund with an 80% local to 20% region wide split. • The CSC created the Community Benefits Standing Committee (CBSC) at the March 24th, 2025 PTCA CSC Meeting. • On May 19th, 2025, the CBSC Plan of Action was approved by the CSC. • The CBSC has met four (4) times as of July 2025.

6. Identified CSC Liaisons to participate in the Air District's Refinery Technical Working Group (RTWG) focused on flaring. Air District kicked off the RTWG in June 2025, with both PTCA liaisons in attendance representing the CSC

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Fuel Refining
Strategy:	Strategy 2: Reduce Persistent Flaring and Improve Incident Response
Related Action(s):	<p>Action FR 2.6: Air District will initiate a rule development effort, further evaluating potential updates to flaring rules (Rule 12-11 and Rule 12-12), by the end of 2024. Rule development efforts will aim to incorporate health impacts analyses, enhance rule enforceability, and establish new and/or more stringent limits. Health and Safety Code requirements will be satisfied as well.</p>

Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support ongoing and upcoming rule development on regulations affecting refinery sources, the Air District initiated the Refinery Technical Working Group (RTWG)The purpose of the RTWG includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Act as a forum for air-quality related matters at refineries and in refinery communities. ◦ Function to solicit stakeholder inputs on refinery-related rules such as Rule 12-11: Flare Monitoring at Refineries, Rule 12-12: Flares at Refineries, and Rule 12-15: Refining Emissions Tracking Rule ◦ Support discussion of technical aspects related to these rules ◦ Build a shared understanding of refinery flaring and related rules • The RTWG is composed of Air District staff, refinery representatives, community members, local government staff, advocacy group representatives, and other members to gather information and opinions from stakeholders on a variety of topics related to refinery rulemaking. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Two CSC Liaisons from the PTCA CSC were identified to participate as members of the RTWG. Both attended the kickoff meeting in June 2025 and are eager to engage in the process and represent the PTCA.
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External Agency-led Accomplishments

7. Contra Costa Health developed a Healthy Checkout ordinance, promoting placement of healthy food at point of sale in retail stores

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Health
Strategy:	Strategy 3: Promote Healthy Food Access
Related Action(s):	Action H 3.4: Develop a Healthy Food Retail Model Ordinance for potential adoption by local jurisdictions in the PTCA area.
Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In November 2024, following the recommendation of Contra Costa Health (CCH), the County Board of Supervisors directed CCH to draft a county ordinance to promote the placement of healthy food at the point of sale in retail stores larger than 2,000 sq. ft. in unincorporated Contra Costa. • As of June 2025, the Family and Human Services (FHS) committee has received a presentation from CCH staff regarding the updates to the Healthy Checkout ordinance. The committee requested additional information and a meeting to discuss the scope of the ordinance further.

8. Contra Costa County committed to pilot Contra Costa Thrives: A Guaranteed Basic Income program that will serve four priority groups

Community Concern Thematic Area:	Health
Strategy:	Strategy 1: Increase Health Resilience and Improve Social Determinants of Health
Related Action(s):	Action H 1.1: Promote and advocate for a guaranteed income pilot for low-income CERP residents.
Why this is important:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services (EHSD) has made noteworthy progress on this action. Beginning next year, Contra Costa County will pilot a county-funded guaranteed-income program. In October 2024, the County Board of Supervisors approved a pilot that will include 250 residents for 18 months, though those numbers could change as the county develops its final plan. Youth transitioning out of foster care, unhoused residents, low-income families with young children and people returning from incarceration will be eligible to apply for up to \$1,000 monthly. County officials are still finalizing the program details, including the selection and application processes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> References: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://richmondconfidential.org/2024/12/14/some-contra-costa-residents-will-get-1000-monthly-under-a-new-county-program/ https://contracosta.news/2024/10/23/contracosta-county-moves-towards-guaranteed-income-pilot-program/#google_vignette Since October 2024, EHSD has convened a workgroup of subject matter experts to develop the guaranteed income (GI) program design and plan for the launch of the program. The workgroup has identified specific target populations, established eligibility criteria and selection methods, outlined the integration of existing case management and other support services, proposed potential metrics for evaluating the pilot's effectiveness, and collected community input. The Contra Costa Thrives Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Program is a county-led initiative providing consistent, unconditional monthly cash payments to approximately 170 vulnerable Contra Costa residents to reduce financial instability and offer immediate economic support. The program was shaped by national research, local data, and extensive input from community stakeholders and subject matter experts. The program will serve four priority groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster youth (19-21) in Independent Living Skills case management Young parents (18-26) with children under six engaged in CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work or Cal-Learn Individuals on probation returning to the community after incarceration Low-income, housing-insecure older adults receiving APS Participants will receive \$18,000 over 12 or 18 months. Multiple payment delivery options will be offered to meet participant preferences. EHSD anticipates launching Contra Costa Thrives in July 2025, with first payments issued in the beginning of 2026. EHSD's proposed program design will be presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on 7/8/25 for approval. The full plan is attached to the 6/24/25 BOS

agenda, Discussion Item D.6.

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