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West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project

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Welcome and thank you for joining the West Oakland Community Action Plan Steering Committee!

On behalf of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), we sincerely appreciate your commitment to help inform the policies and strategies to reduce air pollution in West Oakland. State Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) provides a new community-focused approach to reduce exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in communities most impacted by air pollution. As a recognized West Oakland stakeholder, your participation is essential to inform this community-based approach.

This orientation packet contains the following materials to orient steering committee members to the overall AB 617 process and to provide guidance as to what they can expect to accomplish and tackle:

- Orientation Meeting Agenda
- AB 617 Handout
- Steering Committee Partnership Agreement
- Draft Steering Committee Governing Charter (committee to adopt)
- Draft Timeline and Schedule

Background on AB617 and Community Air Plans

AB 617 is a State-mandated program that focuses resources through the regional Air District to help better understand, address, and mitigate local air pollution in the State's most disadvantaged communities. West Oakland—which includes the Port of Oakland, Oakland Army Base, East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) waste treatment facility, surrounding freeways and various industrial facilities—has been selected as the first community in our Bay Area region to develop an air pollution action plan. The Action Plan can build upon many of the existing studies and community air

monitoring efforts—many of which WOEIP has led—but will require a robust community stakeholder input process to gather input and formulate a collaborative plan of action. The key elements of the Action Plan will need to be completed by early 2019 in preparation for State adoption in October 2019.

Steering Committee Responsibilities

Steering committee meetings are planned every two-months for two-hour meetings (time and place to be determined). We ask steering committee members to commit to six meetings in addition to 2-4 community townhall meetings over the course of the year. Members who wish to be further involved may choose to participate in ad-hoc sub-committees or steering committee governance. For all formal meetings, childcare, food and interpretation can be made available. Stipends may be available for folks not paid for attendance as part of their job.

Steering committee members will be responsible for developing the proposed content of the community plan as well as disseminate information and transmit input from your representative sectors as appropriate. Prospective members need to be able and willing to review ongoing plans, studies, reports on air quality, and think critically and strategically to provide input. All educational levels and backgrounds are welcomed and any desired trainings on aspects of this planning process will be made available.

Thank you for your interests and your contributions to the health and vitality of the West Oakland community.

Sincerely,

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