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West Oakland
Environmental Indicators Project



West Oakland Community Action Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #8

Monday, March 11, 2019, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Alameda County Public Health Department 1000 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612

Meeting Objective

- Steering Committee reaches consensus on a preliminary list of strategies to submit to the Air District for inclusion in the plan.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Welcome.** Facilitators, *Marybelle Tobias & Anuja Mendiratta*, welcomed and thanked attendees for their presence at a special second meeting in March to accomplish an important milestone.
- 2. Meeting Objectives**
 - a. *Henry Hilken, BAAQMD.* Henry stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is for SC members to come to a general consensus on the intent and approach of a preliminary list of strategies.
 - b. *Brian Beveridge, WOEIP.* Brian added that the SC has a solid foundation of strategies to work with. He advised that, because the meeting is focused on the general intent and approach of the strategies, SC members did not need to spend too much time discussing who has the authority to enforce a strategy or how to implement it.
 - i. Be sure to ask any clarifying questions. Let us know if we've missed something so we can get it in the notes.
- 3. Moment of Silence and Brief Introductions** *Ms Margaret Gordon, WOEIP.* Ms Margaret held a moment of silence for city councilmember Lynette McElhaney's son. She then polled the room to identify the types of groups present, which included members of community groups, representatives of local, regional and federal government, nonprofits and businesses.
- 4. Reaching Consensus** *Marybelle Tobias, Facilitator.* Marybelle explained the process for coming to consensus, describing a discussion-based process that requires active listening and willingness to learn.
 - a. Reaching consensus means arriving at a decision all members can support, but it doesn't necessarily mean it was each member's first choice.
 - b. Marybelle shared the "degrees of agreement" spectrum, ranging from "enthusiastic support" (#1) to "disagree and can't support" (#6).

- c. Tonight's discussion will focus on identifying the strategies that any member strongly disagrees with and can't support including on the list -- for a specific, stated reason -- and addressing those concerns.
 - d. If, after discussion where all members have the opportunity to share, the strategy remains a #6, we will remove it from the list that we will submit to the Air District, so that we can move forward with a consensus on the rest of the strategies.
- 5. Walk-Around Exercise and Homework Review** *Azibuike Akaba, BAAQMD*. At the last meeting, SC members were given a list of the strategies developed to-date and asked to provide input, comments or questions. Azibuike explained that they would have an additional hour to review all of the strategies on the list, organized by category and blown up on easels around the room.
- a. The purpose of this activity is to reinforce the homework, allow you to familiarize yourself with the strategies, and make sure that we capture all of your concerns, questions, and statements.
 - b. This can include, asking what the next steps are, or reframing the strategy's purpose or method.
- 6. Exercise Report Out.** The lead person from each station reported on the key strategies discussed at their station, focusing on the strategies that folks strongly disagreed with and could not support.
- a. Land Use (Strategies 1-31). Strategies related to getting truck-related businesses out of the community, idling limits, etc. Mostly received clarifications, suggestions for strengthening, identifying the need for resources and better enforcement.
 - i. There was opposition to one strategy (23) requesting that the City of Oakland reopen an environmental review of the Oakland Army Base under the California Environmental Quality Act.
 - b. Trucks (Strategies 32-62). Received a few general comments, including support for increasing zero emissions - setting a goal of 100% electrification - and ensuring a reliable system.
 - i. There was opposition to four strategies (32, 35, 42, 51) based on negative impacts caused to independent truckers, including additional fees, and overly-broad language.
 - c. Mobile Sources other than trucks (Strategies 63 - 81). These strategies are about ships and trains, improving bicycling and walking conditions in West Oakland, expanding on ideas from the West Oakland Specific Plan.
 - i. No strategies opposed.
 - d. Stationary Sources (Strategies 82 - 93).
 - i. No strategies opposed. One key request to clarify enforcement authorities.
 - e. Health Programs (Strategies 94 - 132).
 - i. Opposition to one strategy (124) requiring a study of the impacts of removing I-980.
- 7. Discussion.** Participants engaged in robust dialogue, airing questions, concerns and suggestions about the strategies being opposed.

- 8. Consensus on Strategies.** Dialogue continued as participants raised several other strategies for discussion, shared clarifying suggestions on strategy, wording, and intent.
 - a. At the close of discussion, several strategies were re-worded, making them actionable again. Three strategies were stricken from the list (23, 51 and 124) entirely.
 - b. SC members achieved consensus to move forward with the remaining strategies.

- 9. Wrap-up + Next steps.** Facilitators congratulated participants for their drive and dedication to the process resulting in achieving consensus. Attendees were reminded to turn in the homework and fill out evaluation forms.
 - a. Next meeting date: April 3, 2019

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