



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Air District hosts community summit to develop an air monitoring plan for Richmond-San Pablo

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting a community summit on Saturday, February 16, from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the City of Richmond Recreation Complex located at 3230 Macdonald Avenue in Richmond, to develop an air monitoring plan for the surrounding community.

The community summit will provide an opportunity for residents to learn, ask questions and share information about the longstanding, disproportionate effects of air pollution. Lunch and light refreshments, along with child care for children 3 years and older will be provided at the meeting.

Under the Air District's Community Health Protection Program, the Richmond-San Pablo area was selected as a priority community due to its high cumulative exposure burden to air pollution. In accordance with California Assembly Bill 617, the state directs local air districts to work with heavily impacted communities on emission reduction programs and/or air quality monitoring campaigns.

AB 617 establishes a community-focused planning process, deployment of additional community air monitoring and targeted incentive funding to implement cleaner technologies. AB 617 also includes new requirements to accelerate the retrofit of pollution controls on older industrial equipment, increases penalty fees for industry and provides greater transparency and availability of emissions data.

Date & Time:

Saturday, February 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location:

City of Richmond Recreation Complex
3230 Macdonald Ave. Richmond, CA 94804

RSVP:

Please visit the [event webpage](#) or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/richmond-san-pablo-community-summit-tickets-54619447237> to RSVP and learn more.

For further information please contact Kristen Law, Community Engagement Office via e-mail at klaw@baaqmd.gov or by calling 415.749.4653.

The community summit was designed in consultation with a group of community stakeholders including the Community Housing Development Corporation, Groundwork Richmond, Healthy Richmond, Hilltop District Neighborhood Council/Sierra Club, No Coal in Richmond, NAACP Richmond, RYSE, Santa Fe Neighborhood Council, Sunflower Alliance, West County First 5 and the West County Toxics Coalition.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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