

Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) /Southeast San Francisco (SESF) AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm PDT

Facilitator: Marsha Maloof

Note-taker: En2Action and Air District

Co-Leads: Marie Harrison Community Foundation,

Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates, &

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Co-Chairs: Nina Omomo and Chalam Tubati

Meeting Location: Southeast Community Center, Alex Pitcher Room

1550 Evans Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124

Webpage with Meeting Materials:

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/bayview-hunters-point-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

Topic
<p>1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Co-Chair Nina Omomo welcomed everyone into the meeting and reviewed the agenda.● Marsha reviewed the Timeline Slide with the group and noted the group is in the "Plan Preparation Phase." Marsha also stated the focus of the meeting is for Community Steering Committee (CSC) members to learn about regulations, permitting, and compliance and enforcement at the Air District.
<p>2. Vote on Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Co-Lead Arieann from Marie Harrison Community Foundation nominated Chalam Tubati to be the new Co-Chair with Co-Chair Nina. Before the vote took place, Nina explained the role of the Co-Chair. She emphasized that it is a leadership role within the committee and it is necessary to keep in contact with the Co-Leads.● The CSC members were asked if anyone had objections to the nomination or wanted to nominate anyone else. There were none. The CSC selected Chalam as the new Co-Chair, effective immediately.
<p>3. Report back from Source, Emissions, and Data Gaps Subcommittee</p>

- Sub-committee members Jun Zhong, Agustin Angel, Amelia Erskine, Makayla Scott, Tiffany Williams, and Co-Chair Chalam Tubati presented their findings from the Sub-committee meetings held on June 24th and July 8th. They focused on two topics: Air Monitoring and Enforcement.
- Subcommittee findings:
 - The Air District does not have any air monitoring stations in Bayview Hunters Point.
 - Enforcement focuses on facility visits and expired permits. Facility visits are prioritized by the oldest recorded visit to the most recent visit. Any number of complaints are investigated and will trigger a facility visit.
 - There are still questions remaining from the Sub-committee about what happens with a lapsed permit.
 - Lastly, the committee learned that San Francisco currently only has one inspector tasked with facility visits and complaints currently.
- To conclude, the Sub-committee members listed the topics they would like to discuss next. This included:
 - Permitted vs exempted vs registered facilities and how each category is determined
 - Facilities' visit data for BVHP facilities and community complaint data
 - Facility permitting process - time limit on applications & operating status of facility while permit process is pending
 - Further follow-up on enforcement issues
- Other pending comments/questions from discussion:
 - There is interest in learning more about community health for BVHP/SESF.
 - Why is there only one inspector for all of San Francisco?
 - There are several monitors operated by different organizations that collect different types of data.

4. Presentation on Air Quality Regulations, Permitting, and Enforcement

- Goal of the presentation from Air District staff was to answer following specific questions:
 - Who put Air District regulations in place?
 - Who's responsible for making sure Air District regulations are followed?
 - How does the community let the Air District know about things that are not working?
- Several government agencies are responsible for air quality. There is US EPA at the federal level, CARB at the state level, and then the Air District at the regional level.
- It was discussed that the Air District develops rules around air quality. Rulemaking can involve developing new rules as well as developing amendments to existing rules

- The Air District creates rules around the following:
 - Emission limits
 - Performance standards
 - Required controls or equipment
 - Monitoring and testing
 - Recordkeeping and reporting
- The public has the opportunity to participate in the rule-making process and can find more information on how to engage in the process at the following link: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/en/rules-and-compliance/rule-development>
- The purpose of the Permitting process is to:
 - Protect people and the environment from air pollution
 - Attain and maintain the state and federal ambient air quality standards
 - Make sure businesses follow air pollution rules
- The permitting program, formally called New Source Review (NSR), is for facilities who want to install new equipment or make changes to existing equipment that will increase emissions.
- There are two types of permits given, (1) “Authority to Construct” permit (A/C) and it is given before construction and allows a facility to being operating with conditions, and (2) “Permit to Operate” (P/O), which is issued once the Air District determines that the installed equipment/operations comply with the A/C and air quality laws. A P/O must be renewed on an annual basis.
- Public Notice and comment is required to keep people informed about projects and proposals in their community. Community members can also send any questions or concerns about projects to the permit ombudsman.
- The following video was shown from CARB describing air quality enforcement: [Air Quality Enforcement | California Air Resources Board](#)
- The enforcement process summary involves the following: First, inspectors conduct inspections to see if a facility is in compliance. They look at the facility and any permit sources onsite that are named in the Permit to Operate. They will also check to ensure the facility is complying with the regulations that apply to their facility.
- People can let the Air District know something is wrong/file a complaint. People can file a complaint via phone (1-800-334-6367) or online: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/online-services/air-pollution-complaints>.
- Notice of Violations (NOVs) or Notice to Comply (NTCs) are given to facilities that are not in compliance. NOV’s can be view online: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/compliance-assistance/notices-of-violations/novs-issued>

5. Develop Vision for Community Emissions Reduction Plan

- The Air District staff supported a group brainstorming activity in response to the following prompts:
 - Overall Vision/Blue Sky Thinking: What are your hopes and aspirations for clean air?
 - Plan Vision: In 5 years what would the plan have accomplished?
 - Principles: What are the core values that should guide the plan?
- The responses were recorded with sticky notes. At the next CSC meeting, the group will review a summary of the responses and continue to refine the group's vision for the CERP.

6. Next steps

- The next meeting is on Tuesday, August, 20, 5pm - 7pm at the Southeast Community Center, Room TBD
- Agenda items requested by CSC members for future CSC meetings:
 - Health outcomes/burdens in BVHP
 - What is a cumulative risk assessment and how are they being used?
 - San Francisco's Planning Policies including Land Use
 - Concerns about car emissions
 - Climate impacts in respects to air pollution (how are we calculating climate change in health impacts and air pollution)
 - What are the latest policy recommendations for emissions reductions?
 - Construction monitoring data
 - Coordinating with the Technical Advisory Committee
 - Information about the criteria used to assess information for permitting decisions