

Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco AB 617, Community Steering Committee Meeting #8 Summary

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm PDT

Location: Southeast Community Center, Alex Pitcher Room 1550 Evans Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124

Facilitator: Marsha Maloof

Note-taker En2Action, summarized by AD

Co-Leads: Marie Harrison Community Foundation (MHCF), Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates (BVHPCA), & Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District)

Co-Chairs: Nina Omomo and Chalam Tubati

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Co-chair, Nina Omomo welcomed everyone into the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
- b. Facilitator asked the Community Steering Committee (CSC) their opinion of having an Air District videographer at a future meeting to take video for the 2024 Annual Report. Responses were mixed. Co-chair Chalam Tubati asked Air District (AD) staff to send out the 2023 video for reference. Arieann Harrison (MHCF) recommended a survey be sent out to ask for consent from members.
 - i. Action Item: AD staff to send out the 2023 video for reference and follow up about the topic of consent from members.
- c. Jenn Ferreira (Air District) solicited feedback from CSC on the ongoing Q&A document. Michelle Pierce (BVHPCA) offered constructive feedback about the answers seeming overly curated.
- d. David Ralston (Air District) reviewed the timeline slide.

2. Sources, Emissions, and Data Gaps (SEDG) Subcommittee Report Back

- a. Amelia (SEDG subcommittee member) reported back on subcommittee discussions of facility categories (exempt, registered, permitted, unpermitted, major facility review). Subcommittee still has questions about the renewal process, inspection process, and citations. CSC members and other attendees asked about how the Air District determines if sites are in compliance. Patrick Wenzinger (Air District) briefly answered some of these questions.
- b. Future consideration: In response to several unanswered questions by subcommittee members, BVHPCA recommended additional presentations on Compliance and Enforcement processes.
- c. Request/suggestion for SEDG to document the questions/answers.

3. Visioning Activity Report Back

- a. David (Air District) summarized input gathered during visioning activity and distributed handouts of responses.

- b. Ariann (MHCF) reiterated what the purpose of the visioning activity was.

4. CARB Presentation – State Air Quality Regulations and Enforcement for Mobile Sources

- a. Michelle Byars and Jeremy Herbert of CARB presented on the role of the State of California in air quality regulation. Cody Howard from Enforcement helped to answer questions at the end.
- b. Presentation included overview of CARB authority and activity, [video of regulatory process](#), and how to report air quality concerns. Michelle provided context as to how CARB's role and processes, such as community-focused enforcement, can fit into a CERP.
- c. Michelle shared resources, including online data resources and information and a [video about the Portable Emissions Acquisition System \(PEAQs\)](#), that the CSC could use in CERP strategy development.
- d. Co-Lead partners and CSC members asked the following questions and made comments:
 - i. Co-leads and CSC members asked questions about who has jurisdiction over planes, trains, and ships. Michelle and Cody explained that the Federal Aviation Administration oversees planes and that CARB has a contract with the federal government to inspect trains and docked ships.
 - ii. CSC members expressed skepticism that the CARB reporting and inspection process was occurring as described in BVHP/SESF. They asked to see the EDVS information for BVHP area. Cody from CARB answered that CARB did 90 inspections in BVHP last year.
 - iii. Uzuri (CSC) also asked if there have been inspections in the 4 housing developments under construction (Concern over fugitive dust impacting homes near these sites.)? And why aren't community members accompanying CARB during the inspections?
 - iv. Can CARB identify specific vehicles while they use the PEAQS system?
 - v. Amelia (CSC) asked what the process is for monitoring a site with multiple off-road vehicles?
 - vi. Robin (CSC) asked if CARB has any training for people to do inspections?
 - vii. Tacora (CSC) asked how is the community supposed to know if CARB is really doing their job? And if the enforcement jobs and training can be for the community members?
 - viii. Ariann (MHCF) asked what role does CARB play in interior/indoor air quality (like radon)?
 - ix. What is the process for dealing with trash trucks that don't tarp??
 - x. How is CARB making the reporting/complaint process accessible for people without technology?

- xi. Is there a mechanism for tracking air pollution such that the community can be notified to avoid that area or to redirect traffic away from that area to minimize additional impact?
- xii. Why can't CARB just shut all the polluters down?
- e. Action Item: Facilitator recommended writing down the questions to be addressed by subcommittee or another presentation due to time constraints.

5. CERP Boundary Approval

- a. Facilitator introduced a slide showing the proposed boundary and reviewed the context and purpose of a boundary.
- b. Michelle Pierce (BVHPCA) proposed changing the boundary by extending it to the finger docks via 16th street. (include the hospital, but not the stadium)
- c. CSC unanimously approved the boundary including Michelle's proposed modification using a motion/2nd/vote method.
- d. Action Item: David Ralston (Air District) to confirm the final boundary due to what Michelle identified as 16th Street on current boundary actually being 20th Street.

6. Zoning and Land Use

- a. Michelle Pierce (BVHPCA) gave a presentation on the history of racist land use policies in San Francisco, which led to high concentrations of pollution in BVHP, and how variance policies can allow the City/County of SF to override objections of regulatory agencies like AD.
- b. Danielle Ngo of the San Francisco Planning Department gave a presentation on zoning and land use in San Francisco. Emphasized that low-income people and people of color are more likely to live near pollution nationwide. She covered the types of land use zoning in SF and showed a map of how zoning types are distributed.
- c. Action Item: Presentation was cut short due to time constraints and will be finished at the next CSC meeting.

7. Wrap-up, Announcements, and Next Steps

- a. Facilitator asked CSC members if they were interested in scheduling a retreat.
 - i. CSC members expressed interest in a retreat and asked for time to plan and put forward different options for dates and include CSC members that are not present about their interest too.
 - ii. Action Item: Facilitator said they will send a poll to decide a date.
- b. Additional announcements made regarding upcoming community events.
- c. Meeting adjourned