

# AGENDA

## East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #13

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 12th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

**Virtual Facilitators:** Aiyahna Johnson, Charles Reed, Mykela Patton, CSC  
Co-Chairs

**Note-taker:** Mausam Jamwal, Just Cities (JC)

**Co-Chairs:** Aiyahna Johnson, Charles Reed, and Mykela Patton

### **Co-Leads:**

**CBE:** *Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)*

**Air District:** *Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)*

**Location:** *Virtual Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98574358053>*

### **Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:**

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/community-health-protection-program/east-oakland-community-emissions-reduction-plan>

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- For CSC members to meet staff from the Air District’s Engineering Division, Technology and Implementation Office (TIO), and Strategic Incentives Division (SID), and learn how their work can support development of the CERP.
- To share an update of the progress of the East Oakland Community Mapping project and encourage CSC members to add information to the Map and share it with their communities.

Time	Topic
6:00 PM	<b>Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Interpretation</li><li>• Initial Meeting Agreements</li></ul>
6:10 PM	<b>Goals Update</b>
6:13 PM	<b>Rotation 1:</b> Small Group Breakout Rooms with the following BAAQMD divisions (learn more about the divisions’ roles <a href="#">here</a> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engineering Division</li><li>• Strategic Incentives Division (SID) and Technology Implementation Office (TIO)</li></ul>
6:55 PM	<b>Break</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Rotation 2:</b> Small Group Breakout Rooms with the following BAAQMD divisions (learn more about the divisions’ roles <a href="#">here</a> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engineering Division</li><li>• Strategic Incentives Division (SID) and Technology Implementation Office (TIO)</li></ul>

7:35 PM	<b>East Oakland Community Mapping Project</b>
7:52 PM	<b>East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates</b>
7:59 PM	<b>Next Steps and Close Out</b>

## MEETING NOTES

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Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:00 PM	<b>Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda</b> (9 mins; 6:00-6:09 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interpretation (2 mins)</li> <li>● Welcome (1 min)</li> <li>● Agenda (2 mins)</li> <li>● Initial Meeting Agreements (1 mins)</li> <li>● Community Building (1 min)</li> <li>● CERP Timeline (1 min)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Steering Committee Members Present:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aiyahna Johnson</li> <li>○ Andrea Pineda</li> <li>○ Andria Blackmon</li> <li>○ Carol Corr</li> <li>○ Charles Reed</li> <li>○ Cynthia Gutierrez</li> <li>○ Danny Scott</li> <li>○ Erica Pascual</li> <li>○ Gabrielle Sloane-Law</li> <li>○ Jamaica Sowell</li> <li>○ Jamie Schechter</li> <li>○ Khalilha Haynes</li> <li>○ Kimi Watkins-Tartt / Tram Nguyen</li> <li>○ Marina Muñoz</li> <li>○ Merika Goolsby</li> <li>○ Ms. Cecilia Cunningham</li> <li>○ Mykela Patton</li> <li>○ Shamar Theus</li> <li>○ Susan Goolsby</li> <li>○ William Crotinger</li> <li>○ Colleen Liang</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the welcome. Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the agenda walkthrough. Carly Cabral (CBE) shared meeting agreements and initiated community building by encouraging both CSC members and members of the public to include their name, pronouns, and affiliated organizations in the Zoom chat. CSC members</li> </ul>

		<p>introduced themselves in the Zoom chat with their names, pronouns, and organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alesia Hsiao (AD) walked through the CERP Timeline and the current stage of the CERP process, which is focused on planning goals, targets, and writing additional Plan elements.</li> </ul>
6:09 PM	<p><b>Goals Update</b> (5 mins; 6:09 - 6:14 PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alison Kirk (AD) shared the results of the information gathered from CSC members on Goals creation insights in the previous CSC meeting. The responses included using information gained on health risks and the emissions inventory, continual knowledge-gathering, support for using the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound) goals framework, the importance of communication, working with the business community, among others.</li> <li>● 2 CSC members have shown interest in working on Goals creation, along with 2 others potentially interested based on time commitment.</li> <li>● Next steps include gathering more information for Goals creation, which will include the results of the Community Mapping work in November, and a 3-year report from the Compliance and Enforcement division in December. Co-leads and Co-Chairs will work with the volunteers later this year/winter of 2024.</li> </ul>
6:13 pm	<p><b>Rotation 1:</b> Small Group Breakout Rooms with the BAAQMD divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engineering Division</li> <li>● Strategic Incentives Division (SID) and the Technology Implementation Office (TIO)</li> </ul> <p>(42 mins; 6:33 to 6:55 PM)</p> <p><i>Note: These notes are from the main room. Public comments from the other breakout rooms can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mykela explained the small-group rotations with BAAQMD departments, where the attendees will be split into two groups, and each group will have 30 minutes to talk with the three Air District divisions present at the meeting.</li> <li>● In the main room, Simrun Dhoot (AD) and Barry Young (AD) introduced the Engineering Division, which focuses on permitting processes.</li> <li>● Simrun talked through the purpose and aim of the permitting program, which involves ensuring that the ambient air quality is maintained per federal standards. Permits are issued to new facilities if they can demonstrate that they are meeting federal, state, and local standards.</li> <li>● She also explained the permitting process steps, which include application review, calculations, health risk assessments, permit/operating conditions, and a public comment period, along with the major components of review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member asked what modalities are used to ensure that the community is aware of the deadlines in order to be effective at responding to the public notices. Simrun responded by saying that community members can sign up for alerts on the BAAQMD website, but the Air District</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>is working on improving the outreach process around public notices with the Community Advisory Council. Barry added that people can also use the permit application search engine to view the application status of a particular permit. The CSC member responded by saying that technological interventions cannot replace door-to-door outreach to ensure that the community is well informed, and that the Air District should go after funding to support such efforts. Another CSC member added the need to create outreach through fliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CSC members mentioned that presenters must favor discussion with the community over completing the planned presentation. Simrun and Barry acknowledged this feedback and said that they would incorporate it into the next breakout session.</li> <li>○ A CSC member asked whether action is taken when there is clear evidence of a permitted business creating emissions. Simrun said that the community should be able to report an instance like this to Compliance and Enforcement, which is then referred to Engineering if an issue is found.</li> <li>○ A CSC member mentioned that the community should be the first to find out which businesses are going to be located because the emissions will affect them first. She gave the example of the crematorium, where it was too late for the community to stop the project by the time they were made aware of it.</li> <li>○ A CSC member stated the need to have a timeline of action towards the points of discussion in the CSC meetings.</li> <li>○ A CSC member mentioned that Co-Chairs should guide the presenters before the CSC meeting on how to best present information to the community.</li> <li>○ CSC members appreciated the presentation and the presenters. A CSC member mentioned that a lot of information was being conveyed without consideration of the participants' days where they may have worked full time or cared for families.</li> </ul>
6:55 pm	<b>Break</b>	
7:00 pm	<b>Rotation 1:</b> Small Group Breakout Rooms with the BAAQMD divisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Engineering Division</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the main room, Tin Le (AD) and Alona Davis (AD) introduced the Technology Implementation Office and the Strategic Incentives Division. They gave an overview of the incentives programs administered by the Air District.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic Incentives Division (SID) and the Technology Implementation Office (TIO)</li> </ul> <p>(35 mins; 7:00 to 7:35 PM)</p> <p><i>Note: These notes are from the main room. Public comments from the other breakout rooms can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tin talked through the role of incentives in reducing emissions, which stems from the Air District having regulatory authority only on stationary sources, not mobile sources, where the latter authority lies with the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The Air District then uses incentives and grants to help reduce emissions in the transportation sector or other mobile equipment. He noted that grants or funds may not be upfront, and could be reimbursements or be supported by matching funds.</li> <li>● Tin listed some incentive programs for individual residents, including the Clean Cars program, Vehicle Buy Back Program, and a wood smoke reduction program. Incentives for businesses and public agencies include the Charge program, Clean Air Centers, Climate Tech Finance Program, and the Bikeway program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member asked for more information about Clean Air Centers (CACs) with respect to emergency relief. Tin responded that the Air District received \$3M in funding for the Bay Area, some of which are in East Oakland. He shared the link to a map of the CACs: <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1878ZbHda_7frqedxfDN5th6vTClbaofw&amp;ll=37.738936626176674%2C-122.20951327420913&amp;z=13">https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1878ZbHda_7frqedxfDN5th6vTClbaofw&amp;ll=37.738936626176674%2C-122.20951327420913&amp;z=13</a>. The CSC member followed up by asking if there is a reimbursement or matched funds mechanism for the CACs. Tin said that HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) upgrades are paid for by the counties and the air filters and cleaners are bought and distributed by the Air District.</li> <li>○ A CSC member clarified if her car is old enough for the Vehicle Buy Back program.</li> <li>○ A CSC member mentioned the need for BAAQMD to start thinking about seniors in the community, especially in terms of ramps for movement. Tin clarified that their programs are air quality related, and this would fall under the purview of the City of Oakland. He said that he would continue research on whether any Air District incentives contribute to ADA (American Disability Act) accessibility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Alona Davis (AD) shared an overview of the Diesel Equipment Replacement &amp; Infrastructure Program, which aims to reduce diesel particulate matter exposure in communities adjacent to polluting operations. They conduct focused outreach in burdened communities to encourage applications to this program. Sources of funding for the incentives programs include CAP (Community Air Protection) Incentive funds, which are different from CAP implementation funds. Examples</li> </ul>
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		<p>of CAP incentive funds usage include the partial funding of AC (Alameda County) transit’s transition from diesel to zero-mission transit buses. She clarifies that the Air District is not the only source of funds for air quality projects and that other state or federal grant programs may be better suited for certain initiatives within the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member asked if the Air District could fund a hypothetical CERP project if they were able to attain matching funds for it. Alona said that it depends on the kind of project. The Air District would assess the program and see if it could qualify for one of the funding sources, and if not, they would work with the applicants to find alternate sources of funding. The CSC member followed up by saying that the presentation to the community should be tailored to incentives that they can realistically avail.</li> <li>○ A CSC member asked for a flowchart of the various entities that the CSC has heard from and their roles.</li> <li>○ A CSC member mentioned the movement of trucks through their community, and asked when action will be taken on that. Alona responded by saying that the Air District will be reaching out for information from the community on truck congregation through a related program.</li> <li>● Mykela thanked the Air District divisions for presenting to the CSC.</li> </ul>
7:35 pm	<p><b>East Oakland Community Mapping Project</b> (17 mins; 7:35 to 7:52 PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aneesh Rana (AD) gave an update on the East Oakland Community Mapping Project. He mentioned that the map was launched in mid-September, and the CBO grantees have been helping conduct outreach towards gathering data for the map.</li> <li>● As of 10/12, the map had received 304 pins. Initial themes emerging include odor from illegal dumping, pollution from the Oakland International Airport, auto body shops, unlicensed food production, cannabis operations, heavy duty truck traffic, and the 880 freeway; as well as places of gathering in the community and assets to be protected.</li> <li>● The map will close by midnight on Sunday, 10/22. The CSC members will be compensated for up to 2 hours of their time. A Request for Payment form was emailed to the CSC members, which they can fill out and send to Just Cities for payment.</li> <li>● Findings from the Community Mapping project will be shared with the CSC members in the CSC meeting on 11/09. This will go towards informing the Strategy Development process of the CERP.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member mentioned her confusion on the Air District asking the CBO grantees to collect data beyond illegal dumping, even though there are chemicals and odor released in the air at these dump sites. Aneesh clarified that the Air District asked for pollution concerns in addition to (and not instead of) illegal dumping. He mentioned that though the Air District does not have regulatory purview over trash pickup, they can act as partners to bring relevant authorities to the table to address those issues. Other CSC members added that the trash is an unfortunate reality for East Oakland, and it adds to air pollution due to chemicals such as asbestos.</li> </ul>
7:53 pm	<b>Environmental Justice Announcements and Updates</b> (6 mins; 7:53 - 7:59 PM)	<p>The following individuals shared announcements, detailed further in the <a href="#">EJ Announcements and Updates document</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carly Cabral (CBE) on a CBE Community Meeting, CBE Toxic Tour, and a Resilience Hub/Community Mapping event by the East Oakland Collective</li> <li>● Charles Reed on the East Oakland Environmental Awareness and Empowerment Block Party.</li> </ul>
7:59 pm	<b>Next Steps and Closing</b>	<p>Co-Chair Aiyahna Johnson thanked participants for attending.</p> <p>Next CSC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th, 2023 from 6 - 8 pm via Zoom.</p>