

AGENDA

East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #11

Date & Time: Thursday, August 10th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

Virtual Facilitators: Aiyahna Johnson, Charles Reed, and Mykela Patton CSC
Co-Chairs; and Lujain Al-Saleh and Esther Goolsby, CBE

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

Co-Chairs: Aiyahna Johnson, Charles Reed, and Mykela Patton (Youth
Co-Chair)

Co-Leads:

CBE: Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)

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

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85787941453>

Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:

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

Time	Topic
6:00 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interpretation and Welcome, Initial Meeting Agreements (5 mins)● Updates (5 mins)
6:10 PM	East Oakland Emissions Inventory (35 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Overview● Next Steps
6:45 PM	Health Inequities in East Oakland by Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) (30 mins)
7:15 PM	Break (5 mins)
7:20 PM	East Oakland Community Mapping Project Overview (30 mins)
7:50 PM	East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates (10 mins)
7:59 PM	Next Steps and Close Out

MEETING NOTES

East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 10th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:00 PM	<p>Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (10 mins; 6:00-6:10 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome (1 min) ● Interpretation (2 mins) ● Agenda (2 mins) ● Initial Meeting Agreements (2 mins) ● Community Building (1 min) ● CERP Timeline (2 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Steering Committee Members Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aiyahna Johnson ○ Andrea Pineda ○ Andria Blackmon ○ Carol Corr ○ Charles Reed ○ Cynthia Gutierrez ○ Danny Scott ○ Erika Pascual ○ Gabrielle Sloane-Law ○ Jamie Schecter ○ Jamaica Sowell ○ Khalilha Haynes ○ Kimi Watkins-Tartt / Tram Nguyen ○ Marina Muñoz ○ Merika Goolsby ○ Ms. Cecilia Cunningham ○ Mykela Patton ○ Shamar Theus ○ Susan Goolsby ○ William Crotinger ● CSC members introduced themselves in the Zoom chat with their names, pronouns, and organization. ● Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the welcome, while Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chair, facilitated the agenda walkthrough. Lujain Al-Saleh (CBE) 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. ● Aneesh Rana (AD) walked through the CERP Timeline and the current stage of the CERP process, which is focused on the CERP Community Boundary, Profile, and Technical Assessment.

<p>6:10 PM</p>	<p>Draft Emissions Inventory for East Oakland (35 mins; 6:10 - 6:45 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation (25 mins) ● Q&A (10 mins) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Steve Reid (AD) explained the meaning of an emissions inventory, and laid out the emission sources and pollutants covered under the inventory, as well as its limitations. He walked through the East Oakland emissions inventory, which included data on Permitted Facility locations, Criteria Air Pollutants (CAPs), and Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member asked to clarify what ‘ambient concentrations’ are. Suma Peesapati (AD) answered that they are the amount of pollution in the outside air we breathe. ○ While speaking of pollution sources, a CSC member asked what category a place that attracts lots of mobile sources (for example, the Foreign Trade Zone) would fall under. Suma responded that a particular place that attracts mobile sources (like a distribution warehouse) can be an indirect source. Another CSC member added that the FTZ is run by a company called Matson Logistics, and asked to find out if they can be regulated. Lujain added a link providing more information about the FTZ: https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/international-trade-and-transportation ○ A CSC member asked which categories encampments and dumpsites fall into. Suma responded that dumpsites can be stationary sources, but are also subject to regulation by a number of different agencies. ○ A CSC member inquired into the category of the Schnitzer Steel fire. Suma responded that Schnitzer Steel is a stationary source. Another CSC member added that accidental releases should be incorporated into average emissions, especially for repeat offenders like Schnitzer. Suma acknowledged the suggestion and said that the AD would discuss internally whether/how to account for accidental releases based on frequency/history of compliance. ○ Referring to Nitrogen Oxides and PM2.5, a CSC member asked if one is worse than the other. Suma responded that risk is usually thought of in terms of both the type of pollution and the amount of exposure to it.
----------------	--	--

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A CSC member asked if they could get the presentation glossary a week in advance rather than 24 hours before the meeting. Another CSC member asked if the data can be put in a more accessible format, like a Canva post or a mini-presentation. Steve responded that the data is currently in spreadsheet format, but can be repackaged to be made more accessible.○ A guest asked if the ranking of percent risk for each toxin is a weighted percentage, combining the volume of exposure and level of toxicity (<i>“Example- is Diesel PM 59% because it is both so prevalent across East Oakland AND highly toxic?”</i>)○ Two CSC members noted that the highest bucket of DPM (Diesel Particulate Matter) emissions in the map had a wide range (1.892 to 174.0 tons per year), and that the areas skewing the data should be given a closer look. Steve responded by clarifying the mapping methodology, which involves normalizing DPM emissions data by road segment lengths. He mentioned that this involves some interpretation but is a good indicator of where the hotspots are.○ CSC members discussed the data identifying Peet's Coffee as a Chronic Toxic Waste Emitter (TWE). Suma clarified that the data refers to industrial sources (large-scale coffee roasting operations) and not individual cafes. Simrun Dhoot, from the AD, further elaborated that if there is a roaster onsite, it will be a source of emissions as Formaldehyde and Acetaldehyde emissions are expected from roasting coffee beans.○ A CSC member asked Steve if certain facilities have proven to be the worst pollutants in the Air District's experience. Steve responded that this is harder to answer for East Oakland than other AB 617 communities (for example, the Port of Oakland in West Oakland and the Chevron Refinery in Richmond are clear polluters) because of the diverse pollutant sources. The answer depends on the pollutant under question, and it varies from roadways, freeways, and the airport to industrial facilities like the Evergreen Cemetery, Gallagher and Burke, and Peet's Coffee
--	--	--

		<p>Roasting. He mentioned that as the CERP process evolves, new problematic sources may be discovered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member asked how the mapping of high-complaint sources from community members would be included in this inventory, and if the AD has the opportunity to map non-permitted sources. Steve responded that the Community Mapping grant is an effort to identify concerns from community members, and that the AD’s Compliance and Enforcement team will be giving the CSC a sense of where violations/enforcement actions have happened in a future meeting to create a fuller picture of polluters in East Oakland. Another CSC member mentioned the need to bring up cars and RV fires in deep East Oakland/Coliseum districts. ○ A CSC member added that they need more time to see and understand the information presented. Lujain (CBE) acknowledged this and invited CSC members to go back to the information in the slides and ask questions in the next CSC meeting. ○ A CSC member re-shared a video providing background to the emissions information presented, which was mailed out earlier in the week. ○ A CSC member asked why the Oakland Airport is able to expand if it is already a significant source of pollution. Another CSC member shared details of a rally against the airport expansion on August 15th, at 5 pm, at 100 Hegenberger Road (Refer Environmental Justice Announcements). ○ A guest asked if cremation facilities are limited to a certain number of cremations per month, given that cremation produces high amounts of Carbon Dioxide. Simrun (AD) responded that crematories are typically limited to an annual amount, and they are also required to conduct source testing for a detailed breakdown of emissions. ○ Several CSC members appreciated the information presented in this section.
6:45 pm	Air Pollution Risks & Exposure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director Kimi Watkins-Tartt and County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss from the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) shared that they will be talking about the

<p>Community Health Impacts in East Oakland (35 mins; 6:45 to 7:20 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation (25 mins) ● Q/A (10 mins) 	<p>role of public health, pollution burdens and health impacts for East Oakland, and sharing information on key population characteristics in this section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director Kimi talked about public health, the role of ACPHD, and the meaning of health equity. ● Dr. Nicholas went over pollution burden data, including the CalEnviroScreen Composite Indicator, PM2.5, Asthma Emergency Department visits and Hospitalizations, leading causes of death in East Oakland, mortality rates, and life expectancy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member asked if the data presented is annual. Tram Nguyen, from ACPHD, confirms and adds that the data shown is from 2021. ● Director Kimi talked about key population characteristics of East Oakland, including demographics, poverty, disinvestment, age of housing, the number of occupants in units, among others. She ended with going through some health equity considerations that have come out of environmental justice planning processes. These included prioritizing urban greening, requiring buffer zones from airports and freeways, improving access to healthcare and supportive services for vulnerable groups, protecting soil and water from contamination, and making homes more resilient. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member asked how outreach for ACPHD’s asthma programs is conducted. Their daughter had asthma and despite having Medicare, did not have access to the department’s asthma programs. Kimi responded that informational outreach is conducted through community partners, referrals from medical providers, and self-referrals. Additionally, the Alameda Alliance for Health sends ACPHD names of asthma patients who have had asthma-related Emergency Room visits or hospitalizations, but the contact information provided may not be updated/accurate. Another CSC member voiced support for the accessibility of information, along with the need to bring it into schools or on social media to get youth involved. ○ A CSC member brings up the difficulty of finding health data on East Oakland online. Tram (ACPHD) responded that this data was created specifically for the CSC and hasn’t been uploaded yet, but offered to create a shareable file. She also shared a link to the Healthy Alameda County Dashboard, and offered to bring data
---	---

		<p>requests back to their team. Their Instagram account was shared as well on being prompted by a CSC member. General support was voiced for having social media-friendly presentation content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member asked if ACPHD would be willing to develop laws, fines, and policies in accordance with the health assessments and detriments to the community. Director Kimi and Dr. Nicholas confirmed ACPHD’s commitment to the CERP process, while clarifying that they have limited enforcement authority over air pollution complaints. ○ A CSC member asked if there are things that the CSC members can do individually to aid in prevention from the health risks facing the East Oakland community. Kimi answered that the CERP process itself is a huge undertaking, because the strategies generated as an outcome will not just mitigate but prevent exposure. ○ A CSC member appreciated the information presented and its specificity to East Oakland, and asked if there are sources where they may continue to get such information. Kimi responded by offering ACPHD’s website which contains all data presented, along with their social media page. She also talked about the 8 coalitions of community-based organizations that are funded to do outreach and help people access services. Additionally, Dilan Roe from Alameda County Department for Environmental Health responded that their department is another resource for subsurface contamination information from old polluter sites. ○ A CSC member thanked the presenters for bringing health inequity information to the CSC, and asked how they can make sure that community members know about and can access this information, especially for the health of children.
7:21 pm	Break (3 mins; 7:21-7:24 PM)	
7:24 pm	East Oakland Community Mapping Project and Community Organizing Grants Overview (26 mins; 7:24 to 7:50 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karissa White, from the Air District, stated that they will be going over the purpose, overview, timeline, and demo of the East Oakland Community Mapping project ● Karissa explained that the project is intended to build on the local knowledge of community members through an online

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation and Demo (18 mins) ● Q/A (8 mins) 	<p>mapping platform and help develop better solutions. She introduced CSC members to the mapping tool in question known as Social Pinpoint and goes over its functioning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karissa provided a demonstration of the Social Pinpoint tool, and displayed a similar map of Richmond as an example. ● Aneesh Rana (AD) shared details about the community mapping grants program and timeline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A CSC member asked if individuals are able to apply for the grant, or if one has to be part of a non-profit in East Oakland, as many community members live in East Oakland but do not work there because of the lack of jobs. Aneesh responded by confirming that the grants are reserved for non-profits serving the East Oakland community, but the Air District is looking over their budgets for potentially funding extra work that the CSC members might do for the community mapping project. Another CSC member voiced support and encouraged other members to spread the word about the grant and partner with organizations. ○ A CSC member asked what the goal of the project is. Anna Lee (AD) responded that the goal is to increase the number of people reached and the number of pins on the map, while increasing awareness about the CERP process. ○ A CSC member asked how many applications are expected. Aneesh responded that the AD had around 3-4 organizations join the Community Mapping Grant Informational Webinar. He added that the maximum grant amount is \$7,500 per organization and there is \$30,000 available in total. ○ A CSC member added that it would be great to create mini-grant opportunities where community members work with a non-profit organization to be their fiscal sponsor so that community members can plug in. Another CSC member voiced support, saying that the community has a lot of information that they could share. ○ A CSC member asked if they can access the recording of the Community Mapping Grant Informational Webinar. Aneesh responded that they are working on getting the recording posted on their website and that
--	---	--

		email will be sent to the CSC members once it is uploaded.
7:50 pm	Environmental Justice Announcements and Updates (12 mins; 7:50 - 8:01 PM)	<p>The following individuals shared announcements, detailed further in the EJ Announcements and Updates document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ariella Granett on the Stop OAK Expansion Coalition ● Mykela Patton on the CBE Toxic Tour ● Lujain Al-Saleh on the 3600 Alameda Avenue Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) ● Bill Crotinger on the Argent Materials Tour ● Ms. Margaret Gordon on the Schnitzer Steel Fire
8:01 pm	Next Steps and Closing	<p>Co-Chairs Charles Reed and Aiyahna Johnson thanked participants for attending, and noted the growing number of participants in the CSC meetings.</p> <p>Next CSC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14th, 2023 from 6 - 8 pm via Zoom.</p>