#### **AGENDA**

## East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #18

Date & Time: Thursday, April 11th, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

Virtual Facilitators: Aiyahnna Johnson, Mr. Charles Reed, Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chairs

Note-taker: Angie Fike, Just Cities (JC)

#### Co-Chairs:

Aiyahnna Johnson, Mr. Charles Reed, and Mykela Patton

#### Co-Leads:

**CBE:** Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) **Air District:** Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

#### Location (Hybrid):

- In Person at the Youth UpRising Campus (8711 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland)
- Also, virtually using Zoom at <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89731381970">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89731381970</a>
  Website with Meeting Materials and Meeting Video Recording:

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

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- CSC members will get a better understanding of the impact they have on the CERP.
- Co-Leads will follow-up with some of the CSC member's feedback and questions from March's meeting.
- CSC members and community will continue crafting Focus Areas statements and Strategy objectives.

Time	Topic	
5:00 PM	Dinner and Meet & Greet  • East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates	
6:01 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda	
6:12 PM	Follow up from CSC #17	
6:50 PM	Break	
7:01 PM	Strategy Development Breakout Sessions	
7:55 PM	Next Steps and Close Out	

# **MEETING NOTES**

# **East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 14th, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:01 PM	Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda (4 mins; 6:01-6:07PM)      Welcome (2 min)      Agenda (1 min)      Initial Meeting     Agreements (2 mins)      Community     Building (1 min)	Steering Committee Members Present:  Aiyahnna Johnson Andrea Pineda Andria Blackmon Carol Corr Mr. Charles Reed Cynthia Gutierrez Erika Pascual Gabrielle Sloane-Law Jamaica Sowell Jamie Schecter Khalilha Haynes Tram Nguyen Marina Muñoz Merika Goolsby Ms. Cecilia Cunningham Mykela Patton Njeri McGee-Tyner Shamar Theus Susan Goolsby Tram Nguyen Katie Liang Rebecca Bantum Mykela Patton, Co-Chair, facilitated the welcome via Zoom for both the virtual and in-person attendees. She shared the Meeting Objectives, agenda walkthrough, Initial Meeting Agreements and Notes for Participation in a meeting where participants are online and in-person. She announced two new meeting agreements — not on the slides— that were gathered from the previous meeting's participants feedback.  "Step up step back," coming off of mute or raising hands in person and being mindful of the limited time we have together.  In an effort to get more participation, "popcorn style" of calling on people with the option of passing if they do not want to share.  Alesia Hsiao (AD) walked through the CERP Planning Framework, reviewing how it is being used to address air

		quality in East Oakland. She reviewed the milestones for each phase of the process, covering what has been done and what is in process. The CSC is currently in Q1 of 2024, focusing on Strategy Development, working on crafting the statements as a first step.
6:12 PM	Follow up from CSC #17 (15 minutes, 6:12 - 6:27 PM)	<ul> <li>Carly Cabral (CBE) went over feedback gathered from the last meeting (CSC #17, March 11th) around CSC members' preferences in the facilitation and organization of meetings. She covered suggestions around presentation and activity format, community engagement, and participation. She also reviewed main questions that people requested more information around. She thanked everyone for their feedback and said they were working on incorporating it.</li> <li>Alison Kirk (AD) introduced questions that would be answered in the meeting ahead, including a)When do we get to start drafting the CERP?, b)What are our goals for the CERP?, c)What are the CERP roles and responsibilities?, d)What can the CERP include and what can the CERP accomplish?</li> <li>She referred to the framework that Alesia introduced previously, naming that the CSC has already set the principles and visions for the CERP. She provided examples and context around what past CERPS have accomplished. She reviewed CERP Roles &amp; Responsibilities among all different parties.</li> <li>She gave examples of other CERPS, namely a) the Path to Clean Air (PTCA) Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo CERP, and b) the West Oakland Community Action Plan (WOCAP).</li> </ul>
6:27 PM	CERP Scavenger Hunt Breakout Groups (20 minutes, 6:27 - 6:47 PM)	<ul> <li>Carly introduced the breakout activity, a group scavenger hunt around concerns, consequences, strategies, and actions around CERPS, using WOCAP and Richmond CERPS as the two examples. The participants split into 4 groups, each going over one of the WOCAP or Richmond CERP materials.</li> </ul>
6:47	Report Back from Breakout Groups (6 minutes, 6:47 - 6:53 PM) Next Steps	<ul> <li>Mykela Patton (Youth Co-Chair) began the report-back for online breakout rooms. She said that the online group talked about how air quality impacts community health and makes people feel disengaged around the process. People do not know who to reach out to if there is a challenge. With old housing and less</li> </ul>

(8 minutes, 6:53 - 7:01 PM)

- quality buildings, people that have poor ventilation or need to work and cannot be indoors face disproportionate effects from pollution and wildfires. From looking at the slides, people in the group gathered that the Richmond CSC and CERP process wanted to see reduced pollution, increased access to health services, and more protocols for protection against stationary pollutants at Chevron and other refineries.
- CSC Youth Member Andrea Pineda shared the report back from the online group discussing West Oakland's CERP, which is in its fifth year of the action plan. The air quality concerns range from truck emissions to boats in the port. Fugitive dust, shredding, and recycling businesses also pose concerns for community members, as well as lack of urban greenspace. The CSC for WOCAP gathered people from the City of Oakland, the Port of Oakland, CARB, and the AD. They are replacing trucks with zero emission or cleaner trucks, and strengthening community complaint processes. Strategies included increased fines, inspections, and enforcement. Additionally, a better complaint process and coalition building between health and transportation departments.
- A community member representing the in-person team
  discussing the Richmond CERP said that they feel that agencies
  need to be held accountable and that they offer restitution to
  support the medical needs of people affected by air pollution.
  He said that their team agreed there needed to be more
  transparency and accountability among all polluting
  corporations.
- A CSC member discussing the WOCAP identified the biggest air concerns as port diesel fugitive dust from aggregate recycling truck traffic and idling trucks. Consequences or impacts are high rates of asthma, cancer, produce life expectancy, disability impact on livelihood, medical costs, genetic impact, infrastructure, damage, and traffic congestion. Some actions and strategies for addressing this included increased fines and inspections for polluters, and making the air quality complaint reporting process more accessible.
- Carly Cabral, CBE, shared next steps to address people's
  questions through a Google Document. This document will
  include who asked the question, the date, and the AD reply.
   There is also now a <u>Strategy Development Resources Reference</u>
  <u>Guide</u>, and a running resource document with links and further

		<ul> <li>information from topics covered in meetings, and there will be follow-up on Ad Hoc meetings.</li> <li>Carly invited CSC members to meet for a follow-up and share back on March's Argent Tour that CSC members attended.</li> </ul>
7:01 PM	Strategy Development Breakout Sessions (51 minutes, 7:01 - 7:52 PM)	<ul> <li>Alesia Hsaio (AD) explained the strategy development breakout sessions activity, going over resources and introducing floating staff who would be available to answer questions. She said that strategy development statements are grounded in our understanding of the community concerns of what we know, gathering from various sources such as the technical data, the complaint information, health and demographic information.</li> <li>Staff members offering support on questions in the space included:         <ul> <li>Laura Cackette, Rule Development</li> <li>Steve Reid, Modeling</li> <li>Janet Carrasco, Compliance and Enforcement</li> <li>Katherine Hoag, Meteorology and Measurement</li> <li>Simrun Dhoot, Engineering</li> </ul> </li> <li>There were five breakout tables set up in the space, discussing strategy development for:         <ul> <li>Commercial and Industrial Sources</li> <li>Illegal Dumping, Trash and Odors</li> <li>Transportation &amp; Mobile Sources</li> <li>Built Environment &amp; Land Use</li> <li>Community Health &amp; Wellness</li> </ul> </li> <li>Online breakout groups discussed the same breakout strategy development topics, and had the option of working on the activity in a group with light facilitation or by themselves with optional technical support.</li> <li>Online attendees had the chance to respond to Jamboards for each strategy development brainstorm, found here: Jamboards for each strategy developm</li></ul>
7:52 PM	Next Steps and Close Out (19 minutes, 7:52 - 8:11 PM)	<ul> <li>How can the CERP help East Oakland?</li> <li>Alesia brought back online and in-person discussion groups to the main room. She said that breakout discussions informed different types of strategies and actions as next steps to address concerns. Solutions can look various ways, including: partnerships and building alliances with various organizations and agencies, grants and incentives, enhanced enforcement and</li> </ul>

- penalties, and additional research and data to further understand community concern. She mentioned that the Co-Leads will come back with a draft refined focus area statements strategies in the future for CSC members to review.
- A CSC member asked for clarification on the timeline for reducing toxic air via the development of a CERP.
  - Alesia responded that the CERP is a five year plan.
     Generally the development of the plan is two and a half years.
  - A CSC member asked what the air district is currently doing to reduce the pollutants.
  - Alesia responded that all of the AD's work in every department is in the service of improving air quality across the Bay Area. The people that you saw today are the rules division, our compliance and enforcement division, and our engineering division.
  - Simrun added that to reduce toxic emissions in communities that are particularly overburdened, the AD's rules team is developing more stringent standards.
     Recently, the Rules Division passed a regulation tightening those standards in communities such as East Oakland, specifically for toxins. Whenever the Air District evaluates facilities for permitting, they must meet a lower threshold now for toxic emissions in a community such as East Oakland that has already been overburdened.
  - Alesia added that the strategic incentives and technology implementation office provides grants and incentives for improving air quality in various ways, including using renewable technologies and taking old polluting equipment and providing grants for cleaner technology and cleaner equipment.
- A CSC member asked how much the Air District coordinates with the local government.
  - Alesia responded that we currently have local agencies on our steering committee: representatives from the City of Oakland and Alameda County Public Health, where there has been important data exchange with demographic and health information.
- A CSC member said that there needs to be increased effort and time put into community outreach to extend the conversation beyond the CSC meeting space. He suggested using social

		<ul> <li>media and further collaboration to increase this engagement.</li> <li>A CSC member said it would be great to have more people come in person.</li> <li>Another CSC member followed up and said that the hybrid option is helpful because there are many reasons some people cannot come in person.</li> <li>A CSC member said in the chat that it is difficult to attend meetings in person due to their work schedule. Another CSC member said in the chat that they are immune compromised and would not be comfortable attending in person.</li> </ul>
8:11 PM	EJ Announcements, Next Steps and Close-out (8:09 - 8:11 PM)	<ul> <li>A CSC member announced that Ms. Cecelia will be honored on May 1st, from the East Bay Housing Organization. There will be food served and it's a free event.</li> <li>Mr. Charles Reed, CSC Co-Chair, announced that there will be a presentation on an Air Monitoring grant next month.</li> <li>Mr. Charles thanked everyone for joining the meeting in person and online. He reminded people to fill out the evaluation form.</li> <li>Next CSC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 6 - 8 PM.</li> </ul>