

# MEETING NOTES

## East Oakland AB 617 Community Steering Committee (CSC) Meeting #19

**Date & Time:** Thursday, May 9th, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm PDT

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

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

### Co-Chairs:

Aiyahna 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 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89731381970>

### 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:

- CSC members will gain more insight and knowledge from West Oakland and Richmond CSC members on their CERP processes.
- CSC members will have a better understanding of CARB's authority & CARB-led strategies from other CERPs.
- CSC members and community will continue crafting Focus Areas statements and Strategy objectives.

Time	Topic
5:00 PM	<b>Dinner and Meet &amp; Greet (optional)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● East Oakland Environmental Justice (EJ) Announcements and Updates</li></ul>
6:01 PM	<b>Welcome and Agenda</b>
6:07 PM	<b>Recap of April CSC #18</b>
6:09 PM	<b>Presentation and Discussion with CSC members from Richmond/North Richmond/ San Pablo and West Oakland CERP Development Processes</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
7:11 PM	<b>CARB Presentation: Transportation, Mobile Sources, other CERP Strategies</b>

7:20 PM	<b>Strategy Follow Up/ Brainstorm: Transportation and Mobile Sources</b>
7:56 PM	<b>Air Monitoring Grant Announcement</b>
8:01 PM	<b>Next Steps and Close Out</b>

Time	Topic	Transcribed Meeting Minutes/Summary
6:01 PM	<b>Welcome, Interpretation, Agenda</b> (6 mins; 6:01-6:07 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome (1 min)</li> <li>• Interpretation (2 min)</li> <li>• Agenda (1 min)</li> <li>• Initial Meeting Agreements &amp; Community Building (1 min)</li> <li>• CERP Timeline (1 min)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Steering Committee Members Present:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aiyahna Johnson</li> <li>○ Andrea Pineda</li> <li>○ Andria Blackmon</li> <li>○ Carol Corr</li> <li>○ Ms. Cecilia Cunningham</li> <li>○ Colleen Liang</li> <li>○ Mr. Charles Reed</li> <li>○ Cynthia Gutierrez</li> <li>○ Danny Scott</li> <li>○ Erika Pascual</li> <li>○ Gabrielle Sloane-Law</li> <li>○ Jamie Schecter</li> <li>○ Katie Liang</li> <li>○ Khalilha Haynes</li> <li>○ Marina Muñoz</li> <li>○ Merika Goolsby</li> <li>○ Mykela Patton</li> <li>○ Njeri McGee-Tyner</li> <li>○ Rebecca Bantum</li> <li>○ Shamar Theus</li> <li>○ Susan Goolsby</li> <li>○ Tram Nguyen</li> <li>○ William Crotinger</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aiyahna Johnson, Co-Chair, facilitated the welcome in-person for both the virtual and in-person attendees. She introduced the other two co-chairs, Mykela Patton and Mr. Charles Reed, and shared the Meeting Objectives, Agenda, Initial Meeting Agreements and Notes for Participation.</li> <li>• Alesia Hsiao (AD) walked through the CERP Planning Framework, noting that the CSC is currently in Q1 of 2024, focusing on the Strategy Development process.</li> </ul>
6:07 PM	<b>Follow up of April CSC #18</b> (2 minutes; 6:07 - 6:09 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carly Cabral (CBE) reviewed the objectives for the past April CSC meeting. She reviewed the Breakout Activities around the West</li> </ul>

		<p>Oakland and Richmond CERP processes that aimed to increase understanding of what can be accomplished through a CERP through neighboring examples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carly provided context on how the past meeting informed the plans for the current May meeting.</li> </ul>
6:09 PM	<p><b>Presentation and Discussion with CSC members from Richmond and West Oakland CERP Development Processes</b> (27 minutes; 6:09 - 6:36 PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mykela Patton, CSC Co-Chair, introduced the three panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Marisol Cantú:</b> Marisol is a 3rd generation Richmond resident, a co-lead of AB617 Community Steering Committee for Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo, and the co-lead of the Fuel Refining Writing Group.</li> <li>○ <b>Alfredo Angulo:</b> Alfredo Angulo (they/them), former CSC Co-Chair for the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo CERP was raised in Richmond where they work to advance environmental justice efforts and build a sustainable future.</li> <li>○ <b>Richard Grow:</b> Richard is a member of the West Oakland Community Steering Committee since 2019. He retired from US EPA in 2019 after several decades working in the air program, the last 22 years focused on EJ and civil rights and has been supporting EJ work in WO since 2001.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Panelists gave their opening remarks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisol described growing up in Richmond and realizing the connection between health impacts in her community and air quality problems. She worked to understand how community members can be centered.</li> <li>○ Alfredo grew up in Richmond and saw the ways that environmental racism is explicit in their neighborhood, from fuel refining to the railroad, to ship-building.</li> <li>○ Richard helped develop a collaborative methodology in West Oakland where it was truly multi-stakeholder.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mykela introduced the core questions that were developed by East Oakland CSC members to ask panelists. <p><b>Tell us about your experience in the CERP development process.</b> What was the process of getting what you all wanted from the CERP? How did you prepare the strategies and what do you think your best Plan/CERP strategies were? Where does West Oakland see the most impact in their neighborhood?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marisol described that she went into the fuel refining team because she was passionate about it and had the most knowledge.</li> <li>● Alfredo described a lot of the learning at the beginning can be really heavy and that it was important to figure out at the beginning where people’s passions lied and how this could inform</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>roles in the team. They also established early on a Vision and Principles chapter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Richard described being excited to have everybody around the table to see what problem solving would look like. He emphasized the importance of having a partnership agreement before proceeding, and that this was a long term commitment.</li> </ul> <p><b>What are some areas you were not able to focus on that you think your community &amp; our community would benefit from?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Richard has heard from the long term organizers that they wish they could have spent more time building the actual community engagement and involvement.</li> <li>● Marisol said the CSC was not able to get into the most granular detail that was needed, and that there was often a need to compromise on points of concern. The CSC wanted Just Transition to be a part of the CERP, but realized it was not in the AD’s jurisdiction.</li> <li>● Alfredo said that knowing that the plan-writing process takes 3 years would have been helpful for planning. The AD sometimes has anxieties around time, when what matters most is that community members are being deeply engaged and can follow along.</li> <li>● All three panelists said that AB 617 CERPS are just one tool in the EJ toolkit.</li> </ul> <p><b>How did you build momentum and have cross-collaboration with the community and key government agencies and players?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marisol said that Richmond did strategic recruitment, interviewing people and making sure there was trust and aligned framework in community-centeredness.</li> <li>● Alfredo said that it was important to start making the connections, such as local decision-makers and people who work at other agencies. Once the ideas were fleshed out, they started connecting with Richmond and San Pablo community advisors.</li> <li>● Richard said continuity, commitment, and relationship were key for collaboration. West Oakland has a defined identity. May be helpful in knowing the defined boundaries of E.O.</li> </ul>
6:36	<p><b>Discussion Q/A</b> (24 minutes; 6:36 - 7:00 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">East Oakland CSC Members' Questions for Panelists (CSC#19)</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mykela introduced the Q&amp;A and discussion portion of the meeting.</li> <li>● A CSC member asked for clarity on the CERP implementation process. They asked if it involved solutions that were policies, procedures, building construction, or a combination of all. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Richard said that for WOCAP, there was a strong collaboration with the city government and planning department in both the drafting and implementation phases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>He said that on-the-ground intervention included “greening,” such as tree-planting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisol said that it was useful to look at CARB’s authority, particularly compliance and enforcement rules within BAAQMD. She added that intergovernmental strategies and cross-department strategies were helpful.</li> <li>○ Alfredo gave an example of engagement through updating the best practices for construction sites in Richmond.</li> <li>● A CSC member asked if the CSCs physically wrote the report together. They asked for details on how they brought the collaboration into a reality with real solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisol said that Richmond’s CSC began with a Community SharePoint. They looked at the AD’s complaint system, interviewed people and analyzed an in-person mapping project. She said they then aggregated data and found the top five topics among hundreds in order to be most efficient with their team’s limited time and resources.</li> <li>○ Alfredo agreed with Marisol, adding that it was important for the CSC to spend time deciding what the categories should be and that they are not fixed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● A CSC member asked how long the plan or strategy has been going on for each community, and how they planned to educate the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisol said the plan has been in process for three years, having just been voted on by the AD Board of Directors, and that it will be moving to CARB for approval. She said the CSC conducted strategic outreach, identifying who the community experts were in each specific topic. When the plan became more publicly available, they ramped up presentations and engagement with networks.</li> <li>○ Richard said the plan has been in place for about five years. He said that once the West Oakland CSC’s meeting platform switched to fully virtual meetings, public turnout increased.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mykela mentioned that for the East Oakland CSC, community engagement has been a large focus.</li> <li>● A CSC member asked how the CSCs engaged other entities. They wanted to know who took responsibility for this engagement and what they would recommend to have documented buy-in from different agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisol said the East Oakland CSC should be calling on government representatives in the CSC as liaisons to government processes. The Richmond CSC was strategic about who they chose to be government as well as industry representatives in the CSC space. She recommended doing a ‘Community Power Mapping Project’ to identify key players in the community.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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7:11 PM	<p><b>CARB Presentation: Transportation, Mobile Sources, other CERP Strategies</b> (9 minutes; 7:11 - 7:20 PM)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brian Moore, CARB, introduced the Air Quality agencies that regulate air quality and what they have jurisdiction over.</li> <li>● Brian said that the AB 617 mandates collaboration between state and regional agency organizing is driven by the community, and outlined through the CERP. He covered the main tools and strategies used by air monitoring agencies, including Regulations/Rules, Incentives, and Enforcement. He gave examples from different AB 617 CERPS for concerns and actions that were taken in Focus Areas that the E.O CSC has identified as important: <b>Transportation and Mobile Sources, Public Health and Community Wellness, and Land Use.</b></li> <li>● For example, he highlighted a concern regarding warehouses and associated pollution, and explained a possible action involving the implementation of a rule where warehouses would have to reduce emissions. He added that warehouses could sponsor air filtration for neighboring communities as another potential rule.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brian introduced the <a href="#">CERP Actions and Strategies Search tool</a>, encouraging people to look at it and follow-up with any questions.</li> </ul>
7:20 PM	<p><b>Strategy Follow Up Brainstorm: Transportation and Mobile Sources</b> (32 minutes; 7:20 - 7:52 PM)</p> <p><b>Breakout Room Jamboards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Commercial Trucking</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Freeways and Highways</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alesia Hsaio, AD, introduced the follow-up brainstorm for past meetings’ strategy development work. She presented the East Oakland vision statement, with principles, goals, focus areas, and strategies outlined.</li> <li>● CSC 19’s Focus Area was <b>Transportation and Mobile Sources</b>, with specific brainstorming subtopics being <b>Freeway &amp; Highways, and Commercial Trucking &amp; Truck-Related Businesses</b>.</li> <li>● Participants had the chance to choose between the two subtopic rooms to discuss, with support staff and facilitation, as well as resources including reference guides and past presentations.</li> <li>● Alesia said that these two topics were chosen because they rose to the top in terms of community concerns through the Community Mapping Project and past CSC meetings.</li> <li>● Steve Reid, AD, introduced the <a href="#">Emissions Inventory for Mobile Sources resource</a>. This includes on-road vehicles like cars and trucks and off-road sources like aircraft and construction equipment that emit dangerous diesel particulate matter.</li> <li>● Alesia shared resources on Strategy Development, including example strategy statements, lists of Transportation &amp; Mobile concerns, and a reference guide.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: The following notes are from the online Commercial Trucking and Truck-Related Businesses breakout session. The following CSC meetings will report back on discussion contents of other breakout rooms by drafting concern statements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A CSC member said they live near 880 and that their concern is the dust and chemicals emitted by many trucks in the area. They said that they would like to see these become electric vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A CSC member said they would like to see alternative fuel sources implemented.</li> <li>○ A CSC member posed the solution of limiting the amount of trucks allowed to pass in this corridor.</li> <li>○ A CSC member said that there should be more urgency among homeowners to organize against this.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● A CSC member said that they knew a large part of the economy in East Oakland is in ports, warehouses, and trucking. How do we transition to industries that are not polluting?</li> <li>● A CSC member said that there are pulmonary and respiratory illnesses being caused by all the .2 and .5 dust that is polluting the air even though we do not see it.</li> <li>● A CSC member mentioned the plants and animals are also</li> </ul>

		affected by the chemicals in the air.
7:52	<b>Next Steps</b> (4 minutes; 7:52 - 7:56 PM)	<p>Alesia introduced the next steps for the meeting. She said that CBE and AD will synthesize the brainstorming done on Commercial &amp; Industrial sources into <b>Concern Statements</b> to begin developing strategies. Each concern can lead to multiple strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Reid, BAAQMD, introduced a detailed emissions inventory report resource – prepared by AD and CBE – to give CSC members a sense of how sources are polluting communities. This document goes into permitted sources, top polluters of EO, EO’s top permitted processes, rules and regulations applicable to top polluters &amp; processes, &amp; relevant strategies: <a href="#">East Oakland Permitted Emissions Inventory</a></li> </ul>
7:56 PM	<b>Air Monitoring Grant Announcement</b> (4 minutes; 7:56 - 8:00PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Charles Reed, CSC Co-chair, announced a grant he is working on, the Environmental Democracy Project (EDP) in partnership with CERP co-chairs. He gave a summary of the project, which will look at air pollution impacts from illegal dumping and dumpsites in Oakland. He invited community members to engage and be paid to learn how to read AQ monitoring information.</li> <li>• EDP and Mr. Charles Reed and Aiyahanna Johnson will host a Project Orientation and form a Project Advisory Committee. They invited CSC members to apply.</li> </ul>
8:00	<b>Next Steps</b> (1 minute)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Chair Mr. Charles Reed facilitated the closing.</li> <li>• CSC member Bill Crotinger, Argent Materials, introduced a plan for CSC members to plant trees around businesses in the 880 corridor. There will be a test tree planting on May 30th.</li> <li>• Carly Cabral, CBE, reminded people to fill out a poll about an airport tour, as well as to fill out the post-meeting survey.</li> <li>• The next CSC meeting will be held <b>Thursday, June 13th, 2024.</b></li> </ul>