



MEMORANDUM

May 21, 2019

TO: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

FR: MIG, Inc.

RE: Summary of May 15, 2019 Richmond-San Pablo Area Community Air Monitoring Plan Steering Committee Meeting #3

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is partnering with the Richmond-San Pablo Area to develop a Community Air Monitoring Plan (Monitoring Plan) through the state of California's [Community Air Protection Program](#), also known as Assembly Bill 617. Community engagement is critical to the development of the Monitoring Plan to ensure a community-driven plan that reflects the community's values, needs and preferences.

The Air District recently formed a Steering Committee to advise the development of the Monitoring Plan and act as liaisons between the community stakeholders they represent by disseminating information and transmitting input as appropriate. The Steering Committee will: identify the monitoring plan boundary; identify areas of concern for air pollution; potential contributing sources; and vulnerable populations; review existing studies on air quality to provide input towards Plan development; and disseminate information and consider input from the broader community. Key elements of the Monitoring Plan will be completed by early 2019 for monitoring to begin in July 2019. Steering Committee members are listed in Table 1.

On Thursday, May 15, 2019, the Steering Committee (or Committee) held its third meeting at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. Thirty (30) Steering Committee members out of 35 were in attendance. A breakdown of the number of representatives by sector is available in Table 2. The meeting agenda, sign-in-sheet and presentation materials are available in Appendix A. Jamillah Jordan of MIG provided meeting facilitation and ensured that key agreements and discussion topics were documented.

Table 1: Steering Committee Membership

Steering Committee Member Name	Alternate	Organization
Adam Oliver		Chevron
Annie M. King-Meredith		Resident
Arnon Oren		Anaviv Catering
Boris Lukanov	Lee Ann Hill	PSE Healthy Energy
Cesar Zepeda		Hill Top Neighborhood
Demnlus Johnson	Adam Lenz	City of Richmond
Don Lau		Resident
Elizabeth Dunn		City of San Pablo
Dr. Henry Clark		West County Toxics Coalition
James Holland		Levin Terminal
James Lee		Richmond Chamber of Commerce
Janet Johnson		Sunflower Alliance
Jessica Range		Resident
Jill Rodby		Sims Metal
Joe L. Fisher		Coronado Neighborhood
John Anderson		Bay Area Rescue Mission
Julia Walsh		No Coal in Richmond
Kate Hoag	Kristen Law	BAAQMD
Katrinka Ruk	Fred Glueck	Council of Industries
Linda Whitmore		Santa Fe Neighborhood
Maria Martínez Resendiz		Resident
Marin Trujillo		WCCCUSD
Matt Holmes		Groundwork Richmond
Melvin Siegel		Resident
Mirna Cervantes		Multicultural Institute
Monique Davis		CARB
Dr. Naama Raz-Yaseef		Richmond Heights Neighborhood
Nain Villanueva de Lopez		First Five
Oscar Garcia		Iron Triangle Neighborhood
Paul Ehara		Idle No More / Rich City Rides
Randy Joseph		RYSE Youth Center
Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna		Contra Costa Health Services
Roxanne Carrillo Garza	Pierre Thompson	Healthy Richmond
Siew Weng Lee		South East Asian Community

Steering Committee Member Name	Alternate	Organization
Willie Robinson		NAACP: Richmond Branch

Table 2: Steering Committee Membership by Sector

Sector	Representatives in Attendance	Total Representatives
Community-Based Organization/Nonprofit	9	12
Education	1	1
Government	5	5
Industry/Business	6	6
Resident/Neighborhood Group	9	11
Total	30	35



I. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

The third Steering Committee meeting began with a roll call to establish whether the Steering Committee members in attendance constituted a quorum. A quorum allows the Committee to vote on key decisions. According to the Steering Committee Charter, a quorum requires more than 50% of members in attendance to represent residents; this excludes members who are residents but represent other sectors during Steering Committee meetings.

As each Steering Committee member in attendance introduced themselves, Kristen Law of the Air District and Jessie Hernandez of MIG took attendance and kept track of how many members represented residents. Of the 30 Steering Committee members in attendance, 17 (57%) represented residents, which constituted a quorum.

II. Review of Steering Committee Deliberation Process

Following roll call, the Steering Committee reviewed the deliberation and voting process as outlined by the Steering Committee Charter. The Committee then voted to amend the Charter to increase the number of community Co-Leads from three to five.



III. Health Outcomes in the Richmond – San Pablo Area

Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, a Steering Committee member and the Deputy Health Officer of Contra Costa County, provided an overview of the impacts of air quality on health outcomes in the Richmond – San Pablo area. After Dr. Radhakrishna’s presentation, Steering Committee members asked clarifying questions on the correlation between health outcomes and social, behavioral and physical conditions; the impacts of indoor air quality; the correlation between air pollution and low birth weights; and specific information regarding ongoing studies.

IV. Air Quality in the Richmond – San Pablo Area

Dan Alrick of the Air District then presented wind patterns, data sets collected by existing air monitors located in the Richmond – San Pablo area, and approaches for presenting and analyzing air quality data. Committee members asked additional questions about the impacts of wind patterns on air quality; the decision-making process for placing existing air monitors; and the impacts of the 2018 Camp Fire.

V. Group Activity

The Steering Committee and members of the public were divided into three small groups to participate in a focused discussion on specific air quality concerns and air monitoring needs. The goals of the activity were to: identify the areas or pollutants that the community is concerned about; discuss high-priority areas for monitoring; and discuss monitoring approaches. Each group had a laptop and projector to display an interactive study area map with layers of data that could be toggled on and off.

A technical advisor from the Air District and a public engagement specialist from the Air District and/or MIG joined each small group to provide technical assistance and facilitate the discussion. Each group captured the main themes of their discussion on a recording sheet, which were scanned and shared with the Air District and Co-Lead Team. The small groups also briefly summarized their conclusions and reflections for the large group. The input generated from these discussions will inform discussions on air monitoring approaches and monitor placements at future Steering Committee meetings.



VI. Public Comment

At the conclusion of the Steering Committee discussion, the floor was opened for public comment. Jodie London, the Sustainability Coordinator for Contra Costa County, shared information about the County's new sustainability initiative, the "Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge". Randy Joseph of the RYSE Youth Center invited those in attendance to the Center's upcoming theater production on May 25, 2019.

VII. Next Steps

The Co-Lead Team and Air District will review and synthesize the input collected from the mapping discussion. The Steering Committee will meet for its fourth meeting at the San Pablo Library on June 19, 2019.