



West Oakland Community Action Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #11

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

West Oakland Senior Center: 1724 Adeline Street Oakland, CA 94607

Meeting Objectives

- Provide a summary of the May 1st meeting, including evaluations
- Review tracking process and discuss accountability and implementation
- Panel: Discuss how multiple agencies can help with Plan implementation

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome message and brief introductions from facilitators, Marybelle Tobias & Anuja Mendiratta.
2. **West Oakland Community Action Plan Status** (Yvette DiCarlo, BAAQMD). Yvette informed that the Draft Plan is nearing completion. There will be a second SC meeting in June for the SC to review the draft before it becomes public. After the special meeting, it will go onto the website the week of July 19. There will be a Town Hall meeting in August to present the plan to the public.
 - a. Brian Beveridge, WOEIP, shared that the process was created so that the SC can make sure that the Draft plan reflects what they want to see before its public release. After Plan is released there will be a 45-day comment period, and SC members are also welcome to submit comments during that period.
 - b. Brian also clarified that the Draft Plan will be released at the same time as the Draft Environmental Impact Report which will also have a 45-day public comment period in accordance with CEQA requirements.
3. **Accountability: Laying the Foundation for Implementation** (Alison Kirk, BAAQMD). Alison explained the need for tracking during the implementation phase to ensure we meet our goals. Tracking is a process that will take place throughout implementation to determine whether we are on target.
 - a. The Tracking Process looks at: (1) whether the strategy was properly funded, (2) whether it makes an impact and if that impact can be quantified based on the types of data that can be collected; and (3) whether anyone is better off.
 - b. Difficulty in attributing success to the steps taken by this plan -- changes we see may have been caused by other factors.
 - c. SC will determine the best tracking process, the right data to collect, the right questions to ask.
 - d. **Questions:** Richard Grow, U.S. EPA, asked whether we are also tracking health equity goals.
 - i. Kimi Watkins Tarrt answered that, broadly speaking, yes, but we can't expect to have that fine-grained of health data during this plan's timeline because health improvements take time.
 - ii. Other questions addressed plans for cross-sector data sharing, and the SC's tracking process.

4. **Overview of Plan Goals** (Brian Beveridge, WOEIP). Brian shared that the West Oakland Plan's goal is to eliminate the disparity and exposures in our community when compared to County levels. When compared to Alameda County as a whole, West Oakland has nearly double the rates of asthma emergency visits and hospitalizations, cancer risk, stroke, and chronic respiratory disease. Brian emphasized that the novel combination of strategies included in the Plan will require continuous interagency collaboration over the next 10-20 years.
 - a. Steering Committee member Karin MacDonald asked why the Plan's goal for West Oakland is for *less dirty*, rather than *clean*, especially given the emphasis on it being a living plan. Brian mentioned that the data shows a zero emissions/exposures goal is not plausible in our lifetime.
 - b. Karin urged that, while we can't say zero, we can nudge the targets lower.

5. **Panel: Ensuring Implementation Success for West Oakland Community Action Plan**

Opening Statements (WOEIP & BAAQMD)

- a. **Ms. Margaret Gordon, WOEIP.** Ms. Margaret described WOEIP's history with the Air District, developing a relationship over 12 years that has resulted in West Oakland being the first community in the state to create an AB 617 action plan. Ms. Margaret described the process of developing the plan: long-term engagement with the Air District around land use, stationary sources, mobile sources, and how to use the data and research. Ms. Margaret challenged the other agencies present to commit themselves to the implementation process and to understand how true collaboration works.
- b. **Jack Broadbent, BAAQMD.** Exciting time - Air District is celebrating 65 years. AB 617 is about improving public health; we are excited to move forward to implement this plan. At this morning's Board meeting, we briefed the plan and affirmed our explicit partnership with WOEIP.

Panelists shared their responses to this question: **"What do you see as your agency's role in implementing West Oakland's AB 617 Community Action Plan?"**

- c. **Richard Corey, California Air Resources Board.** Richard shared that CARB has seen successes that demonstrate the broader benefits of community-based plans and reduction targets, and of taking action even before having perfect information. This plan represents an evolution at the local level. It will be necessary for CARB to play a meaningful role: our responsibility is action. We've got to deliver on enhanced enforcement, and working with other environmental agencies. We are going to get reductions. This process will be hard and tough; there will also be hiccups along the way, but we will make the needed adjustments.
- d. **Chris Lytle, Port of Oakland Authority.** The Port is a member and active participant in this Steering Committee and agrees this city/community collaboration is essential. Our 2020 and Beyond Plan is going to our Board next week and we've added a number of measures based on our work here. It will be our framework for action moving forward and will fit in with AB 617.
- e. **Tess Lengyl, Alameda County Transportation Commission.** Our Agency plans, funds and delivers transportation programs and projects; currently implementing the Alameda County Goods Movement Plan and funding the different elements, including emissions reductions projects and rail safety projects. Our commission has matching funds available; there are multitudes of strategies in the Draft Plan that we can work together

on implementing -- the strategies in your action plan can get a pipeline/pathway to funding through ACTC funds.

- f. **Maraskeshia Smith, City of Oakland.** One of the things that is important for me is to be an agent for change within the City of Oakland, to teach the City how to best work together to improve public health in West Oakland.
 - g. **Kimi Watkins-Tartt, Alameda County Public Health Department.** Collaboration is critical; it is the only way we achieve health equity. We provide the health data, looking at better ways to reduce impacts. The data is not perfect, it does not help us make the link to the impacts in West Oakland. We need additional infrastructure and funding to better understand how much of a difference we are making.
6. Wrap-up + Other Items/Next steps. (Azibuike Akaba, BAAQMD). Now the agencies have to be accountable and the Steering Committee has to call them on their commitments, that is what needs to happen to push the plan forward.
- a. Upcoming Events:
 - i. **June 10th:** CARB Low Emissions Workshop at Defermary Park. Non-Vehicle programs, rideshare, how to roll this program out in West Oakland
PG&E will be present
 - ii. **June 19th:** District 3 Equitable Climate Action Plan Workshop
 - iii. **June 26th:** SC Special Working Meeting to discuss tracking
 - iv. **July 19th:** July SC meeting at West Oakland Senior Center

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