Presentation for Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

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A Little Bit About Me







Education and Work Background







Brightline's Program Coordinator

For Brightline, I manage:

- Brightline's Construction on Ramp (COR) Program,
 a job training program for transitional age youth
- Brightline's Air Quality Monitoring Program, we will be expanding our work and partnerships

I also serve on:

- San Francisco Environmental Justice Working Group, SF Planning
- Community Advisory Council at the Air District





Environmental Justice is Climate Justice

Brightline's work has impacted air quality education, but our upcoming work will focus in on involving the community in policy processes!

Understanding the needs of community and reaching monolingual communities are the first priority in Brightline's environmental justice work.







James Cary Smith: Our Community, Our Air Alliance

Three distinct, but overlapping, phases:

- 1. Interviewing and assessing air quality needs with low-income frontline communities
- 2. Organizing air quality decision-making and exposure reduction workshops
- 3. Developing authentic participation of low-income tenants, monolingual populations, and youth leaders in Air District policy processes

James Cary Smith: Our Community, Our Air Alliance

Overall, the Our Community, Our Air Alliance will give us a comprehensive understanding of what issues San Francisco residents face and the ability to find sustainable solutions

Our biggest goal is to propel active and productive community participation













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Participatory Budgeting

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee April 7, 2022

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Requested Action



None. Information only.



- What is Participatory Budgeting (PB)
- PB Decision Making
- Opportunities for PB
- Next Steps

What is Participatory Budgeting?



Participatory Budgeting:

a democratic process that allows community members to directly participate in budget-related decision making, i.e., *community members decide* how to spend a defined portion of a government agency's budget.



Participatory Budgeting Process



Air District

- Eligible program(s)
- Overall program budget
- Budget purpose and limitations
- Board ratification

Community Decision Making Body

- Program design
- Individual project eligibility
- Project selection criteria and priorities
- Voting mechanism
- Final decision making

Public/Community

Project selection and voting

Participatory Budgeting Opportunity





- The Community Benefits Fund is an opportunity to undertake participatory budgeting.
- \$3 million fund approved by the Air District Board in early 2021 for FYE22.
- Funds are intended to be community-directed and provide community benefits.
- Funding source is generally unrestricted; should be used to advance agency's mission and benefit overburdened communities.

Participatory Budgeting Opportunities



- The Air District receives Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) grants from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to implement the AB617 program.
- CARB recently distributed a fourth year of funding for a total of \$9 million.
- Air District can modify currently approved spending plan to accommodate PB efforts.
- Other Air Districts are funding community-identified projects.

Next Steps



Path Forward

- Define program budget
- Define budget purpose and limitations
- Confirm community decision-making body and structure
- Additional Participatory Budgeting trainings





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Bayview Hunters Point Enforcement Update

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting April 7, 2022

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Outcome



The Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee will receive an overview of the actions taken by Air District enforcement staff to address community air quality concerns in the Bayview – Hunters Point (BVHP) area.





- Enforcement Process
- Overview of Regulated Facilities and Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) Sites in BVHP
- General Air Quality Concerns
- Primary Areas of Focus
 - Amador Street
 - Gilman Avenue
- Other Activities

Requested Action



None – Informational Only

Enforcement Process



Ensures Air District realizes emission reductions achieved by air quality regulations and permit conditions:

- Compliance Inspections and Investigations
- Air Quality Complaint Investigations
- Enforcement Actions (Notice of Violation (NOV), Notice To Comply (NTC))

Regulated Facilities and NOA Sites in BVHP

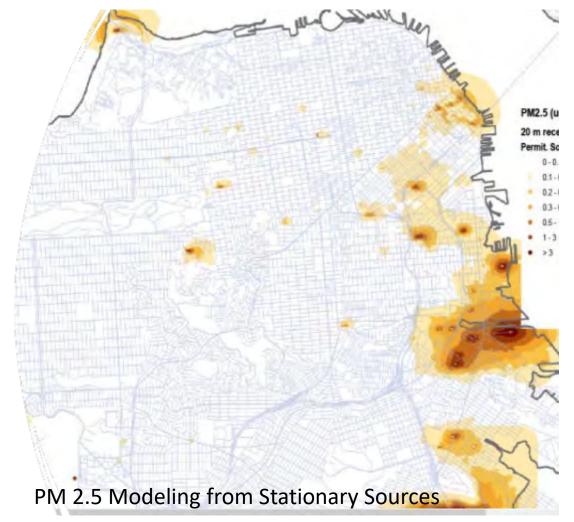




General Air Quality Concerns



- Particulate Matter (PM)
 - Dust
 - PM2.5
- Toxic Air Contaminants
 - NOA



Focus Area 1 – Amador Road





Concrete Batching



- Composed of water, cement, cement supplement, fine (sand) and coarse (gravel) aggregate.
- Sources of air pollution
 - Storage piles
 - Storage silos
 - Conveyors
 - Weigh hopper loading
 - Batch mixers (truck and central)
 - Dust from vehicle travel
 - Ships transporting material to site



CEMEX Construction Materials





- Permitted
- Permit application for increase in throughput under review
- Last Inspected 4/20/21
- No Complaints in last 24 months
- Last NOV issued 5/2/16

Central Concrete Supply



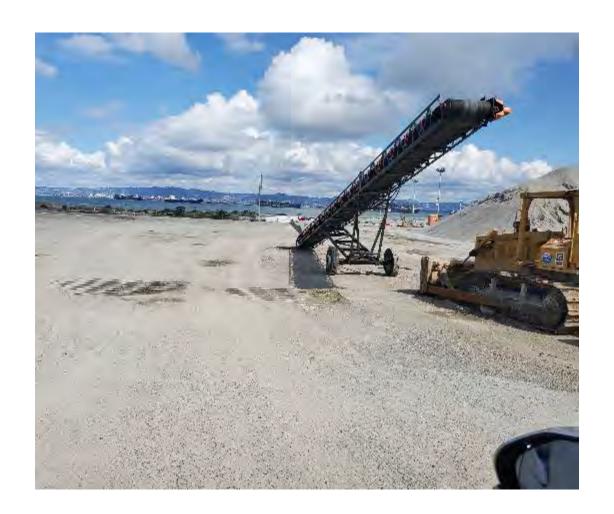


- Permitted
- Last Inspected 3/18/21
- No Complaints in last 24 months
- 1 Violation in the last 36 months

Material Handling



- Material consists of sand and/or gravel
- Sources of air pollution
- Storage piles
- Conveyors
- Dust from vehicle travel
- Ships transporting material to site



Hanson Aggregates Pier 92 & 94





- Permit applications under review
- No Complaints in last 24 months
- No Violations in the last 36 months

Recology Pier 94





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- No Complaints in last 24 months
- 1 Violation in the last 36 months

Focus Area 2 – Gilman Avenue





Precision Engineering & M2







Bauman Concrete

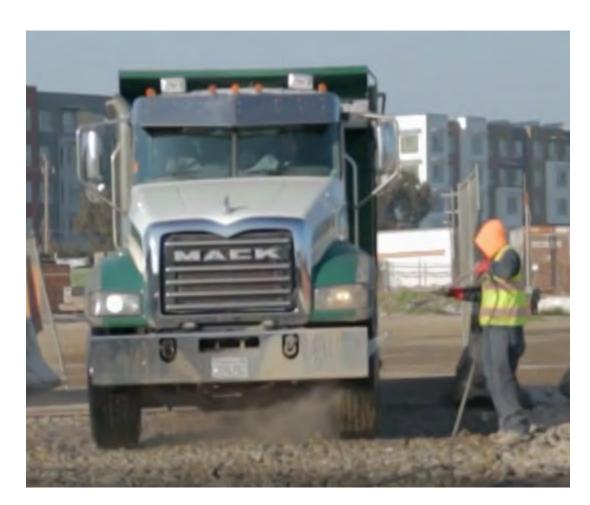




- 11/22/21- NOV #A59016
 pursuant to Reg 2-1-301/302
 for an unpermitted small
 batch concrete operation
- 1/21/22- NOV #A59019 to pursuant to Reg 6-6-501 for Failure to perform monitoring and recordkeeping of trackout on public streets

Gilman Avenue Activities

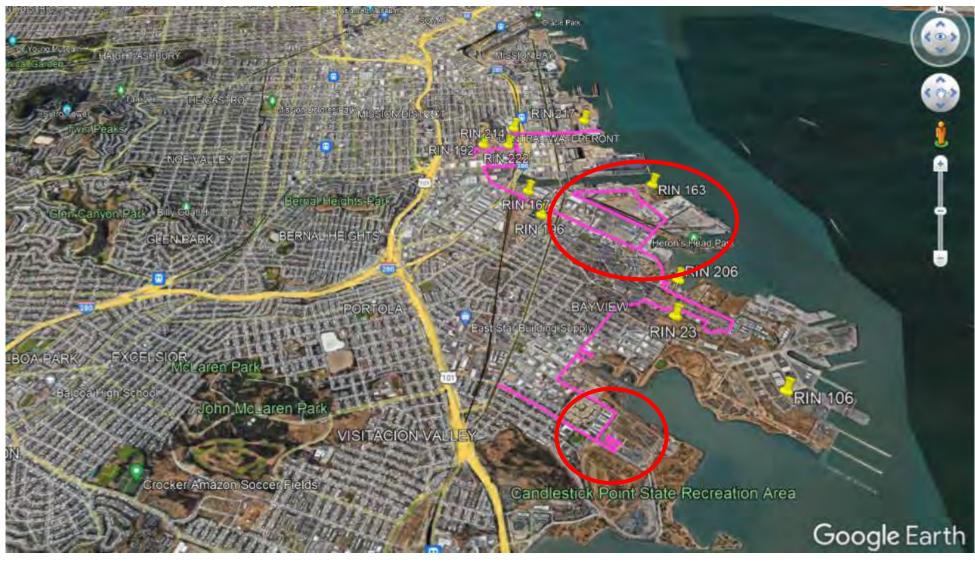




- Air Quality Complaints
- Facilities Response
- Working with Other Agencies
- SF Attorney Cease and Desist Order 3/9/22
- SF Attorney Further Order 3/25/22

Inspector Daily Surveillance Patrol





Other Activities



Monitoring

- Supporting Greenaction's sensor network operated under their California Air Resources Board (CARB) Community Air Grant
- Working with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide a data template to the Navy so that monitoring data from the shipyard is more accessible to the public
- Community Engagement
 - Candlestick Heights Neighborhood Alliance Meeting 3/1/22
 - District 10 Supervisor Meeting 3/4/22
 - BVHP Environmental Justice Task Meeting 3/15/22



Questions?