



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

November 13, 2024

BAY AREA
AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

JOHN GIOIA – CHAIR
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MARK SALINAS

**MEETING LOCATION(S) FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE BY
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Bay Area Metro Center
1st Floor Yerba Buena Room
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105**

**Office of Contra Costa County
Supervisor John Gioia
Conference Room
11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D
El Cerrito, CA 94530**

**Napa County Administration Building
1195 Third Street, Suite 310
Crystal Conference Room
Napa, CA 94559**

**San Mateo County
Board of Supervisors Offices
500 County Center - 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063**

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COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3-4)

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items that may be approved together as a group by one action of the Committee. Any Committee member or member of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024

The Committee will consider approving the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024.

4. Authorization for Community Advisory Council Member Kevin Ruano Hernandez to receive reimbursement for expenses to attend the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Conference

At the recommendation of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chairs, the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee will consider approving CAC Member Kevin Ruano Hernandez for out-of-state travel to the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Conference: What's Next for Science from December 9-13, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

5. Assembly Bill 617 Program Update

The Committee will discuss an update on the Assembly Bill 617 program in the communities of Richmond – North Richmond – San Pablo, East Oakland, and Bayview Hunters Point/ Southeast San Francisco. This item will be presented by Suma Peesapati, Environmental Justice and Community Engagement Officer/Non-Discrimination Coordinator, Karissa White, Staff Specialist II, Aneesh Rana, Senior Staff Specialist, and Daniel Madrigal, Senior Staff Specialist, of the Community Engagement Division.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda will be given an opportunity to address the Committee. Members of the public will have two minutes each to address the Committee, unless a different time limit is established by the Chair. The Committee welcomes comments, including criticism, about the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the District, or of the acts or omissions of the Committee. Speakers shall not use threatening, profane, or abusive language which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of a Committee meeting. The District is committed to maintaining a workplace free of unlawful harassment and is mindful that District staff regularly attend Committee meetings. Discriminatory statements or conduct that would potentially violate the Fair Employment and Housing Act – i.e., statements or conduct that is hostile, intimidating, oppressive, or abusive – is per se disruptive to a meeting and will not be tolerated.

7. Committee Member Comments

Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may: ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't Code § 54954.2)

8. Report of the Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs

9. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The meeting will be in-person for the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee members and members of the public will be able to either join in-person or via webcast.

10. Adjournment

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Chair.

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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (415) 749-4941

EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2024

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	13	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee	Wednesday	13	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee – CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED to Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.	Wednesday	20	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee -- CANCELLED	Wednesday	20	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Community Advisory Council Meeting	Thursday	21	6:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room

DECEMBER 2024

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	4	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Stationary Source Committee	Wednesday	11	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Wednesday	11	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor, Yerba Buena Room
Board of Directors Finance and Administration Committee	Wednesday	18	10:00 a.m.	1 st Floor Board Room
Board of Directors Policy, Grants and Technology Committee	Wednesday	18	1:00 p.m.	1 st Floor Board Room

HL 11/6/2024 – 2:30 p.m.

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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: November 13, 2024

Re: Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice
Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of
October 9, 2024.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health,
and Justice Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Marcy Hiratzka
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of October 9, 2024

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 749-5073

Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee (Committee) Chairperson, John Gioia, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. General Counsel, Alexander Crockett, announced that due to a problem with the Air District’s agenda production system, Agenda Item #7, Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters, was inadvertently not printed on the agenda. However, the Air District allowed public comments on items *not* on the agenda, immediately following Item 6, called by the Chairperson.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco, California, 94105): Vice Chairperson Noelia Corzo; and Directors Mark Salinas and Shamann Walton.

Present, In-Person (Cambria Pines Lodge, Sycamore Conference Room, 2905 Burton Dr., Cambria, CA, 93428): Chairperson John Gioia.

Absent: Director Joelle Gallagher.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Vice Chair Corzo made a motion, seconded by Director Walton, to **approve** the Draft Minutes of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of September 11, 2024; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Corzo, Gioia, Salinas, Walton.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gallagher.

ACTION ITEM

4. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) MEMBER**

CAC Council Member, Kevin Ruano Hernandez, gave the presentation *Community Advisory Council Recommendation for New CAC Member*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; creation of Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee; prior to first meeting; outreach; and selected applicant.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the number of years of a CAC member’s term of office.

Committee Action

Director Walton made a motion, seconded by Director Salinas, to recommend the Board appoints Cynthia Prieto-Diaz to the vacant Alameda County CAC seat; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Corzo, Gioia, Salinas, Walton.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gallagher.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. FIFTH YEAR ANNUAL REPORT ON *OWNING OUR AIR: THE WEST OAKLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (WOCAP)*

Alicia Parker, Principal Planner, and community partners from West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, gave the presentation *Fifth Year Annual Report on Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan (WOCAP)*, including: outline; background on WOCAP quick facts; emissions reduction highlights: significant reductions in diesel Particulate Matter (DPM), DPM reductions, Fine PM_{2.5} reductions; emissions reduction grants – investment summary; enforcement progress over five years; community description update – demographic and economic indicators, health indicators; strategy evaluation summary; next steps; acknowledgements; community perspective; Schnitzer Steel – clean up or get out; metal shredding bill – Assembly Bill (AB) 1234; West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP)-led strategy implementation progress; WOEIP strategy revisions; and WOEIP meetings.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed shore power regulations for ocean-going vessels by the California Air Resources Board; the source of the health data used in the report, particularly regarding asthma rates; the fact that, from June through August 2024, the Air District and WOEIP led the WOCAP Community Steering Committee (CSC) through a review of 29 of the 108 proposed strategies to improve local air quality and health in West Oakland that had not yet made progress, and recommend that 10 strategies be closed out; examples of strategies that are being recommended to be closed out; examples of strategies that have been revised; and why the implementation for certain strategies has not yet begun.

Committee Action

No action taken.

6. PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURE OF AIR DISTRICT EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs, gave the staff presentation *Proposed Organizational Restructure of Air District Equity and Community Programs*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background; Community Investment Office; Office of Civil Rights; Environmental Justice Division; Environmental Justice Specialist Program; and Equity & Community programs organizational restructure.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Y’Anad Burrell, Richmond Area Path to Clean Air CSC; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Kevin Ruano-Hernandez, CAC; and Ken Szutu, CAC.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the use of penalty funds from the newly Board-approved Community Benefits Penalty Funds Policy in May 2024, which directs a significant portion of penalty funds to the communities most impacted by air quality violations (the funds are to be reinvested in local projects specifically designed to reduce pollution and enhance public health in the impacted areas); how Air District staff will address language access needs regarding this issue; the Air District’s fining of the Marathon Martinez Refinery (operated by Marathon subsidiary Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC), for air quality violations, based on the Community Benefits Penalty Funds Policy; the proposed physical locations of the new Office of Civil Rights and Community Investments Office; the suggestion of creating a mobile unit office that can travel throughout the Bay Area; the anticipated timeline for transition into the creation of these offices; an example of an affirmative approach to civil rights within Office of Civil Rights; the status of the penalty for an incident that occurred in San Bruno that is currently being investigated by Air District staff; and when Air District staff plans to update the Board on the \$20M Richmond Community Air Quality Fund.

Committee Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF EQUITY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Arsenio Mataka, Deputy Executive Officer of Equity and Community Programs, announced the following:

- The Air District is announcing the availability of \$1.5 million through Cycle 2 of the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program for community groups, neighborhood associations, and nonprofits to participate in decisions that impact their environment and health.
- A document of the CAC’s Environmental Justice Policy Ad Hoc Committee, entitled *A Call to Action: Charting a New Course Towards Environmental Justice at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District*, centering on environmental justice in the Air District’s Strategic Plan, and proposing specific recommendations and priorities. Suggestions for changes from the public and from the CAC will be considered for inclusion into the final version of the document. A final version will be presented to the CAC in November for a vote to consider its adoption as a CAC approved document. CAC EJ Policy Ad Hoc Committee members will continue to meet with Air District staff over Fall 2024 on the development of detailed and measurable

implemental activities for three priority topic areas: data collection and usage, permitting, and enforcement.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

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11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: November 13, 2024

Re: Authorization for Community Advisory Council Member Kevin Ruano Hernandez to receive reimbursement for expenses to attend the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Conference

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize an estimated amount of \$2,675 for Community Advisory Council member Kevin Ruano Hernandez to attend the American Geophysical Union: *What's Next for Science* conference from December 9, 2024 to December 13, 2024 in Washington, D.C., pursuant to the Air District's Meeting Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Policy.

BACKGROUND

The American Geophysical Union (AGU) is a global community comprised of half a million advocates and professionals in the sciences. It was established in 1919 by the National Research Council and aims to advance discovery and science that creates solutions that are ethical, unbiased and respectful of communities and their values. The AGU conference is attended by scientists, educators, policymakers, journalists and communicators. It seeks to create a better understanding of our planet and environment, as well as create solutions and increase collaboration among professionals in the scientific community. This provides a direct nexus to the Community Advisory Council (CAC)'s focus on health impacts from sources of air pollution.

For members of the Air District's CAC, pursuant to Section 1.2.4 of the Meeting Compensation and Reimbursement Policy, CAC members are authorized to receive expense reimbursement for travel to a conference, if the CAC member has received pre-approval pursuant to this section. CAC Member Ruano Hernandez is only requesting registration and travel reimbursement per an amended application submitted on October 24, 2024. To receive a reimbursement, CAC Members are required to submit a request for reimbursement on the authorized Air District Expense Reimbursement Form within 30 calendar days after the conclusion of the trip.

DISCUSSION

For out-of-state and international travel to attend conferences, conventions, legislative advocacy trips and other compensable and reimbursable meetings covered by the Air District's Compensation and Reimbursement Policy, the CAC Chair/Co-Chairs shall nominate CAC members to attend such events for approval by the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee. In making such nominations, the CAC Chair/Co-Chairs shall solicit the interest of CAC Members and consult with the Executive Officer and any other relevant Air District staff to ensure compliance with this Policy.

With this consideration, staff solicited interest of CAC members for conference attendance through an application process. CAC Member Ruano Hernandez submitted an application requesting Air District reimbursement for registration and travel expenses incurred in connection with attendance at the American Geophysical Union conference in Washington, D.C. CAC Member Ruano Hernandez plans to attend sessions like "Community Needs and Scientific Solutions: A Dialogue on Achieving Environmental Justice for Clean Air," which addresses scientific innovations in air quality modeling and cumulative impact analysis.

By attending, CAC Member Kevin Ruano Hernandez hopes to gain insights directly relevant to the CAC's objectives of promoting environmental justice and identifying actionable policies for communities impacted by pollution. The application submitted by CAC Member Ruano Hernandez is attached. On October 24, 2024, the CAC Co-Chairs, Kevin Jefferson and Mayra Pelagio, reviewed the application submitted by CAC Member Ruano Hernandez to attend the AGU conference in Washington, D.C. and recommend that the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee approve his application for reimbursement.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

Costs for travel to attend this conference, including conference registration and travel expenses, are estimated at \$2,675. Funds to cover these costs are included in the Fiscal Year Ending 2025 budget of the Community Advisory Council, Program 123.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Lisa Flores, Miriam Torres
Reviewed by: Marcia Raymond, Arsenio Mataka

ATTACHMENTS:

None

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson John Gioia and Members
of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Date: November 13, 2024

Re: Assembly Bill 617 Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; the Committee will discuss this item, but no action is requested at this time.

BACKGROUND

The California legislature signed Assembly Bill (AB) 617 into law in 2017 and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) established the Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) to implement AB 617. This state-mandated program focuses on improving local air quality and health in disproportionately impacted communities. Since the passage of AB 617, the following four environmental justice communities within the Air District's jurisdiction have been approved by CARB for the development of community emissions reduction plans (CERP): West Oakland, Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo, East Oakland and the Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco. This update is focused on Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo, East Oakland, and Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco as the Committee recently discussed the Fifth Year Annual Report on *Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan* on October 9, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Community Steering Committees and Community Leadership

Each community has a Community Steering Committee (CSC) that meets monthly to guide and inform the development and/or implementation of the CERPs. All monthly CSC meetings for the three communities include translated materials and language interpretation. In East Oakland and Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco, there are long-standing community-based organizations (CBOs) that co-lead the process with the Air District. These CBOs help guide decision-making about the CERP processes, including decisions about effective community outreach and engagement to represent the diversity of the communities and how to further environmental justice goals. In Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo, three CSC members serve as leads.

Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo

In September 2018, CARB approved the Air District's recommendation to develop a community air monitoring plan (CAMP) in Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo (also known as the Path to Clean Air or PTCA) to identify and understand areas of elevated air pollution exposure in these communities. In September 2020, CARB approved the Air District's recommendation to develop a CERP for the PTCA area.

In 2021, the CSC convened to develop a CERP. The CSC is comprised of people who work, live or grew up in the area. The CSC has 18 members, including non-voting members who represent local businesses, local trade unions and/or industrial companies, and designated city and county representatives.

The PTCA includes areas of Richmond and San Pablo and unincorporated Contra Costa County, including North Richmond. The area is characterized by major pollution sources with disproportionately high health burdens that are the focus of the CERP. The Path to Clean Air CERP covers four overarching goals that include: 1) Just Transition, 2) Health, 3) Community Engagement, and 4) Hold Government Accountable. Additionally, the Path to Clean Air CERP includes 140 actions that are grouped into 31 strategies across five community concerns: Commercial and Industrial, Fuel Refining, Marine and Rail, Public Health, and Mobile Sources. The Plan also addresses four cross-cutting issues including: Compliance and Enforcement, Land Use, Properly Resourced CERP, and Urban Greening. On May 1, 2024, the Air District Board of Directors approved the Path to Clean Air CERP.

While the Path to Clean Air CERP is currently awaiting CARB approval, the Air District staff and Community Steering Committee (CSC) are working to establish a framework for implementation of the Plan. At the October 28 CSC meeting, the CSC discussed and voted to approve the Year One Implementation Plan that includes a set of actions to be implemented and tracked between October 2024 through September 2025.

East Oakland

Following many years of community advocacy, in February 2022, CARB approved the Air District's recommendation to develop a CERP for the East Oakland community. The Air District partnered with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) as a Co-Lead to establish and convene the East Oakland CSC to guide the development of the CERP. Additionally, CBE partners on CERP strategy development and community engagement efforts.

The East Oakland CSC consists of 24 members who either live or work in East Oakland representing one or more of the following sectors: Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, Youth, Youth Organizations, Faith Communities, Education, Government, Health, and/or Business/Industry Representatives from East Oakland. The CSC meets in East Oakland and began meeting in September 2022. Meetings are convened by the Co-Leads and three Co-Chairs. The CSC also has a Youth Committee, which is supported by CBE.

The East Oakland CSC and Co-Leads have accomplished the following CERP Milestones:

- Adopted a Charter
- Elected CSC Co-Chairs
- Developed Community Vision and Guiding Principles
- Adopted the Community Boundary
- Completed the Emissions Inventory
- Gathered Health Inequities and Compliance and Enforcement Data
- Conducted a Community Mapping Project and outreach through a Mini-Grants process

Since February 2024, the East Oakland CSC and Co-Leads have been developing CERP focus areas, strategies and actions. Soon, the East Oakland CSC and Co-Leads will work on CERP Goals and a Community Profile that will be included in the plan. The Co-Leads expect to bring the CERP to the CSC for adoption in fall 2025.

Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco

CARB approved the Air District's recommendation of Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco (BVHP/SESF) as the fourth Bay Area CERP community in February 2023. The Air District partnered with Community Co-Leads, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates and Marie Harrison Community Foundation, to recruit community members to create a CSC, guide CERP timeline and development, and support community engagement.

In January 2024, the Co-Leads convened the first meeting of the BVHP/SESF CSC. The BVHP/SESF CSC has 21 community members who either live or work in BVHP/SESF representing one or more of the following sectors: Residents, Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, Labor, Youth Organizations, Education, Business/Industry. The CSC meets in BVHP and meetings are convened by the Co-Leads and two Co-chairs.

The BVHP/SESF CSC and Co-Leads have accomplished the following CERP Milestones:

- Adopted a Charter
- Elected Co-Chairs
- Created a Community Map of Sensitive Sites and Pollution Concerns
- Adopted the Community Boundary
- Gathered the Emissions Inventory

In June 2024, the BVHP/SESF CSC formed a subcommittee to review Air District data on emissions sources as well as permitted, unpermitted and exempt facilities, and to have a venue to ask general technical questions about air quality. The BVHP/SESF CSC has discussed the topics of permitting, rule development, compliance and enforcement, land use planning and health data. In the next phase, the BVHP/SESF Co-Leads and CSC will work on finalizing the CERP vision, and start developing the CERP strategies, actions, and goals. The Co-Leads expect to bring the CERP for completion and adoption by the CSC in summer 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip M. Fine
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Anna Lee and Diana Ruiz

Reviewed by: Suma Peesapati and Wendy Goodfriend

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AB 617 Program Update Presentation



BAY AREA
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AGENDA: 5

Assembly Bill 617 Program Update

**Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee
November 13, 2024**

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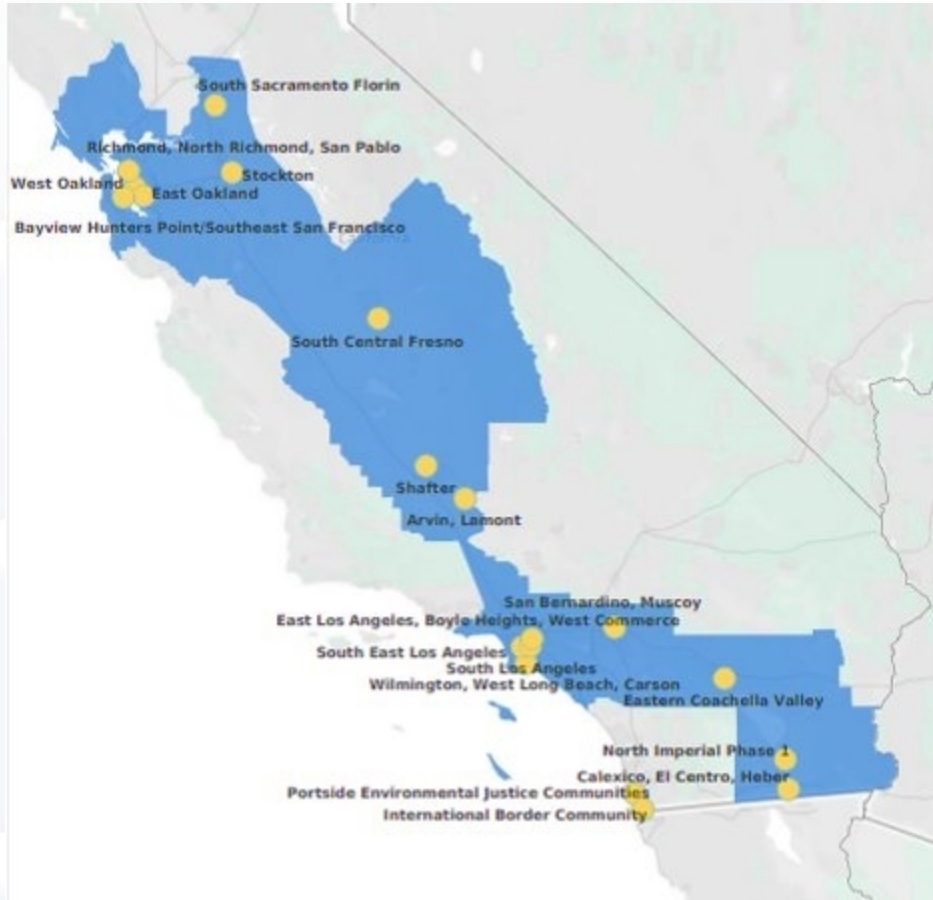
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Presentation Outline

- Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Overview
- Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo
- East Oakland
- Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco

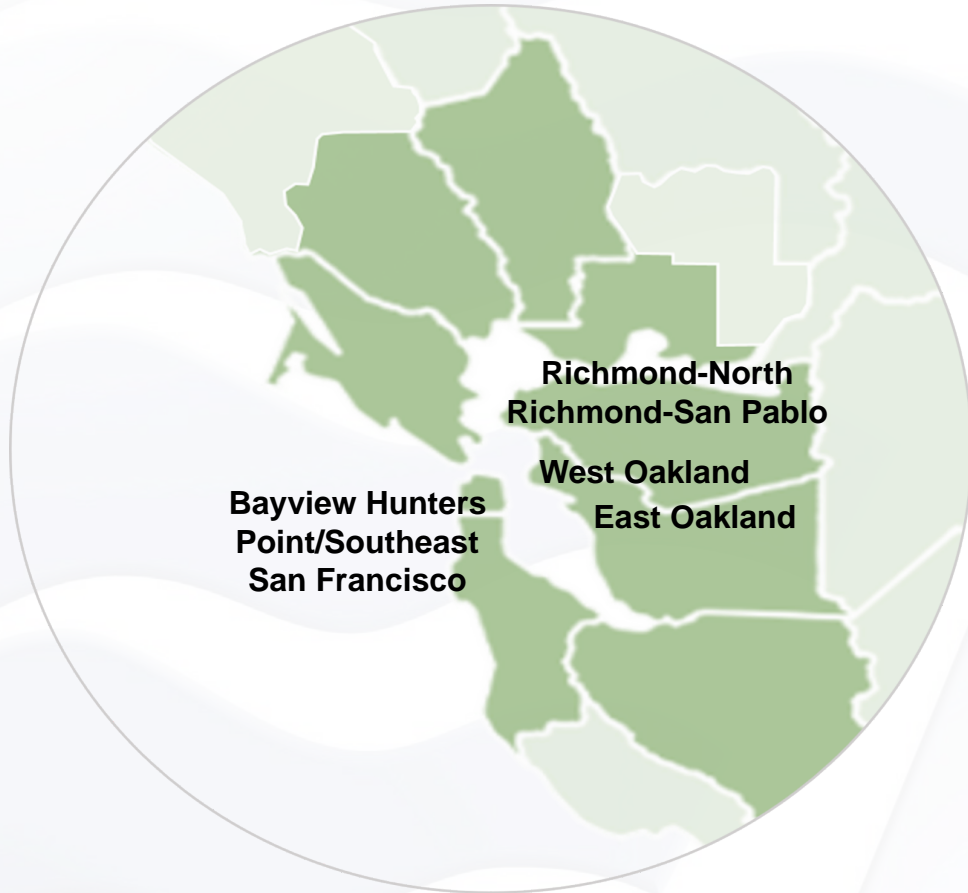
About AB 617



Designated AB 617 communities in California. Map from California Air Resources Board.

- State mandated program that responds to the history of environmental injustice
- Focused on reducing exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution
- Committed to deep partnerships with community to develop and implement new strategies to measure air pollution and reduce health impacts

AB 617 in the Bay Area



Air District's four designated communities

- Shifts regulatory focus from regional to local air quality
- Accelerates emissions reductions at the local level
- Four designated communities: West Oakland, Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo, East Oakland, Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco

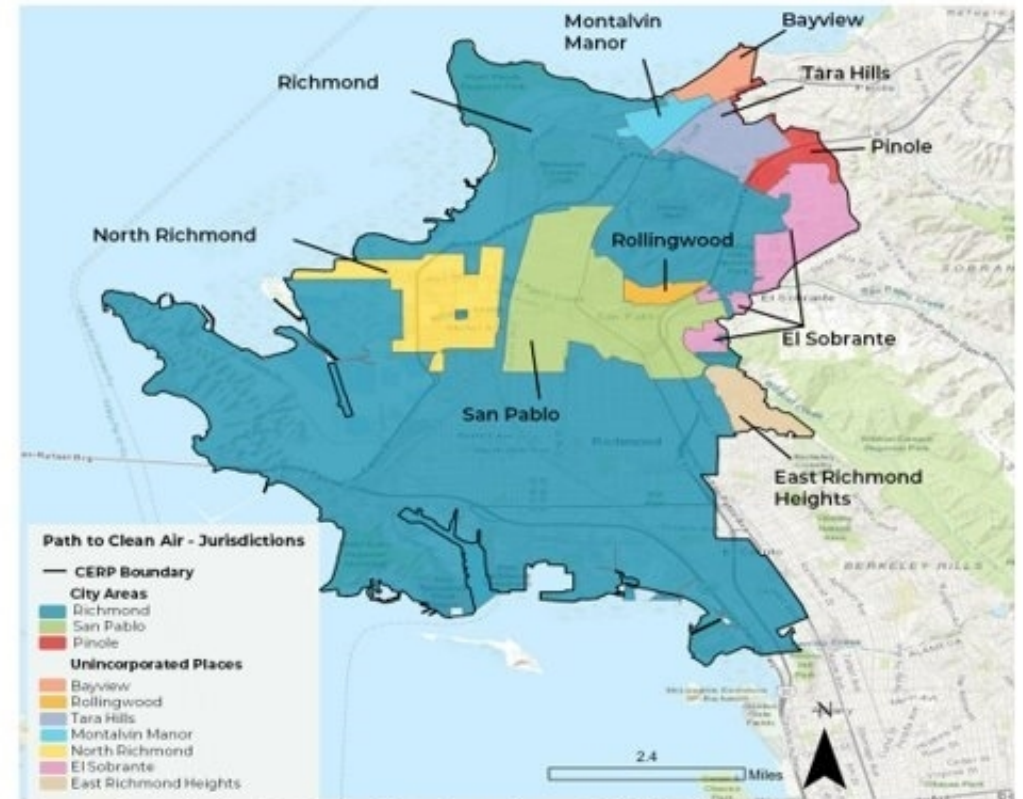
Community Steering Committees and Community Leadership

- Each community has a Community Steering Committee (CSC) that meets monthly to guide the development and/ or implementation of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP)
- All monthly CSC meetings include translated materials and language interpretation services
- East Oakland and Bayview Hunters Point/ Southeast San Francisco: Community-based organizations co-lead the process and guide decision-making for the CERP process
- Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo: three CSC members serve as leads

Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo

Background: Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo

- Includes areas of Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo and unincorporated Contra Costa County
- Area has major pollution sources and disproportionately high health burdens
- Selected for AB 617 Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) in 2018
- Selected for AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) in 2020. CERP approved by Air District Board in May 2024



Community Emission Reduction Plan Boundary and Jurisdictions

Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Steering Committee

- Community Steering Committee (CSC) convened in 2021 to develop a CERP, also known as the Path to Clean Air Plan (PTCA)
- Comprised of up to 27 individuals who work, live or grew up in the area (includes non-voting industry and government representatives)
- Governed by a CSC-adopted Charter
- CSC members participated in monthly committee meetings, ad hocs, and writing teams, centering community voice in the PTCA CERP

Community Concerns in the Path to Clean Air Plan

- Fuel refining, support facilities, storage, and distribution
- Mobile sources
- Commercial and industrial sources
- Marine and rail
- Public health and reducing exposures
- Compliance and enforcement
- Land use
- Urban greening
- Implementation resources

Example Actions in the Path to Clean Air Plan

Fuel Refining, Support Facilities, Storage, and Distribution Strategies:

- Move Towards a Just Transition
- Reduce Persistent Flaring and Improve Incident Response
- Hold Chevron and Other Emitters Accountable for Reducing Pollution and Negative Public Health Impacts from their Operations
- Reduce Exposure and Public Health Impacts from Toxic Air Contaminants Emitted by the Fuel Refining sector
- Reduce Exposure and Public Health Impacts from Particulate Matter and Other CAPs Emitted by the Fuel Refining sector

Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Steering Committee Milestones

- Air District Board of Directors approves PTCA CERP in May 2024
- PTCA CERP is awaiting CARB approval
- CSC and Air District staff are establishing an implementation framework
- CSC identified priority strategies during their August – September CSC meetings
- CSC to review and vote to approve Year One Implementation Plan (October 2024 – September 2025)
- CSC will begin outreach to increase membership between January – February 2025

Resources

Community Emissions Reduction Plan: Path to Clean Air Plan
<https://www.baaqmd.gov/PTCA-CERP> (April 2024)

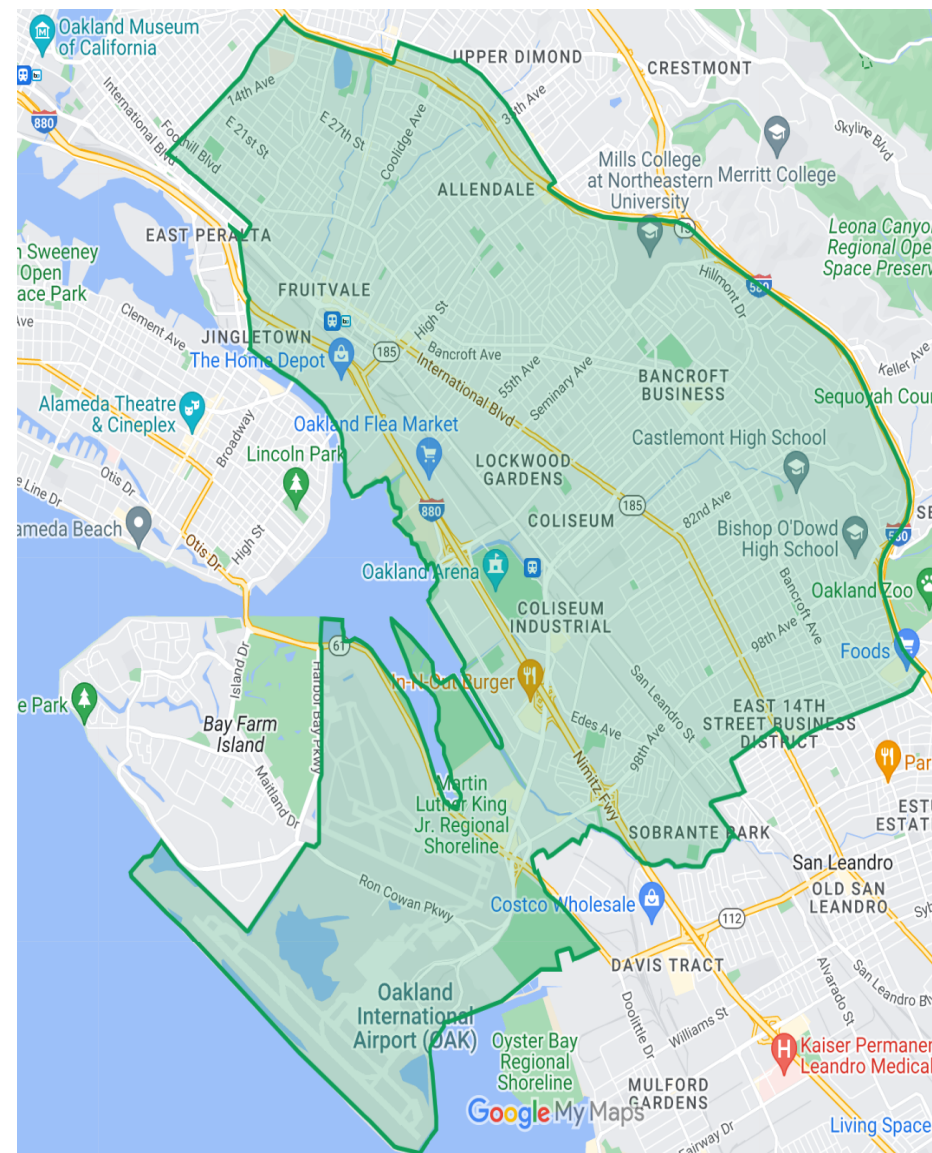
CARB Staff Report: Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Program (Path to Clean Air) [Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Program \(Path to Clean Air\) Staff Report \(ca.gov\)](#) (September 2024)

Sign up for Path to Clean Air Updates: [Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan \(baaqmd.gov\)](#)

East Oakland

Background: East Oakland

- CARB approved CERP designation for East Oakland on February 10, 2022
- The Air District partnered with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) to recruit a Community Steering Committee and co-lead development of the East Oakland CERP
- The East Oakland Community Steering Committee (CSC) held its first monthly meeting in September 2022
- CBE supports CERP strategy development and community engagement efforts



A map of the East Oakland CERP area

East Oakland Community Steering Committee

- 24 active members who either live or work in East Oakland representing one or more of the following sectors: Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, Youth, Youth Organizations, Faith Communities, Education, Government, Health, Business/Industry Representatives from East Oakland
- 3 Co-Chairs
- CSC Youth Committee, which is supported by CBE
- Monthly public meetings

East Oakland Community Steering Committee Milestones

Completed Milestones

- CSC Governance
- Vision & Principles
- Community Boundary
- Emissions Inventory
- Health Inequities Data
- Compliance & Enforcement Data
- Community Mapping Project
- Community Mapping Project Mini-Grants

Pending Milestones

- Strategy Development (ongoing)
- Goals
- Community Profile
- CERP Adoption
- CERP Implementation

Resources

- Webpage for meeting agendas and materials and to sign up for East Oakland CERP Updates: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/ab617eo>

Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco

Background: Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco

- CARB approved CERP designation for Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco (BVHP/SESF) on February 23, 2023
- The Air District partnered with the Marie Harrison Community Foundation (MHCF) and the Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates (BVHPCA) to Co-Lead CERP development through Community Steering Committee member recruitment, timeline and agenda planning, capacity building, and community engagement
- The BVHP/SESF Community Steering Committee held its first monthly meeting in January 2024

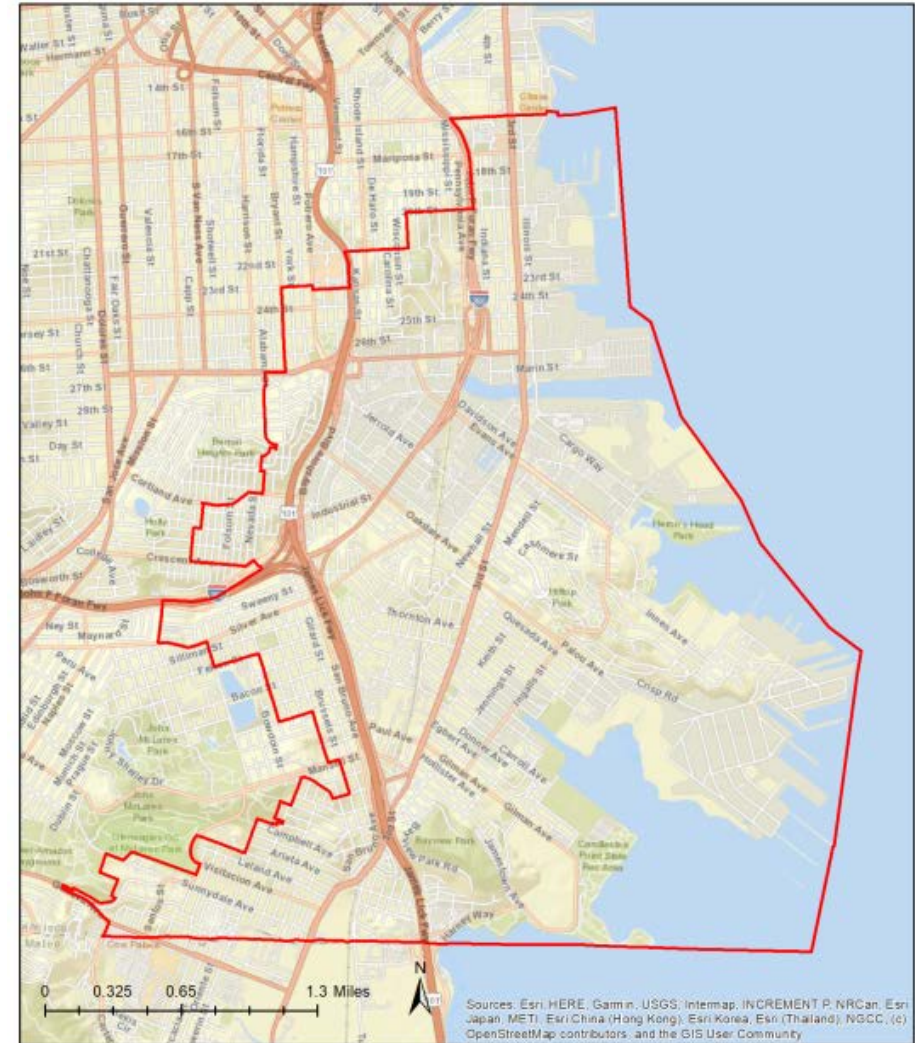
Bayview Hunters Point Community Steering Committee

- 21 Community Steering Committee members who either live or work in BVHP/SESF representing one or more of the following sectors: Residents, Community-Based Organizations, Non-Profits, Labor, Youth Organizations, Education, Business/Industry
- 2 Co-Chairs
- Sources, Emissions, and Data Gaps Subcommittee of the CSC formed to review Air District data on emissions sources
- Technical Advisory Group representing health researchers, land use planners, industry
- Monthly public meetings

Bayview Hunters Point Community Steering Committee Milestones Completed

- CSC charter
- Elected two Co-chairs
- Community and Emissions Inventory Boundaries
- Sources, Emissions, and Data Gaps Subcommittee of the CSC
- CSC map of sensitive population sites and areas of pollution concerns
- Topics presented at monthly CSC meetings: permitting, rule development, compliance & enforcement, land use planning, health data

 BVHP Boundary (Final)



AB 617 Planning Area for Bayview Hunters Point/Southeast San Francisco

Resources

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Questions