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Assembly Bill 617 Program Update

**Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee
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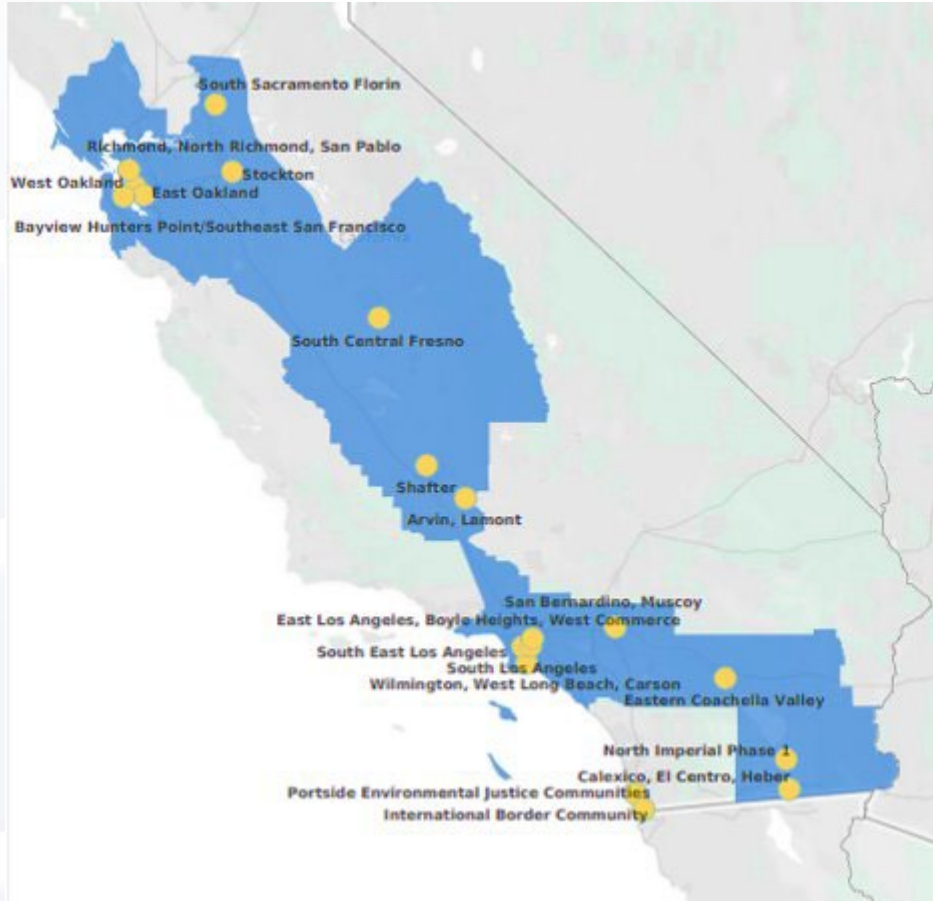
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Presentation Outline

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

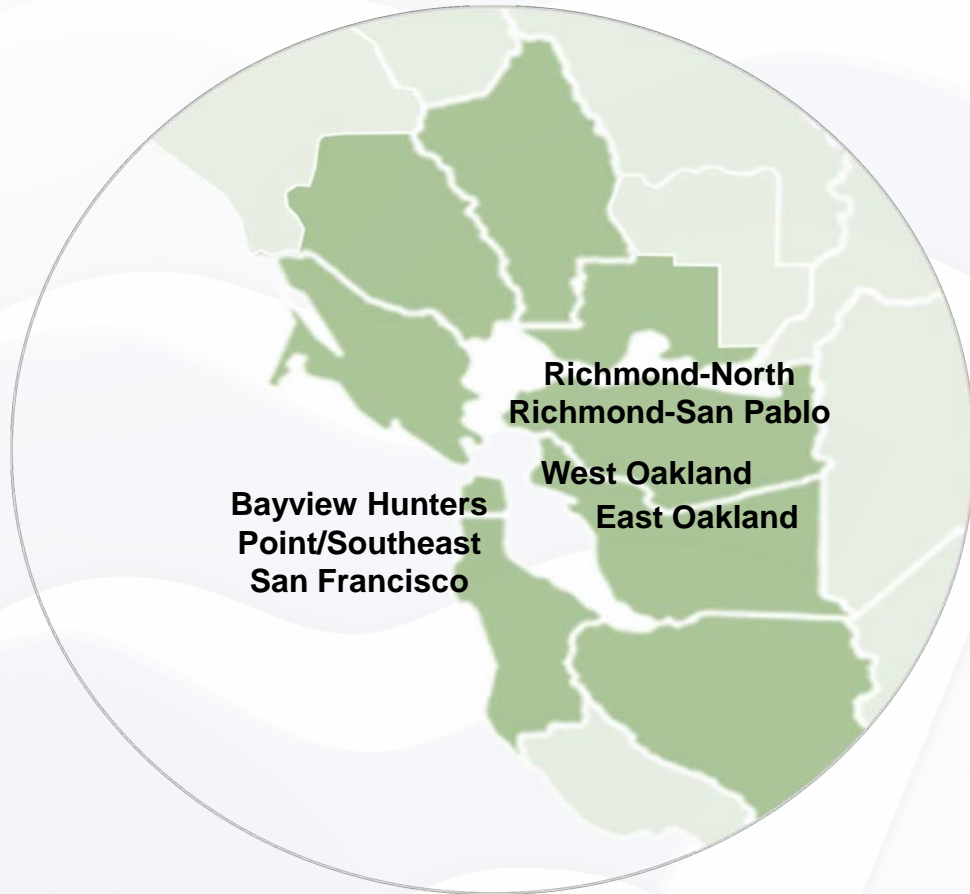
About AB 617



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

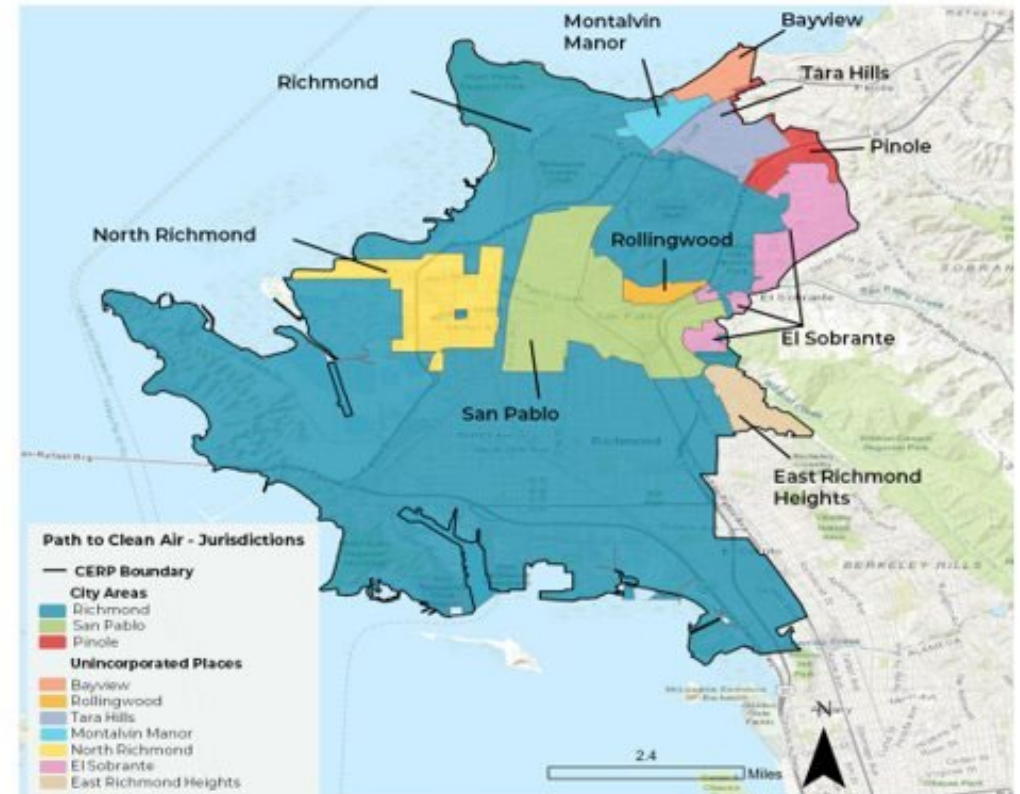
Community Steering Committees and Community Leadership

- 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)

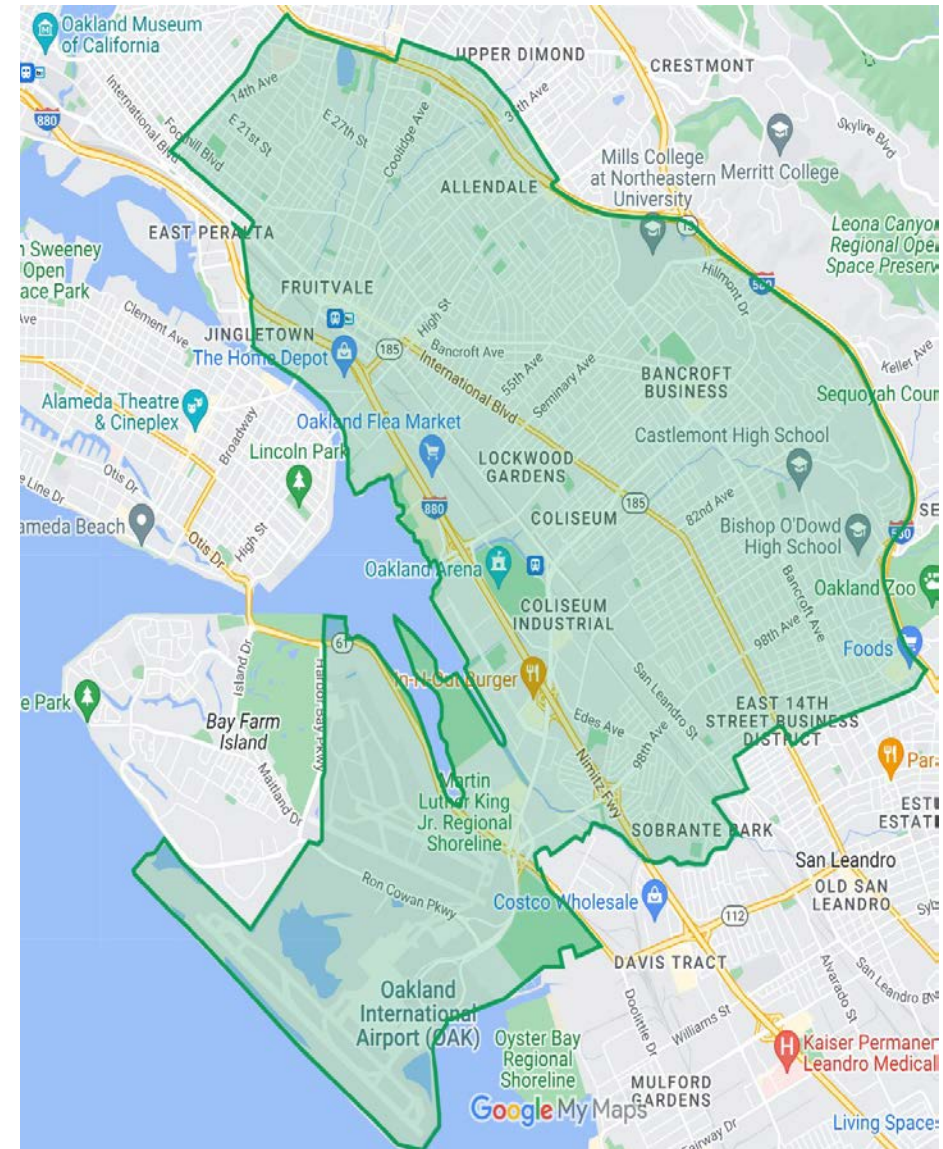
CARB Staff Report: Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Program (Path to Clean Air) [Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Program \(Path to Clean Air\) Staff Report \(ca.gov\)](#) (September 2024)

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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<https://www.baaqmd.gov/ab617bvhp>

Questions