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Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting

June 30, 2022



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AGENDA: 1

Call to Order

**Community Advisory Council Meeting
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CAC Meeting Ground Rules



- **Preparation:** Come prepared to meetings and review all documents that the CAC will discuss.
- **Communication and Language:** Communicate with respect, personal attacks will not be tolerated. Be mindful of how much space you're taking and of those who haven't spoken. Remember zoom meetings are part of the public record.
- **Distractions:** Avoid distractions and stay present. Active listening is imperative to ensure that we understand other people's viewpoints.
- **Timing:** Respect time agreements and stay on topic.
- **Facilitation:** The facilitator will intervene to keep the conversation on track and on time and will remind members of these ground rules as necessary.



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AGENDA: 4

Community Advisory Council Meeting Land Acknowledgement In Lieu of Pledge of Allegiance

**Community Advisory Council Meeting
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**Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez
Community Advisory Councilmember**

Requested Action



- The Council will replace the Pledge of Allegiance by including a Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of each council meeting.

What is a Land Acknowledgement?



A Land Acknowledgement is

- A formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories
- An act of reconciliation that involves making a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called the land home before arrival of European settlers, and in many cases still call it home.

Why is it important?



- A Land Acknowledgment serves to recognize the longstanding history of the Indigenous peoples who came before us. Explicitly stating the violence of our nation's history.

Option #1: Land Acknowledgment



- We begin by acknowledging that this land is unceded Indigenous land. The territories, or the counties we represent, are of the Ohlone peoples. To acknowledge this history of our country - that this nation was built on genocide, the exclusion and erasure of indigenous people - grounds our work in truth. But also, to acknowledge and recognize the wisdom, resistance, and leadership of Indigenous peoples who continue to struggle for their land. We also acknowledge that our modern global economy was founded on the free and forced labor of enslaved Black people. And exploited labor continuously perpetuates itself in Communities of Color, as we see in the treatment of farm workers, immigrant workers, prison labor, domestic workers, among others. This practice of land acknowledgement calls on us to recognize our violent history that is the foundation of white supremacy, and to recognize the longstanding and ongoing resistance of Black people to dehumanization, repression, and homicide. Lastly, we must acknowledge the elders, scholars, activists and ancestors from whose shoulders we stand on. And that the brilliance and leadership of People of Color in resistance, vision, wisdom, and love be honored and recognized as we work to dismantle ongoing legacies of settler colonialism and anti-blackness.

Option #2: Land Acknowledgment



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Land Acknowledgement Resources



Native Land Map – www.native-land.ca

- A tool to identify the tribal nations that currently and historically occupied a particular area.

U.S. Dept. of Arts and Culture – www.usdac.us/nativeland

- A tool developed in consultation with Indigenous leaders throughout the country that offers guidance and rationale for the practice of land acknowledgement.

Lspirg – www.lspirg.org/knowtheland

- A nonprofit organization that helps organizations move beyond the acknowledgement



PUBLIC COMMENT



QUESTIONS?



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AGENDA: 5

Update on the Selection of the Air District's Air Pollution Control Officer

Community Advisory Council Meeting
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Mayor John J. Bauters, Board of Directors Chair
Council Member Davina Hurt, Board of Directors Vice Chair

Presentation Outcome



- This is an informational item only about the hiring process for the Air District's Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO).

Air Pollution Control Office (APCO) Hiring Process



- Sharon Landers is currently acting as Interim Executive Officer / APCO until the Board hires a new candidate for the acting role.
- Chair Bauters and Director Hurt will provide an update on the hiring status of the APCO and possible next steps.



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AGENDA: 6

Discuss and Develop a List of Desired Qualifications for the Air District's Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer

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**Latasha Washington
Community Advisory Council Co-Chair**

Requested Action



Develop and approve a list of desired qualifications for the Executive Officer / Air Pollution Control Officer to be included in a letter signed by the Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chairs and submitted to the Air District Board of Directors.

Process



- Virtual exercise to discuss and brainstorm list of desired qualifications
- Staff will group qualifications in similar categories
- CAC will narrow the list of qualifications for inclusion in a letter to the Air District Board of Directors
- Hear public comment on the list and adjust as necessary
- Vote on final list



Public Comment



Vote



Questions?



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AGENDA: 7

Overview of Wildfire Mitigation and Home Air Filtration Program

Community Advisory Council
June 30, 2022

Joshua Abraham

Senior Staff Specialist

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Requested Action



- Approve the proposed strategy and recommend the proposed program strategy for the \$1 million Wildfire Mitigation Designation to the Board of Directors.

Wildfire Air Quality Response Program

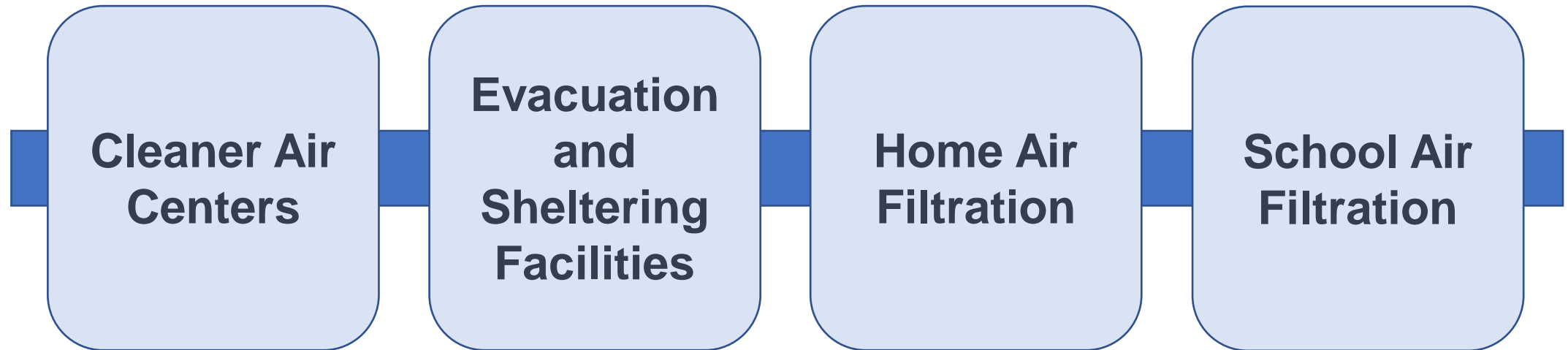


Program intended to prepare, prevent, and respond to future wildfire smoke, and ensure health-protective measures and strategies are in place



- Legislative Initiatives
- Air District Rules and Regulations
- Community Information and Resources
- Partnerships and Regional Alliance
- **Grants Programs and Incentives**

Clean Air Filtration (CAF) Program Overview

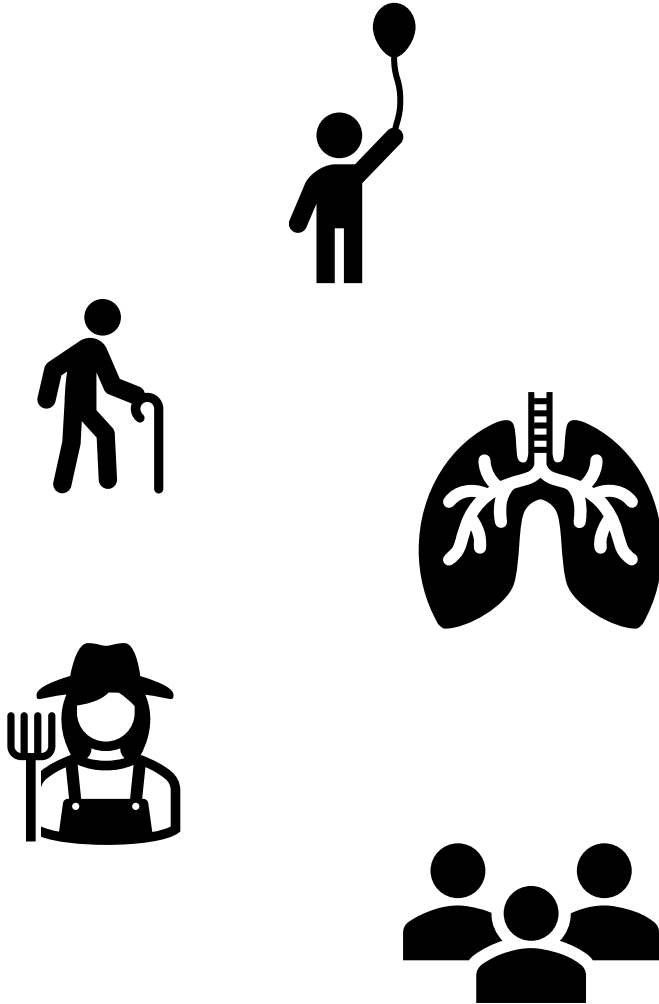


Program Scope



- In September 2021:
 - Board approved Executive Officer/APCO to allocate an additional \$1 million (M) to the Wildfire Mitigation Designation and to reduce the Pandemic Reserves Designation by \$1M.
- Staff's Objective
 - Expand existing air filtration programs to increase access to more impacted communities
 - Equitably distribute air filtration units
 - Leverage existing partnerships with local communities

Impact



- Children and youth
- Populations with pre-existing health conditions, respiratory illness
- Elders
- Outdoor workers
- Communities already impacted by cumulative health burdens

Prioritized Communities in the Bay Area



- Assembly Bill (AB) 617
Communities:
 - East County (Contra Costa County)
 - East Oakland
 - Eastern San Francisco
 - San Leandro
 - San Jose
 - Richmond – North Richmond – San Pablo
 - Tri-Valley
 - Vallejo
- Communities prioritized in CalEnviroscreen 4.0 (map not shown here)



Existing Programs



RAMP Partnership

- Partner with Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP) (\$250k) to provide air filters to low-income home visiting clients with poorly controlled asthma
- ~\$143k remaining. Distributed 875 air filters.

Local Health Centers - *Pilot*

- Partner with Local Health Centers to distribute home air filtration units:
 - Ole Health (Napa) - *in progress*
 - West Oakland Health Council
 - Roots Community Clinic (East Oakland)
 - La Clinica (Vallejo)- *in progress*

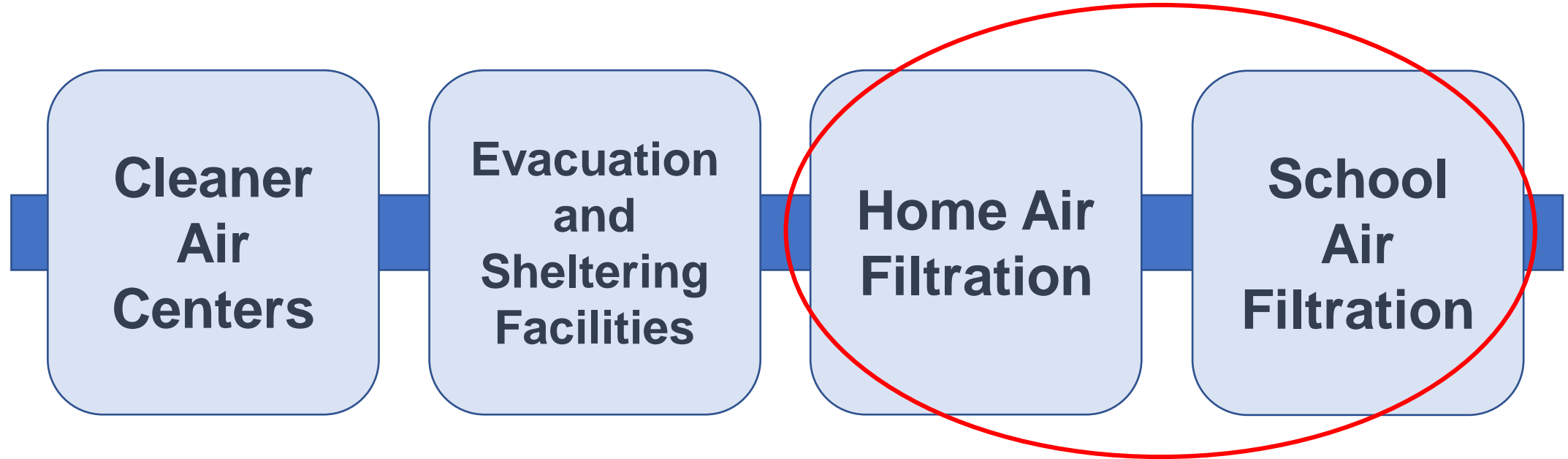
Schools

- Install and maintain air filtration in HVAC systems at existing 12 elementary schools:
 - East and West Oakland
 - Eastern San Francisco
 - Livermore
 - San Leandro
 - Pittsburg and Bay Point

Community Partners - *Pilot*

- Partner with Community-Based Organizations to distribute home air filtration units to low-income residents. Distributed 293 air filters.
 - All Positives Possible (Vallejo)
 - Belle Haven Action (Menlo Park)
 - City of Millbrae
 - Healing Impacted Communities (Rodeo)
 - United Council (Pier 94, SF)

Consultation with EJ Leaders



Consultation with EJ Leaders



Who we spoke to:

- Esther Goolsby, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)
- Ms. Margaret Gordon, The West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) and Community Advisory Council (CAC) Co-Chair
- Ariann Harrison, The Marie Harrison Community Foundation, Inc. and CAC Councilmember
- John Kevin Jefferson III, CAC Co-Chair
- Mayra Pelagio, Latinos United for a New America (LUNA) and CAC Councilmember
- Latasha Washington, CAC Co-Chair
- LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible

Consultation with EJ Leaders



What we heard:

- Localized focus on impacted communities
 - prioritize the unhoused, locations with high percentage of historically marginalized communities such as Vallejo, neighborhoods located next to freeways, undocumented communities/ worker camps, professions that would benefit from air filtration and indigenous communities
- Non-competitive funding
- Need for a comprehensive plan that integrates existing work (asset map)
- A way to distribute resource information to communities.

Proposal



RAMP Partnership

- Expand RAMP partnership to include all clients with asthma or respiratory disease and to create educational materials and case study

Local Health Centers

- Expand outreach to additional local health center partners in AB 617 communities
- Low-income clients with asthma or respiratory disease

Schools

- Expand to elementary schools in Richmond – San Pablo area with remaining SEP grant and wildfire mitigation funds

CBOs

- Expand outreach to JCS Community Grantees to apply to distribute to residents in AB 617 communities
- In West Oakland and Richmond/ North Richmond/ San Pablo, identify Resiliency Hubs
- CARAS in East San Jose

Local Health Centers & Community Partners



Eligibility:

- Local Health Centers: Low-income individuals (Medi-Cal recipient or is an undocumented resident who is eligible to receive Medi-Cal) and individuals diagnosed with asthma and/or other respiratory lung disease or a referral
- Community Partners: Recruit recipients from AB 617 communities

Partner Role and Responsibility

- Ensure eligibility, place orders with Air District
- Store and distribute air filtration units and factsheet on air filter
- Collect information about recipients: date of delivery, City and Zip Code of recipient; (optional: age, race/ethnicity and primary language of recipient)

Air District Role

- Purchase and schedule delivery of air filters from selected vendors
- Provide factsheet in multiple languages and general support
- Collect and analyze data

Community Based Organization Partnership Additional Parameters



- Outreach to JCS Community Grantees to leverage existing partnerships and supplement their capacity-building efforts
- Short application and plan to identify and distribute up to 50 air filter units per CBO to low-income community members
- Required documents (i.e. current 501c3 status – Form, etc.)
- 100% of funds utilized for the purchase of air filter units
- Capacity and staffing to distribute – staffing to receive, space to store the filters, outreach staff, logistics and data tracking

Request for Allocation from Wildfire Mitigation Fund



Program Strategy	Proposed Budget (approximate amounts)
Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP) - Asthma Mitigation Partnership	\$300,000
Local Health Centers	\$300,000
Schools	\$300,000
Community-Based Organization Partners (rolling distribution)	\$100,000
Total	\$1,000,000

Next Steps



June-July

- June 30, 2022 - Community Advisory Council (CAC)
- July 7, 2022 - Community Equity, Health & Justice (CEHJ) Committee
- July 20, 2022 - Board of Directors

Aug – Nov

- Launch Strategies – set up partnerships and assist with orders for air filters

Dec

- Track progress and assess program



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AGENDA: 8

Selection of Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop the Community Advisory Council Workplan for FY23

**Community Advisory Council Meeting
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**Randolph Belle
Meeting Facilitator**

Requested Action



- Select council members for an ad-hoc committee to develop the Community Advisory Council's (CAC) workplan for fiscal year 2023.

Work Plan Ad-hoc Committee



- The workplan period is from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- The ad-hoc committee will establish a shared vision for the committee's work.
- The work plan will outline goals, objectives, responsibilities and benchmarks.
- Up to eight (8) council members can serve on the ad hoc committee
- Balanced representation from Bay Area counties.
- Council members will be compensated for their time up to three (3) hours per month for CAC activities beyond bi-monthly meetings.



Ad-Hoc Committee Selection



Public Comment



Council Vote on Selection



Results



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Update on Community Air Quality Concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in BVHP

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Damian Breen
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Presentation Outcome



The Community Advisory Council will receive an update on actions taken to address community air quality concerns at the Alice Griffith Housing Development in the Bayview Hunters Point.

Presentation Outline



- Background
- Alice Griffith Housing Development Overview
- Enforcement Process
- Addressing Community Air Quality Concerns
- Initial Actions at Adjacent Facilities
- Work with Partner Agencies
- Current Status and Ongoing Issues
- Other Activities
- Questions

Requested Action



- None – Informational Only

Background



November 2021: Three material handling facilities, Bauman Redi-Mix Cement (Bauman Cement), Precision Engineering, and M Squared (M2) directly adjacent to the Alice Griffith Housing Development were brought to the Air Districts Attention.

- Concerns raised by Community Members included:
 - Health Impacts of Dust & PM2.5 Emissions and Track Out
 - Health Impacts of Asbestos and Other Contaminants
 - Health Impacts at Local Schools
 - Land Use Issues

Alice Griffith Apts. – Pre-March 2022



Enforcement Process



Ensures Air District realizes emission reductions required 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))

Addressing Community Air Quality Concerns



- Initiated Air Quality Complaint response.
 - Inspected all facility to determine compliance with Air District Regulations
 - Investigated Asbestos Claims (NOA exists throughout the area, but Regulated Facilities do not disturb soil).
 - Reached out to partner agencies with Jurisdictions
 - Meet with Impacted Community Members and Advocates
- Monitored Facilities (Bauman, Precision, and M2)
 - Daily Inspector Patrol Surveillance
 - Weekly reports

Initial Actions at Adjacent Facilities: Bauman Concrete



Picture of crusher/conveyor and stockpiles at Bauman

11/18/21



- 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

Initial Actions at Adjacent Facilities: Precision Engineering & M Squared (M2)



Work with Partner Agencies



- Work with Other Agencies
 - Supervisor Shaman Walton's Office
 - SF Public Utilities Commission
 - SF Department of Public Health
 - SF Office of City Attorney
 - OCII
- SF City Attorney Cease and Desist Orders (first issued 3/9/22)
 - Required Material Handling Facilities to vacate the property
 - Required two small unapproved storage facilities to vacate the property (J.R.Z Demolition and Brothers Hauling)
- Air District acted as “boots on the ground” to confirm adherence with Orders and continues to provide updates to the City Attorney

Current Status



- Facilities have vacated premises to comply with Cease-and-Desist Orders of SF City Attorney.



Current Status (cont'd)



- Continued Daily Inspector Patrol Surveillance
 - Reporting
- SF Inspector outfitted with Aerocet particulate monitor and fall out plates for use in complaint response
- Aerocet used for informational purposes

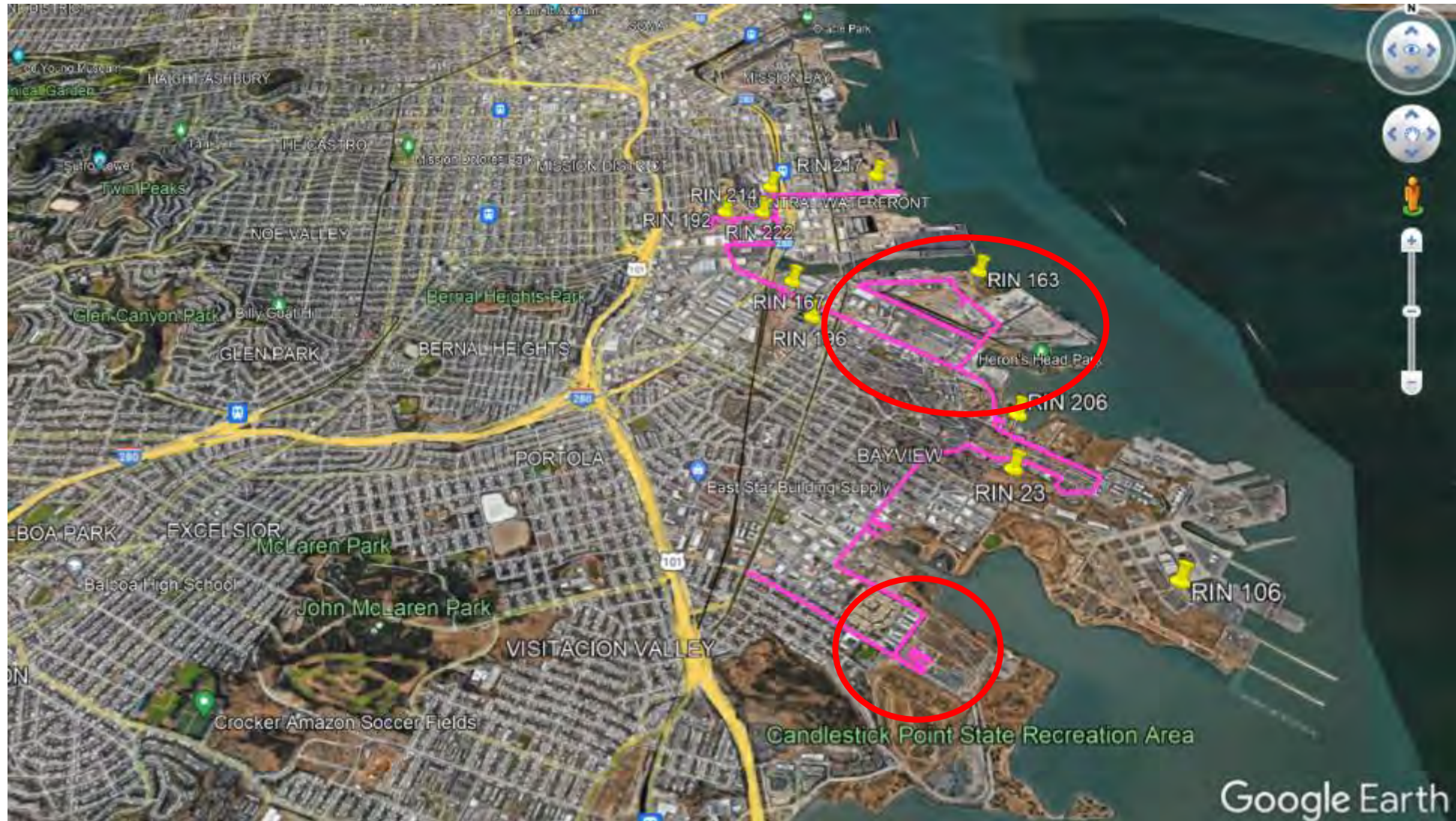


Ongoing Issues



- Wind driven dust from unpaved areas.
- Dust below regulatory thresholds.
- Rules do not prohibit dust just minimize it.
- Illegal dumping.
- Other activities in Bayview Hunters Point

Inspector Daily Surveillance Patrol



Other Activities in Bayview Hunters Point



- 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.
 - District 10 Supervisor Meeting.
 - BVHP Environmental Justice Task Force Meetings.



Questions?



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AGENDA: 10

Air District's Services to Address Community-Identified Air Quality Concerns – Overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and Investigation Process

**Community Advisory Council Meeting
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**Damian Breen
Sr. Deputy Executive Officer of Operations
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Presentation Outcome



- Air District staff will provide an overview of the Air Quality Complaint Program and highlight the different steps in the complaint investigation process to ensure compliance with air quality regulations across the Bay Area.

Presentation Outline



- Air Quality Complaint Program Goals and Objectives
- Steps in the Complaint Process
 - How to Report an Air Quality Complaint
 - Complaint Response and Investigation
 - Documenting Investigation Findings and Enforcement Actions

Presentation Requested Action



- None – Informational only

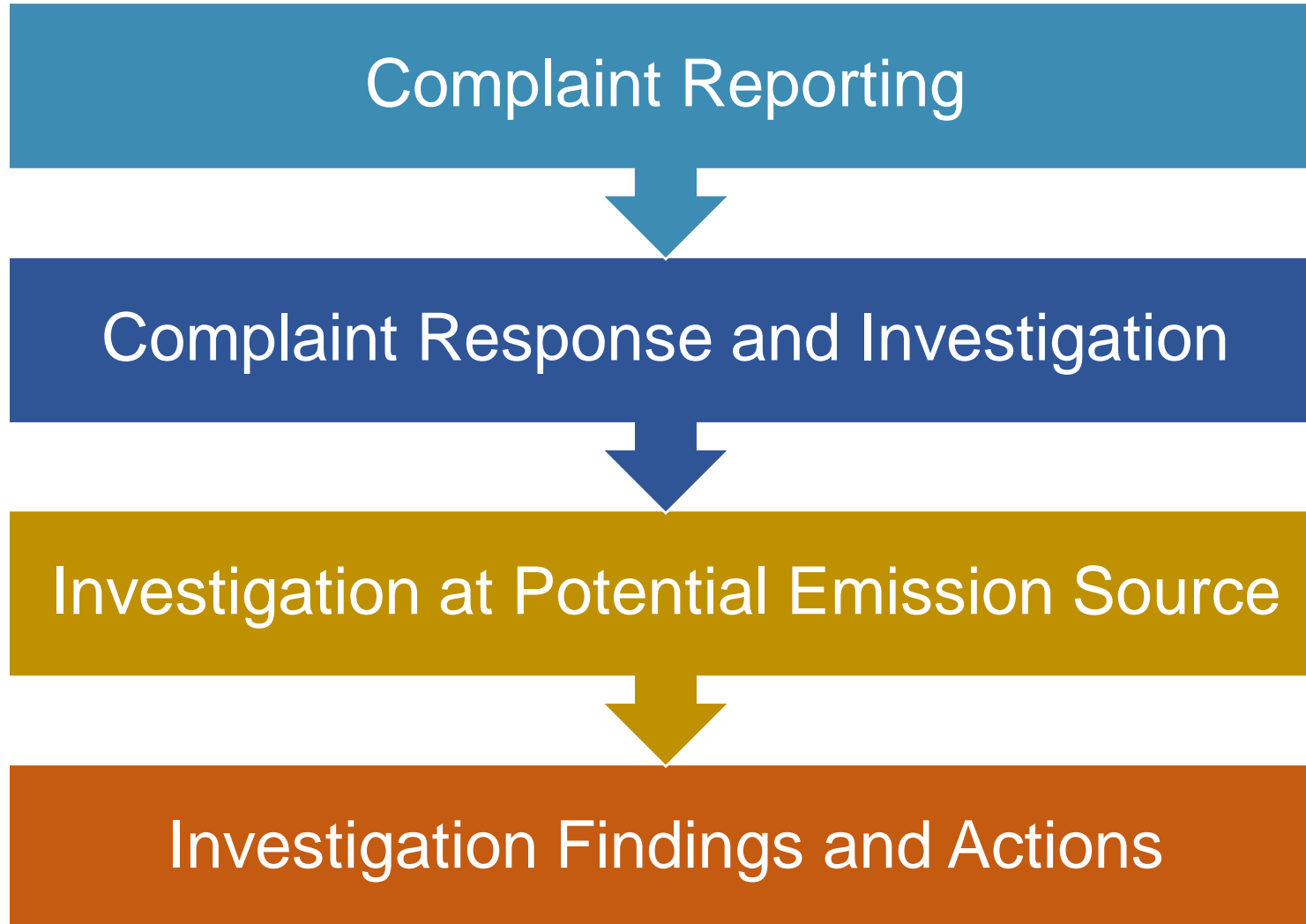
Air Quality Complaint Program Goals and Objectives



- Provide avenue for the public to communicate air quality concerns in the Bay Area
- Provide timely response to air quality complaints
- Investigate each complaint to achieve early intervention in resolving air quality problems and identifying violations
- Investigate all complaints as an impartial party to determine fact and circumstances surrounding alleged air emission releases
- Take appropriate enforcement action following complaint investigations



Steps in the Complaint Process



How to Report an Air Quality Complaint



- **Complaints by phone or online:**
 - Phone: 1-800-334-ODOR
 - Online: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/complaints>
 - Option to file anonymously
- **Complaint Response and Investigation:**
 - Core Business Hours:
 - 7:30 am – 6:00 pm, Mon – Fri
 - After Business Hours
 - 6:00 pm – 7:30 am, Mon – Fri
 - Weekends and holidays
- **Confidentiality**
 - The Air District will maintain complainant information confidential to the fullest extent permitted by law
- **Language interpretation service available**
 - Over 150 different languages

The screenshot shows the BAAQMD General Complaint form. The form is titled "BAAQMD GENERAL COMPLAINT" and has four main sections:

- 1. Complaint Type:** A dropdown menu is set to "Odor" with an "Edit Complaint Type" button next to it.
- 2. Description of the Complaint:** A text input field with the prompt "Provide a detailed description of the emissions you observed. Try to be as specific as possible with your information." and a character count of 0/250.
- 3. When did this occur?:** Two sub-sections: "When did you first observe the emission?" with a date and time picker (MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM AM) and "Is the emission occurring right now?" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No".
- 4. Location of observed emissions:** A text input field with the prompt "Describe where you observed the emissions." and a character count of 0/250.

At the bottom right, there are "CANCEL" and "SUBMIT" buttons. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Contact Us", "Air Pollution FAQs", and "baaqmd.gov".

Complaint Response and Investigation



Inspector Reviews the Complaint Information

- Type, description, comments, date and time of occurrence
- Map complaint



Inspector Contacts the Complainant

- Typically by phone to obtain additional information regarding the complaint (*not applicable to anonymous complaints*)



Inspector May Meet with the Complainant

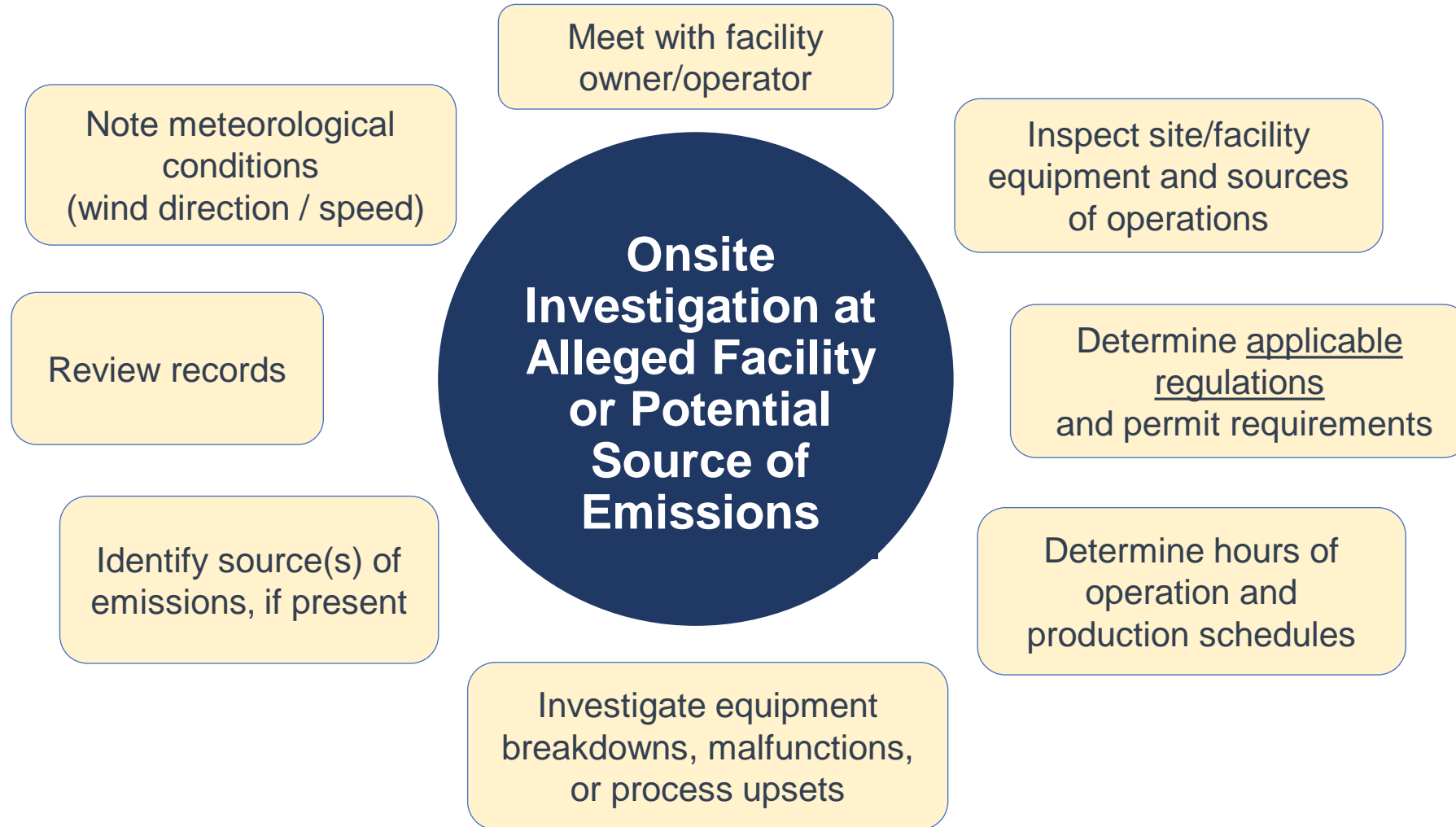
- Document complainant observations and statements
- Observe the emissions with the complainant, if present
- Note meteorological conditions
- Locate potential source of emissions



Inspector Conducts Area Patrol to Identify Potential Source of Emissions

- Patrol areas upwind/downwind of alleged source
- Determine if there are other potential sources of emissions
- Identify areas that are impacted by the emissions

Complaint Response and Investigation (cont'd)



Documentation of Investigation Findings and Enforcement Actions



Document Investigation Findings

- Complainant statements and observations
- Inspector observations of any ongoing violations or compliance concerns
- Trace and identify the potential source(s) of emissions
- Observations, statements and investigation findings at the alleged site/facility

Determine Complaint Status

- Complaints are given “Confirmed” or “Unconfirmed” statuses based on the findings of the investigation
 - **“Confirmed” complaint** (*emission is present at time of investigation and can be traced to a source, or emissions can be verified based on other evidence*)
 - **“Unconfirmed” complaint** (*emission is no longer present at time of investigation, emission is not traceable to a source and/or there is no other supporting evidence*)

Take Enforcement Action and Issue Notice of Violation(s), where applicable

- Review investigation findings and issue violation(s) for non-compliance of:
 - Air District, State, Federal regulations and statutes, permit requirements, Public Nuisance (Reg. 1-301; CA H&SC 41700)
- Cross-divisional/cross-agency coordination to address violations and ensure corrective actions are taken

Notification of Investigation Findings and Actions

- Notify complainant of investigation results
- A complainant may request a copy of the complaint investigation report online, through the Inspector or by making a Public Records Request



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