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Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Program Overview **Cumulative Impacts** Working Group Meeting Philip Martien, Ph.D. **Bay Area Air Quality Management District** March 5, 2009

CARE Program Objectives

- Evaluate regional and community cancer and noncancer health risks from ambient toxic air contaminants
- Identify sensitive populations
- Focus health risk mitigation measures on locations with higher risk levels and sensitive populations



Cancer Toxicity-Weighted Emissions: Bay Area (2005)



Model-Estimated Cancer Risk*

- Expected cancer incidents per million people – 70 year exposure
- Modeled concentrations weighted by health risk of each compound



Based on year 2005 emissions



Demographic & Health Data

Population under 18

Asthma Hospitalization Rates





Measured Trends in Toxic Air Contaminants Show Risk Reduction



- Bay Area average cancer risk from air pollutants is decreasing
- Risk in some locations is high compared to average
- Local measurement studies guided by
 - regional modeling
 - demographic & health data
 - community input

Local Studies and Measurements

- West Oakland health risk assessment
 - Local-scale modeling
- West Oakland truck traffic survey
 - District collaboration with community
- West Oakland measurement study
 - Saturation monitoring
 - Study design and site selection underway







CARE Mitigation Action Plan

- Focus risk reduction activities where they are most needed
- Based on maps of toxic air emissions and sensitive populations, six impacted communities were identified
 - Grant funds

- Community outreach
- Liaison with local health & planning departments
- Green Ports Initiative
- Land use considerations in risk reduction



Grant Funds Spent in Highly Impacted Communities

Highly Impacted	NOx	ROG	РМ	Incentives
Community	Tons	Tons	Tons	Funding
West Oakland	331	50	20	\$7,500,000
Richmond	49	8.3	2.7	\$1,600,000
East San Francisco	21	1.4	2.2	\$1,305,00
East Oakland/	30	2.5	2	\$825,000
San Leandro				
San Jose	25.5	2	1	\$800,000
Concord	1.6	0.03	0.15	\$68,000
Total	458	64	28	\$12,100,000

Community Outreach

- Two rounds of community meetings in impacted areas in 2008
- Answer questions, discuss community concerns
- Seek input on projects to fund through the Air District's Grant and Incentive programs
- Provide community-specific information on toxic air contaminants and emission reductions



Collaborate on local studies

Land Use Considerations in Risk Reduction

- Transportation is the largest source of air pollutants
- Coordinate land use, transportation, and air quality planning to minimize impacts
- Continue focusing grants, outreach, monitoring, and enforcement
- Develop targeted regulations Indirect Source Rule
 - Address impacts of growth on both regional and local air quality
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from land use
 - Support and implement CARE program goals and priorities

Collaboration on Cumulative Impacts

- Addressing cumulative impacts should consider many factors influencing health outcomes, involve other agencies and groups
- Collaboration with State
 - District part of Statewide process on cumulative impacts & precautionary approaches
 - Rulemaking & enforcement
- Collaboration with local officials
 - Cities and counties have authority over land-use decisions
 - County health officers are local health experts
- Collaboration with communities