

MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING
BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE RESPONSE TASK FORCE
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
TASK FORCE MEETING

The Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force convened the monthly meeting in the Southeast Community College, Alex Pitcher Room at 1800 Oakdale, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, California, on the above date.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Recent and Pending Pollution Complaints and Responses

A. Report from agencies in response to pollution complaints filed with the Task Force

- Ian Schneider, Manager of Outreach and Enforcement at the Department of Public Works, addressed illegal dumping.
- DPW and Recology share responsibilities regarding illegal dumping. DPW services smaller items, such as litter, bags, strewn debris. Recology services large items, including mattresses and couches. An important aspect of DPW's work is a working relationship with residents and other community stakeholders. Ian brought information brochures as handouts on the Task Force meeting's table.
- Literacy for Environmental Justice raised the issues of garbage in the front of gutters in Bayview-Hunters Point, and keep the bay clean. In response, Ian noted that the catch basins are monitors by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), not DPW. The PUC requests that these complaints use the 311 system. DPW is also preparing to address issues that arise with the El Nino rains/.

B. Review and identify next problem-solving steps, including December's special agenda item on illegal dumping

- Anne Eng, with the Department of the Environment, commented that illegal dumping is an enormous problem in this neighborhood, and that it's important to know the jurisdictional boundaries of each agency - what each agency is responsible for. Regan requested a written statement of the responsibilities of DPW. Roger Kintz, with DTSC, commented that the US EPA has worked on a resource guide on illegal dumping for communities in the Central Valley. This guide is also an educational document. Although it's designed for the Central Valley, it provides a good model for Bayview-Hunters Point.
- Anthony, with Literacy for Environmental Justice, noted that there is no simple solution to this deep ecological crisis. He mentioned four important point- and non-point sources of pollution in Bayview-Hunters Point: industrial waste, the illegal trash trade, construction-related refuse, and the problems at Recology.

III. California Air Resource Board Update on Diesel Idling

- Michelle Schultz, with ARB, provided an update on diesel idling signs and current laws regulating idling of diesel vehicles.

- The ARB worked with Marie Harrison to identify where idling often happens. The list of community-identified locations for “No Idling” signs include: the Wholesale Produce Market, Evans/Selby intersection, 1700 Wallace Ave., Carroll Ave. between Jennings and Ingalls, 1315 Carroll (by Greenwaste Management), 900 Gilman, 2350 Ingalls (by Fox Marble, and near Yosemite Slough), 1094 Revere, 200 Jennings, Evans/Rankin intersection (address the trucks waiting to get into Circosta Irons and Metals). Marie will add more locations to this list. The signs will soon be up.
- In addition to lodging complaints on IVAN, residents should call the 1-800 complaint line for BAAQMD if idling violations occur. Some trucks can get a “Certified Clean Idle” sticker (yellow, oval) that exempts them from this regulation. This sticker is placed on the driver’s side door. An older trucks idling beyond 5 minutes constitutes a violation.
- ARB will put together a packet on these regulations, and how to identify violations.
- Marlene Tran noted that these signs need to be in multiple languages.

IV. Public Comment

- Karen Cohen with SF DPH suggested that it would be helpful to list complaints by number, and make a note on the agenda will complaints will be discussed at the meeting.
- It was noted that at 2350 Ingalls, currently there is a burnt, flipped over car, and that there tends to be a lot of trash dumped at this site.

V. Summary of Agreements and Next Steps

1. DPW will provide a written statement that outlines their jurisdictional duties and responsibilities
2. DPW will work to ensure their counterparts are present at the December meeting.
3. The Problem Solver team will invite OSHA to the Task Force meetings.
4. ARB will provide a packet that describes regulations and compliance deadlines.
5. Karen Cohn of SF DPH will invited the Department of Planning to provide information on CEQAs, EIRs and opportunities for community input.
6. The Problem Solver team will invited the Alameda County DPH to discussion their cumulative impacts.

VI. Announcements

- On December 2, between 5:30-7:15pm, the US Navy will be discussing the Parcel E-2 landfill in the Alex Pitcher room.
- In mid-December there will be a joint inspection of Recology, including the Department of the Environment, DPW, and BAAQMD
- **Some wins for the Task Force:**
 - Last month, BAAQMD inspectors documented a violation of the Hunters View redevelopment project’s dust mitigation plan for public road track-out. There had been prior warnings about this issue and they will be following up with a violation.
 - This month, BAAQMD inspectors documented a violation of the Hunters Point Shipyard Phase I Project’s dust mitigation plan for earth disturbing activities that occurred without the required air monitors (the monitor was not turned on). This happened on a weekend. They will be following up with a violation.

Next meeting to be held Wednesday December 16, 2015, from 2-4 pm