MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE MEETING BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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 of participants
- II. Agenda review and Announcement of 2017 monthly meeting dates/locations

Note the change in meeting location for all evening meetings to the Bayview Opera House. Daytime meetings will continue to be held at the Southeast Campus, Pitcher Room.

III. Review and update on new and pending pollution complaints

Bradley Angel of Greenaction went over new complaints. Three complaints were filed around the same "bad/strange odor." The Air District responded to the complaints online and inspected the problem. The cause was a landscaping operation.

The complaint regarding a "sore throat" was thought to be caused by the construction at India Basin Park. Specific emissions could not be confirmed.

Bradley then provided an overview of how to submit complaints/violations via IVAN, the validation process and referral to appropriate resource.

IV. DPW and SFPUC presentation on using 311

Sevilla Mann of DPW and Javier Reyes of SFPUC provided an overview of their agencies and described how 311 can be used to file complaints.

This was followed by discussion on how 311, the IVAN webpage and the Air District complaint line can complement, not compete with, each other. The Task Force already encourages people to file on byp-ivan.org and call the Air District complaint hotline (800-334-ODOR). The IVAN webpage is also transparent and the public can track the responses online. Greenaction will work with DPW and PUC to figure out the best way to collaborate.

Marie Harrison of Greenaction asked how to file if not sure if the sewer plant or Darling plant is the cause of odors. The response was to still file through 311, IVAN and the Air District. DPW is currently working with Darling on a pilot project to address complaints and will report back.

Dr. Ray Tompkins and Brian Butler of Greenaction raised questions on the handling of recurring issues, contents of sewer catch basin solution, response time to address complaints and the process for call backs. Marie suggested 311 access IVAN to post information in order to provide the status on complaints filed and keep a permanent record.

V. Update on toxic cleanup issues at Golden State Warriors Mission Bay stadium site

Bradley detailed concerns on proper cleanup and the impact to nearby communities. City/County and State agencies are not on top of the issue, and mitigation plans are not adequate. Greenaction uncovered problems with permits required to use a transportable treatment unit (TTU) as they were going to start the work; the Warriors had not gotten their DTSC nor Air District permits. As a result, toxic cleanup work on the stadium is delayed. Greenaction submitted a proposal to the Warriors with suggestions that include securing proper permit/cleanups, raising of fence at site with tarps to block emissions and funding for community air monitoring. Willing to work with the contractors to get some of the changes implemented. Bradley will keep everyone posted on updates.

VI. Update on Hunters Point Shipyard cleanup issues

Lily Lee of US EPA stated that the EPA is doing further investigation in response to falsification of radioactive soil samples. A team of consultants is gathering information to address areas of concern related to current and future exposure. A report was provided to Marie.

The Navy hired an independent contractor. There will be no transfers until a thorough, scientific investigation is conducted. A new review of data from Tetra Tech and other companies is being conducted to locate information that does not match up and may have been falsified. Tetra Tech has not been fined. Jay Mead of US EPA is leading the effort. He is in charge of enforcement action. His contact: 415-947-4650. Dr. Catherine Higgins is the tech expert: 541-737-7063.

A community member asked if there is a manifest that shows where the soil is being dumped and protocol. Lily referred them to the Navy and provided Derrick Robinson's contact: 619-524-6026. A truck monitor is available to see if there are issues with the load.

VII. Next steps and announcements

There is a new NBC TV story covering the Tetra Tech controversy. Google 'NBC Bay Area Shipyard' to view.

The Task Force needs to step up outreach in the community and increase trainings for residents on how to file complaints.

The Task Force is seeking funding for future efforts, including outreach, staffing, meetings and food. The current grant will end in July.

On April 21st, there will be an Earth Day Action.

The next meeting is March 15, 2017, 6-8pm, at the Bayview Opera House.