Minutes of the Task Force Meeting

Bayview Hunters Environmental Justice Response Task force

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

The Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task force convened for their monthly meeting at the South San Francisco Opera House, 4705 3rd St, San Francisco at 6:00 pm

**Agenda:**

Welcome and introduction of participants

**Announcements:**

Upcoming grant opportunities:

* USEPA grant for small businesses- 4 different companies to use citizen science to get information into the community
* Air district 4.5 million dollar grant program & commissioners meetings

**Agenda committee**: It was stated that there is a need for an agenda committee to develop an agenda for the environmental justice problem solvers task force.

**Update on IVAN complaints**: Brian reminded those at the meeting to utilize IVAN complaints. Community members were updated on the cement batching plant set up at the right away, they were informed that the property was sold to a private company. In mid-August, a cement plant was installed with no building permits or applications for that type of zoning had been filed. The DBI have been responsive and a notice for violation was served on the operator and now the site has been shut down. Other earth moving operations are going on and community awareness is key to ensure that more operations like this are being shut down.

**Community Dialogue:** Regarding the management of contaminated soil

* + Contaminated waste- remediation of contaminated sites throughout the state includes shipping half of it out of state to other southwestern states and other cities within the state.
	+ The department has a role in the management of contaminated soil- on site remediation is preferred
	+ Bayview Mothers and Fathers: people don’t have the time to come to meetings, but outreach on these issues is important
		- **Suggestion:** Outreaching to churches on Sundays is critical

**Presentations:**

* BCDC: Miriam Torres- Rising Sea Levels and BCDC’s Bay Plan Policies
	+ Commission overview
		- Save the bay began the agency- with the purpose to end fill in the bay
		- They have jurisdiction over the bay, certain waterways, salt ponds and managed wetlands, 100ft past shoreline
		- This includes restoration projects
		- Can only reject projects if it does not provide maximum feasible public access
		- Work with developers to make spaces more accessible
		- Designated areas for certain areas to not fill the bays with only ports
		- Reassessing policies to include Environmental Justice concerns (i.e air quality)- equity analysis
		- Storm water systems become overwhelmed in nearby area
		- Sea level rise impacts affecting disadvantaged communities
			* For being low-lying
			* Limited funding for habitat restoration/shoreline protection improvement
			* Disproportionate risk for contaminants
	+ Sea level rise
	+ Bay plan amendment on social equity and inclusion
	+ Adapting to Rising Tides
		- Working with cities and counties to prepare (alameda, Hayward, etc)
			* Measures of vulnerability are taken into consideration when planning for communities that can’t evacuate as easily
		- Developing mitigation plans
	+ Community concerns: community indicators to ensure that they are taken care of adequately in the case of a flood
* Public Utilities Commission:
	+ Sewer system improvement program
	+ Old sewer system to manage 80% of the cities waste water
		- System and seismic reliability and redundancy
		- Innovative storm water management solutions
		- Protecting public health and the environment
	+ Design guidelines: treatment plant is beneficial to the community:
		- Public art, improve nearby streets, and lights
		- Environmental Justice and community benefits policies to benefit the community
		- Environmental Justice Analysis of BDFP and Community Benefits Program
			* Inclusive of environmental and community interests
				+ EJ policy\*
			* 62 EJ indicators evaluated/ 33 disproportionate burden Bayview Hunters Point
		- Indicators screened for potential nexus
		- 17 EJ indicators carried forward for analysis on the biowaste project
			* Benefits: nuisance odors, presence of cleanup +/or brownfield sites, public transit ridership & score, bike network, walkability, unemployment rate
	+ EJ indicators w/Potential to contribute to an existing disproportionate impact
		- Open space and trees & PM2.5 Concentrations, opportunities for additional improvements

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm