

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

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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. Agenda review

III. Update on Recent Complaints

Most of the new complaints focused on dumping violations and bad odors. Karen Cohn of SF Department of Public Health (DPH) suggested a no-dumping campaign or action.

Anne Eng of SF Department of the Environment informed us that their June 13 meeting will focus on dumping.

Anthony Khalil of Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) stated that we should continue to build on the momentum that came from the December Task Force meeting's special agenda item on illegal dumping.

IV. Presentation from Deldi Reyes, US EPA: Draft Final EJ 2020 Action Agenda

Deldi Reyes of the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) presented on the EJ 2020 Action Agenda (EJ 2020). EJ 2020 is the strategic plan for environmental justice for 2016-2020. The three goals of the EJ 2020 are to: 1) deepen environmental justice practice within EPA programs to improve the health and environment of overburdened communities; 2) work with partners to expand the US EPA's positive impact within overburdened communities; and, 3) demonstrate progress on significant national environmental justice challenges.

EJ 2020 is open for public comment until July 7. Comments can be submitted to ejstrategy@epa.gov.

V. Announcement from Roger Kintz, DTSC: Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) and AB 1071

Roger Kintz of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) gave a presentation on DTSC's Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) Policy. A SEP is a project voluntarily undertaken by a violator in settlement of an enforcement action. The project must improve public health or the environment. DTSC's draft policy prioritizes projects in environmental justice communities and disadvantaged communities. This complies with AB 1071, which requires all CalEPA boards and departments to develop a SEP policy that benefits EJ communities.

Kintz discussed the administrative and legal requirements, and the SEP completion process.

There will be public workshops held in Fresno, Los Angeles, Oakland, Coachella-Imperial, and Monterey. For more information, visit www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/SEPS_Policy.cfm. To comment on the DTSC SEPs policy, email SEP-comment@dtsc.ca.gov.

Community members raised concerns about SEPs. The “punishment” for violation is a project, not criminal charges. This led to a discussion about civil versus criminal law.

VI. Update from Karen Cohn, DPH: Recology and DPH Enforcement

Beronica Lee of DPH informed us of the progress being made with Recology.

VII. Public Comment

Kristen McKinley of the Air Resources Board (ARB) mentioned that ARB will release a revised SEP policy in July.

Community members expressed the need to get the Department of Public Works at the meetings.

VIII. Next Steps and Announcements

LEJ would like to be on the next agenda.

The next meeting is June 15, 2016, 2-4pm