

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

Wednesday, October 21, 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. Update on Translation Services

The Task Force is working on increasing multi-lingual access. Belen Garcia of Greenaction and Marlene Tran were present to provide Spanish and Chinese translations. Arsenio Mataka of California EPA has offered provide funding for certified translation services at the next 4 meetings. Bradley Angel of Greenaction asked other government agencies to help with providing professional translation.

- III. Discussion of Requests
Prior to the meeting, a request was made for evening Task Force meetings. Overall consensus was that some of the meetings should be held in the evening. Bradley Angel suggested we push for January to be our first evening meeting. The current meeting location is available on Wednesdays from 2-4pm through December.

- IV. Follow-up on Complaints Filed Since the Last Meeting
 - A. Illegal dumping

A trash pile was reported. There have been multiple complaints about trash. The problem-solver team gets referred to 311. However, this service does not seem sufficient.

Recology now has the contract through 311 to pick up trash. Ron Walton of Recology stated that within 36-48 hours, every trash complaint should be picked up. However, Recology is just a service provider; the Department of Public Works (DPW) has the authority to issue citations.

Roger Kintz of Department of Toxic Substances Control recommended we refer to the spreadsheet of agency contacts to reach DPW. Marlene Tran asked if we can tie IVAN in with 311 so residents do not have to remember so many numbers and agencies.

Anthony Khalil of Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) urged us to take this issue seriously. There is historical trauma around trash and illegal dumping, and Bayview Hunters Point residents being the ones responsible for picking up trash in their streets. He asserted the need to treat it as the pandemic that it is. Along

with illegal dumping, there is illegal burning and construction waste that has bombarded the neighborhood.

Illegal dumping will be an agenda item for the December Task Force meeting.

B. Burning plastics and metal

The burning of plastics and metals at Candlestick State Park and Yosemite Slough was reported. Lily Lee of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) informed us that in response to this complaint, the EPA has reached out to nine agencies. She and Jackie Lane of the EPA have gone to the site. They have also spoken with LEJ.

A suggestion was made to post cameras in the neighborhood.

C. Illegal diesel idling An idling diesel truck was reported. Michelle Shultz Wood of the Air Resources Board (ARB) informed us that ARB has partnered with the Air District to install “no-idling” signs. Marie Harrison of Greenaction took them on a tour of the neighborhood to show idling hot spots.

V. Finding Solutions to Air Quality Pollution Complaints

There are concerns about nighttime and weekend inspections. Karen Cohn of SF Department of Public and Environmental Health explained that Lennar is supposed to give advance notice of weekend work to ARB and the Department of Building Inspections. At this point, there is notice for construction work on every weekend, into the near future. Lennar has also hired an inspector to work full time. This person was hired through Young Community Developers.

Dr. Espanola Jackson described her experiences going to Candlestick. She did not see trucks being watched or inspections happening.

John Marvin of the Air District informed us that inspectors are out there 2-3 hours per day, and they try to do it randomly. Inspectors also try to make after-hours inspections during the week. The only requirement, however, is that trucks leaving the site are inspected.

Karen Cohn reemphasized that Caltrans requires vendors bringing in clean soil to either wet or tarp the soil.

There was a suggestion to install live-stream webcams.

Dr. Raymond Tompkins raised concerns about dust mitigation plans. He presented research data that shows wind patterns in Bayview Hunters Point. He concludes that the initial dust mitigation plan was not based on real conditions.

Roger Kintz asked if there has been a sampling of dust recently. Karen Cohn stated there is a site mitigation plan.

Dr. Espanola Jackson described how dust is blown into her house. A community member declared that standards are not enough; there is a need for new standards that protect health.

VI. Public Comment

Beronica Lee of SF Department of Public and Environmental Health introduced herself. She conducts monthly inspections at waste facilities and transfer stations like Recology. A community member asked about Circosta Iron & Metal, and she informed us that it is neither regulated nor inspected by the health department.

VII. Next Steps and Agreements

Get update on “no-idling” signs at the next meeting.

Next meeting to be held November 18, 2015