

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

Wednesday, October 19, 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 of participants

Anthony Khalil of Literacy for Environmental Justice welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commented about the excellent and well-attended health resource fair that took place on October 8 at the College, mentioning that it was good to see community and environmental justice groups participate and get information out to residents.

II. Agenda review

III. Task Force seeking part time bilingual outreach worker

The Task Force seeks to hire a part time bilingual outreach worker who speaks either Chinese or Spanish, as well as English. The position is 12-15 hours per month.

Bradley Angel of Greenaction asked Task Force participants to help spread the word about the part time bilingual outreach worker position. This person will reach out to non-English speaking residents and inform them about the Task Force and how to file pollution complaints online.

IV. Review and update on new and pending pollution complaints

Dr. Ray Tompkins talked about the need for a BVHP Particulate Matter Air Quality study. Kristen McKinley of ARB commented that a proposal could be sent to ARB, as this could be a potential Supplementary Environmental Project. McKinley also discussed the issue of how to compare monitoring results that might show short-term pollution spikes compared to longer periods of monitoring information.

A complaint was filed about transformers above a home. Karen Cohn of DPH said her agency investigated, but there is nothing that can be done since this is a problem on a private homeowner's property.

Cohn also addressed Shirley Moore's complaint about Lennar's proposed parking garage under her home. She said there is a planning process, and that is where the concerns need to be raised. This will be discussed further.

Ray Manion of SF Department of the Environment (SFE) talked about their work on illegal dumping. Cohn announced that a film on illegal dumping is being produced.

Tony Verreo said residents are concerned about illegal dumping and whether 311 is responsive. Sevilla Mann of DPW said the 311 app allows people to track their complaint and the response to it.

McKinley informed us that the "no-idling" signs have arrived. ARB and the Air District would like to do a press event, as suggested by Marie Harrison of Greenaction.

V. Updates on Tetra Tech and the Shipyard, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's "settlement" with the company

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reached a settlement with Tetra Tech regarding the falsification of soil samples at the Shipyard. The NRC withdrew the \$7000 proposed penalty and reached a settlement with Tetra Tech that allows them to keep working on the site.

Residents expressed concern about this NRC settlement. Anne Eng of SFE asked if any other investigations are taking place.

Lily Lee of US EPA discussed how the EPA is taking this seriously, and that is why they wrote the letter stopping the parcel transfers. She reported that the Navy has hired Batelle as a third-party consultant to oversee the cleanup. They have been on the job since January. Lee mentioned that right now, Tetra Tech is not doing any field work. Batelle will do a memorandum on the proposed scope of work to review the Tetra Tech problem.

Community member, Jackie Barshak, asked how this information came out. Lee responded that whistleblowers brought the information to the public's attention.

Community member, Michelle Pierce, spoke of her concern about the lack of transparency. She asked how Batelle got hired. Pierce asserted that the community needs to be part of the oversight, including choosing the auditor. She mentioned that honesty in toxic cleanup is key, and community needs to be involved in the oversight and auditing so we can trust the information.

Lee said the EPA does not just accept what the Navy tells them.

Community member, Leotis Martin, said "enough is enough" – a \$7000 fine is just a "slap on the wrist." He urged that safety must be the number one concern to protect the community and workers.

Angel talked about why it is necessary to have outside, independent community oversight of the review of Tetra's Tech work that the US EPA and DTSC relied on to claim everything is fine. Angel also mentioned that at the recent Lennar Shipyard Grand Opening Open House, Lennar sales people claimed that they knew nothing about Tetra Tech's falsification of soil samples and provided no information about contamination to prospective buyers.

Lee said that Parcel A, where townhouses are now built and being sold, was not badly polluted and any toxics were removed. Angel asked, how is there certainty in this since Tetra Tech was involved.

Community member, Claire Rankin, reported that dust is coming under her door. Manion suggested weather stripping as a solution. Martin responded that weather stripping is not enough; the source of the dust is what needs to be addressed. Rankin asked for testing of the soil. Roger Kintz of DTSC will follow up.

Kintz suggests that a Community Advisory Group (CAG) might help. Eng understands the distrust of the government agencies involved in the shipyard, however, she agrees that a CAG could be part of the solution.

Community member, Tony Kelly, discussed quality control. He asserted that lack of trust is a serious issue.

Jackie Lane of the US EPA talked about TAG and TASC grants.

VI. Discussion of possibility of having more nighttime Task Force meetings and topics for future efforts and meetings

There was a good discussion about having more nighttime meetings. People agreed with this notion. Angel asked if agencies could help cover food costs, as that helps get residents to attend since it is during dinner time.

Sraddha Mehta of SFE suggested that we invite DPW to the January nighttime meeting to talk about 311. Everyone agreed with this idea.

There was consensus that the December meeting should not be held in late December due to the holidays. Harrison will follow up.

VII. Next steps and announcements

Kintz mentioned that there is a resource guide on illegal dumping. He also suggested that the Task Force submit a Supplemental Environmental Project proposal to DTSC.

Mehta informed us that there is a multi-agency effort on Carroll Street to address the numerous issues there. The agencies involved are SFE, DPH, DTSC, DPW and PUC.

Kintz mentioned that Cal Recycle has a K-12 environmental education RFP.

The next meeting is November 16, 2016, 2-4pm

*** Corrections:**

Lee stated that the Navy's quality control process first caught questionable practices in late 2012. As a result, the Navy evaluated past samples and asked Tetra Tech to take new samples under Navy scrutiny. Tetra Tech then performed more cleanup work based on the corrected results. The report of this work was published in 2014.

At the time these minutes were originally written, the third-party contract had not yet been awarded. Batelle was one possibility for the third-party consultant.