

# BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TASK FORCE

## MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017

**TIME:** 6:00PM – 8:00PM

**LOCATION:** Bayview Opera House (4705 3<sup>rd</sup> St, San Francisco, CA 94124)

### **I. Welcome and Introductions of Participants**

Marie Harrison of Greenaction and 2017 Bayview Hunters Point Youth Leadership Academy student co-facilitator, Daimani Howell, welcomed community partners, agency partners, and residents to the meeting. Additional Bayview Hunters Point Youth Leadership Academy students included Cionna, Travis, and Imani.

### **II. Agenda Review**

There was a change in the order of presentation, however, there were no additional changes or corrections made to the agenda.

### **III. 2017 Bayview Hunters Point Youth Leadership Academy**

2017 Bayview Hunters Point Youth Leadership Academy students: Daimani, Cionna, Travis and Imani provided a summary of their key learnings and activities. These youth leaders were part of a six session Academy, facilitated by Marie Harrison and staff from Greenaction. Subjects included classroom instruction on BVHP Task Force History, Toxic Chemicals, Hunters Point Shipyard, Community Outreach and attending monthly task force meetings.

### **IV. Presentation(s)**

*CalEnviroScreen 3.0*

*Presented by CalEPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment*

The Task Force was provided with an overview of the history and purpose of CalEnviroScreen. He also shared examples of the tool's indicators and how impacted areas in California are identified. The major changes in the 3.0 version include: More recent data for all indicators, the addition of two new indicators reflecting health and socioeconomic vulnerability to pollution, improvements in the way some indicators are calculated to better reflect environmental conditions or a community's vulnerability to pollution, additional information on pollution along the California-Mexico border, the removal of the "children and elderly" age indicator, and a change in the overall scoring

methodology that enables each of the four categories of indicators to make a clearer contribution to a census tract's overall CalEnviroScreen score. For more information, please visit: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30>

### *Residential Solar Power*

*Presented by GRID Alternatives*

GRID Alternatives provided the Task Force with an overview of their solar power programs. GRID Alternatives makes solar power accessible to families who need the savings most, while providing hands-on solar installation experience to volunteers and job trainees. Their three solar programs are:

- Single-Family Solar – GRID provides low-to-no cost solar electric systems to families that qualify as low income, and install them using a barnraising model that gives volunteers and job trainees hands-on experience they can use to get jobs in the growing solar industry. In California, GRID Alternatives is the statewide program administrator for the Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) program and the solar portion of the Low-Income Weatherization Program (LIWP).
- Multifamily Solar – GRID makes solar easy for multifamily affordable housing developers, owners and operators by providing no-cost comprehensive assistance and turnkey in-house solar design and installation services.
- Community Solar – GRID, in partnership with cooperative, municipal and investor-owned utilities, is developing the first community solar arrays in the country that exclusively benefit underserved communities, as well as collaborating with for-profit community solar developers to help ensure that the energy generated by their community solar systems are accessible to all.

## **V. IVAN Pollution Complaints**

Brian Butler of Greenaction went over all of the new IVAN reports. Four reports were filed around illegal dumping, strong odor from garbage, and diesel idling.

Anthony Khalil of Literacy for Environmental Justice shared a Task Force success story that resulted from the Department of Public Works and BVHP Task Force working together. After a previous Task Force meeting focused on illegal dumping, the BVHP Task Force was approached about the issue. The Department of Public Health, The Department of Public Works, along with several other agencies, worked with local residents to address a massive explosion of public waste. The IVAN website was a key

factor in empowering the community to help agencies identify the scope of the issue and hot spot locations. Anthony also shared that Task force members gave public testimony at a special city hall commission on the environment. Their testimony highlighted neighborhood dumping "hotspots" including the massive Van Dyke site in the Bayview neighborhood. Continuing the collaborative efforts, DPW crews removed 400 tons of waste from the Van Dyke site in March of 2017.

Brian Butler of Greenaction encouraged the community to continue submitting complaints/violations via IVAN.

**VI. Public Comments and New Pollution Reports**

There were no public comments or additional pollution complaints filed.

**VII. Announcements**

The Task Force is seeking funding for future efforts, including outreach, staffing, and meetings. The current grant ends at the end of July.

On April 21st, there will be an Earth Day Action. Flyers for the event were provided. All in attendance were encouraged to share this event within their networks.

The next meeting will be April 19th from 2-4pm at the Southeast Community College, 1800 Oakdale – Alex Pitcher Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm**