



Oakland's Natural Hazards and Climate Action Planning

April 18, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Faith Presbyterian Church, 430 49th Street

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction *Councilmember Dan Kalb*
2. Presentations #1 –(10 minutes): Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan (“ECAP”)
Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, City of Oakland, Sustainability
3. Q & A
4. Presentation #2 -- (10 minutes): Oakland Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016-2021
Devan Reiff, City of Oakland Bureau of Planning
5. Essential Facilities and Critical Infrastructure mapping + ECAP preferences exercise (20 minutes)
6. Group Discussion and report back
7. Closing Remarks

RESOURCES

- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update: www.oaklandnet.com/lhmp
- Devan Reiff, Strategic Planning Department: dreiff@oaklandnet.com/ 510-238-3550
- Resilient Oakland:
www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityAdministration/d/ResilientOakland/index.htm
- CORE: www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OFD/s/CORE/index.htm
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Adapting to Rising Tides:
www.adaptingtorisingtides.org
- ABAG Regional Resilience Program: <http://resilience.abag.ca.gov>

April 18, 2016 North Oakland

Hazard Mitigation Plan Community meeting notes:

Trees are a global carbon-sequestration organism; the planet is losing billions of trees every year. The City should restore staff and funding for tree planting.

Climate change should be the framework for all of the natural hazards in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (except earthquakes + tsunami): drought, flooding, wildfire, etc, will be the “symptoms” that result from climate change; and these natural hazards should not be looked at in isolation.

Confirm the sea-level rise inundation maps (year 2050) are correct for the former Oakland Army Base (the current maps are not showing inundation). If the modeling of sea-level rise is correct, what might account for the Army Base not being in the areas of projected inundation?

Can the City be more transparent (in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and elsewhere) about the mutual aid agreements it has with neighboring jurisdictions, in the case of emergency measures? In some Oakland neighborhoods which border San Leandro, or Berkeley, or Emeryville, the first responder to that neighborhood could be from a different police or fire department, depending on these mutual aid agreements. The resident would like to understand that mutual aid relationship, it would be reassuring.

Concerns about Oakland allowing coal to be shipped through the City, on rail to the former Army Base, then shipped through the Port of Oakland, because it is a high-emission, non-renewable energy source that contributes to climate change and accompanying increased hazard and health risk.

Outside of the Emeryville Amtrak station, there is a spur rail line which routinely has two and three bulk railcars of liquid materials “parked” for several days at a time, before they are taken away. These rail cars are called “DOT-111 tank cars.” It is not known what materials are in these rail cars, if the material is hazardous, and if the materials poses a risk of explosion to neighboring properties by being parked in plain site near the Amtrak station. Another speaker noted that the Fire Department (either Oakland, or Alameda County) is notified by railroads when hazardous material is transported on rail lines, but that that information was not made public for security reasons.

Oil extraction has already peaked over a decade ago; City needs to be focusing mitigation measures on reducing energy consumption, not focusing on greenhouse gases; City should be facilitating low-energy/renewable generators and other energy-reduction technology for every home; serves dual purpose because residents also won't be able to rely on the energy grid in case of disaster.

Consider the benefits that healthy living trees offer in reducing the amount of carbon in the atmosphere. Strengthen the Oakland Tree Protection Ordinance to recognize that living trees are a benefit in the effort to reduce the effects from climate change, and healthy trees should not be removed by property owners or the City of Oakland; the Tree Division of Oakland Public Works should collaborate more with the Sustainable Oakland team to revise the tree protection regulations, recognizing that more trees in Oakland results in less carbon emissions in Oakland.

AC Transit is upgrading its hydrogen bulk fuel facilities, one of which is in Oakland. AC Transit should be recognized as a participant in helping Oakland reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions; yet whenever there is a conflict between an AC bus stop and a public parking space, Oakland always chooses the parking space.

Gang war and other crime is a human-caused hazard, which occurs at greater frequency than a once-in-a-lifetime earthquake, or other natural disaster.