

COACHELLA VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions	3:00
Member Updates and Announcements Discuss what agencies are currently working on: programs, projects, initiatives, and events happening. How public participation processes are being adjusted to still be inclusive given the current restrictions caused by the pandemic. Identify environmental and social justice issues in the Eastern Coachella Valley; identify need for assistance and identify areas of collaboration with other members.	3:10
EJ Issues in the valley Identify and discuss environmental justice issues faced by the community, particularly those that may be exacerbated by the pandemic.	3:20
<u>IVAN Updates</u> Review and discuss any old/new IVAN submitted reports	3:30
PRESENTATIONS Safe Management of Mercury Lights <i>Suna Bayrakal, Product Stewardship Institute - suna@productstewardship.us, 617-236-4886</i> <i>Bradley Ange, Greenaction</i> Promote the safe recycling of toxic-containing fluorescent lamps to avoid them being burned or dumped in EJ communities. Fluorescent lights contain mercury. Lights that are thrown in the trash rather than properly recycled often break and pose risks of worker and public exposure to mercury, a toxic substance. Mercury can also contaminate air, drinking water, and fish populations. https://www.productstewardship.us/page/Safely-Managing-Fluorescent-Other-Lamps-CA	3:40

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Enforcement Task Force Sector Base Initiative - Riverside

4:00

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Since 2014 the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and its Boards, Departments and Office, including the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) select a County or City to team up with community organizations to find out what are the local problems affecting the community. Based on the need, inspections and outreach is conducted in that sector.

In September of 2020, the Department of Pesticide Regulation selected Riverside County and partner with the County Agricultural Commissioner and CRLA to conduct inspections, outreach and education. This presentation will provide us with the implemented workplan and will share the findings of this initiative.

Monthly Salton Sea Update

4:20

Closing and Adjourn

4:30

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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Objective

The main objective of this group is to address environmental justice concerns in Coachella Valley through a collaborative effort between the community and public agencies. Monthly task force meetings are held to promote agency transparency and accountability, provide education and outreach, offer an opportunity for meaningful public participation, and to support citizen science.

Meeting Protocol

- During introductions, clearly state your name and affiliation
- *To speak, use the “raise your hand” feature or wait for the facilitator to call for questions or comments
- Briefly repeat your name and affiliation every time you speak
- Avoid acronyms or be sure to define them at first use each meeting

Ground Rules

All participants agree to adhere to several basic working agreements for a productive meeting:

HONOR TIME

**Test the teleconference connection 5-10 minutes ahead of the meeting, sign in on time and stay for the whole meeting, if possible (we understand if you have prior commitments). Stay on time and on topic.*

PARTICIPATE WITH INTENTION

*Give your full attention during the meeting. Listen and ask genuine questions. Wait for your turn to speak and do not start side conversations. Silence your cell phone. *Place yourself on mute when not speaking.*

MAINTAIN A RESPECTFUL SPACE

Avoid ascribing motives to the actions of others. Be aware of hidden assumptions and articulate them. Speak honestly and without blame or judgment.

SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

All attendees share the responsibility to implement the task force’s objectives in ways that are consistent with their community’s or organization’s needs.

THE CO-CHAIRS FACILITATE THE MEETING

As facilitators, the co-chairs may intervene to enforce these ground rules; please respect their right to do so.