

## CALEPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

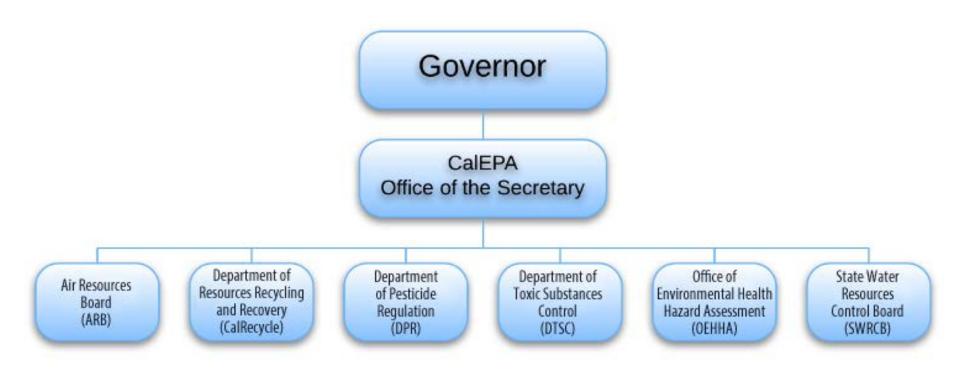
EAST COACHELLA IVAN PRESENTATION
DECEMBER 13, 2017

#### SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY MEETING

- Background
  - CalEPA and its Boards, Departments and Office
  - CalEPA EJ Task Force
- Previous Initiative Examples
  - Fresno
  - Los Angeles Boyle Heights and Pacoima
  - Oakland
- Community Input & Next Steps



# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY





## CalEPA Agency & Local Partners

- Air Resources Board
  - o 35 Air Districts
- State Water Resources Control Board
  - 9 Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
  - 82 Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs)
- Department of Pesticide Regulation
  - 58 County Agricultural Commissioners
- CalRecycle
  - 58 Local Enforcement Agencies

## **EJ TASK FORCE POLICY**

State of California
California Environmental Protection Agency

# CALEPA POLICY MEMORANDUM SUBJECT: CALEPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP REFERENCES: California Government Code sections 65040.12(e) and 12812.2; Public Resources Code sections 71110-71113; and CalEPA Intra-Agency Environmental Justice Strategy August 2004.

By statute the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA or the Agency) is required to "promote enforcement of all health and environmental statutes within its jurisdiction in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income levels, including minority populations and low-income populations in the state." (Pub. Resources Code, § 71110, subd. (b).)

In 2002, the Legislature directed CalEPA to develop an agency-wide strategy for identifying and addressing any gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities that may impede the achievement of environmental justice.

To carry out this direction, in 2004, CalEPA developed the Intra-Agency Environmental Justice Strategy. This Strategy identified the following goals:

- Ensure meaningful public participation and promote community capacity-building to allow communities to effectively participate in environmental decision-making processes:
- Integrate environmental justice into the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies;
- Improve research and data collection to promote and address environmental justice related to the health and environment of communities of color and low-income populations;
- Ensure effective cross-media coordination and accountability in addressing environmental justice issues.

On April 23, 2013, CalEPA released the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool, Version 1 (CalEnviroScreen). CalEnviroScreen is a science-based tool that identifies the California communities most burdened by pollution from multiple sources and most vulnerable to its effects.

- Established task force focused on EJ enforcement and compliance
- Focus on areas that contain multiple sources of pollution
- Populations
   disproportionately
   vulnerable to the
   effects of pollution

### **COMMUNITY INPUT**



#### CHARTER

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUP

- PURPOSE: To establish an Agency-led compliance and enforcement working group, focused on areas that contain multiple sources of pollution and are disproportionately vulnerable to the effects of pollution.
- CALEPA's MISSION: Our mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.
- 3. WORKGROUP MISSION: The mission of the CalEPA Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement Working Group is to protect public health and the environment by facilitating the use of environmental justice considerations in compliance and enforcement programs and enhancing communications with community members to maximize benefits in disproportionately impacted areas.

#### 4. WORKGROUP GOALS:

- Advance the environmental justice goals of CalEPA's Intra-Agency Environmental
  Justice Strategy, through targeted compliance assistance and enforcement in areas
  disproportionately impacted by health and environmental factors.
- Identify disproportionately impacted areas for targeted compliance assistance and enforcement efforts using the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen) and other data sources.
- Provide community stakeholders with meaningful opportunities for input on potential environmental justice concerns and the implementation of proposed remedies.
- Incorporate community input in planning and implementing compliance assistance and enforcement initiatives in disproportionately impacted areas.
- Increase coordination among CalEPA boards and departments to facilitate crossmedia compliance and enforcement efforts,
- Increase compliance in disproportionately impacted areas to prevent and reduce burdens.

- Provide community with meaningful opportunities for input on environmental justice concerns
- Incorporate community input in planning and implementing initiative

## CalEnviroScreen



- Science-based tool
- Uses 19 indicators of environmental, health and socioeconomic conditions
- Evaluates multiple pollution sources
- While accounting for a community's vulnerability to pollution

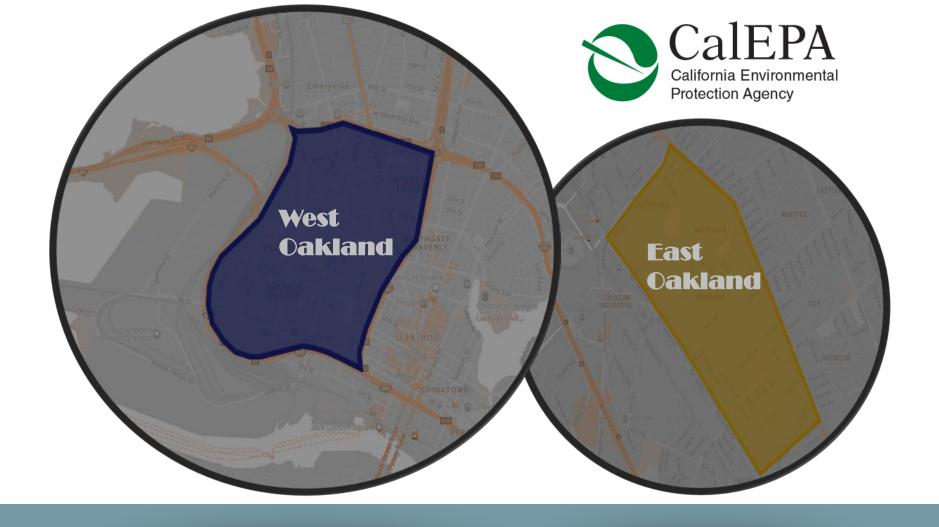




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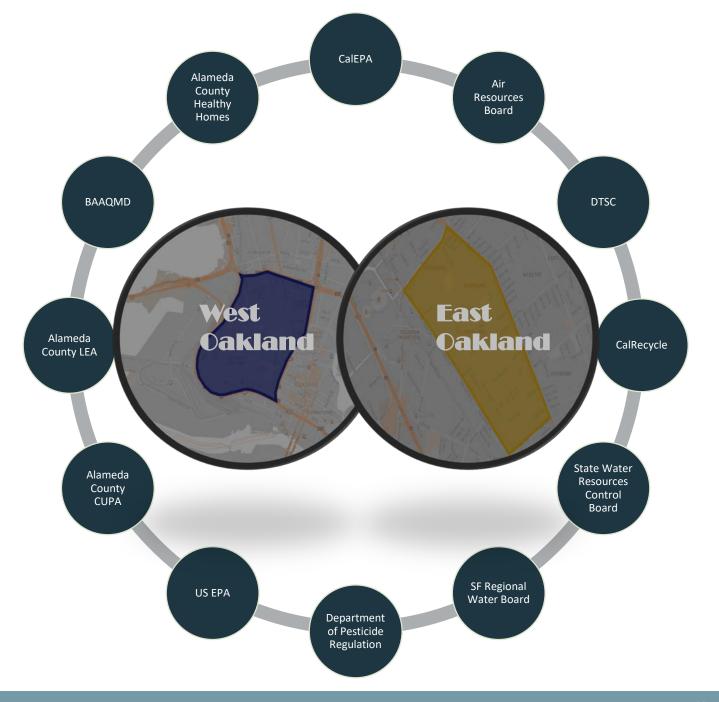
#### PHASES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

- Community consultation to determine concerns.
- Compliance assistance for regulated industries and businesses.
- Coordinated, multi-agency inspections and enforcement activities.
- Enhance community capacity by providing assistance to support local sustainability and revitalization efforts.



## OAKLAND INITIATIVE

Environmental Justice Task Force Community Consultation February-July, 2017





## OAKLAND INITIATIVE RESULTS











**DTSC** – Lead in Jewelry

**DPR** – Pesticide Labeling

CARB – Consumer Products with VOCs

127 styles of toxic jewelry removed from store shelves











### SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

- 11 Solid Waste Facility Inspections
- 5 facilities in violation
- **25 Waste Tire Inspections**
- 1 manifest violation
- 18 Beverage Container Recycling Inspections
- 5 facilities in violation
- \$4,000 redemption payment denied









California Air Resources Board

CalRecycle

Calilornia Department of Pesticide Regulation

California Department of Public Health

California Department of Toxic Substances Control

California OEEHA

LA Agricultural Commissioner's Office

LA City Attorney's Office

LA City Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

LA City Fire Department

LA County Fire Department

LA Regional Water Board

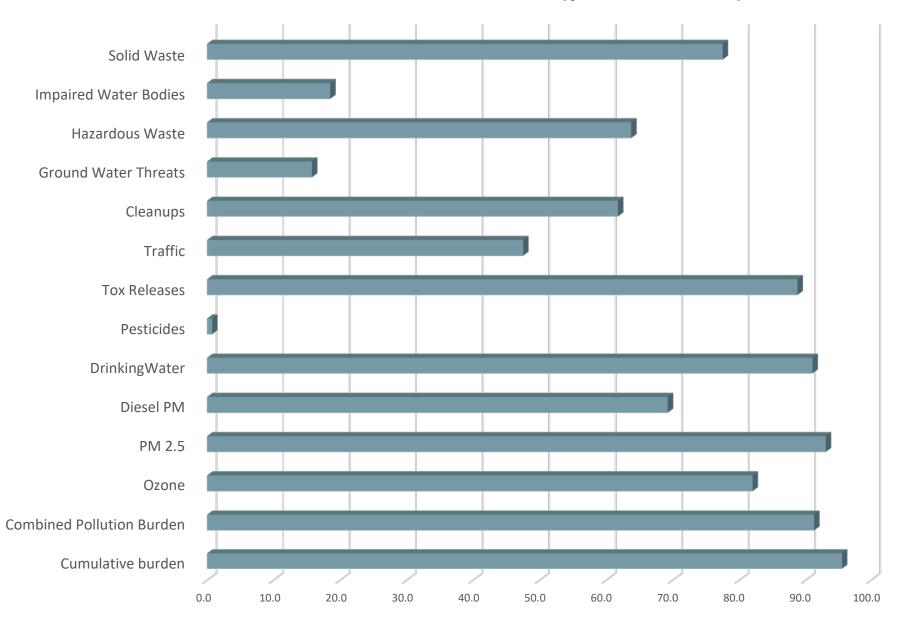
South Coast Air Quality Management District

**US EPA** 

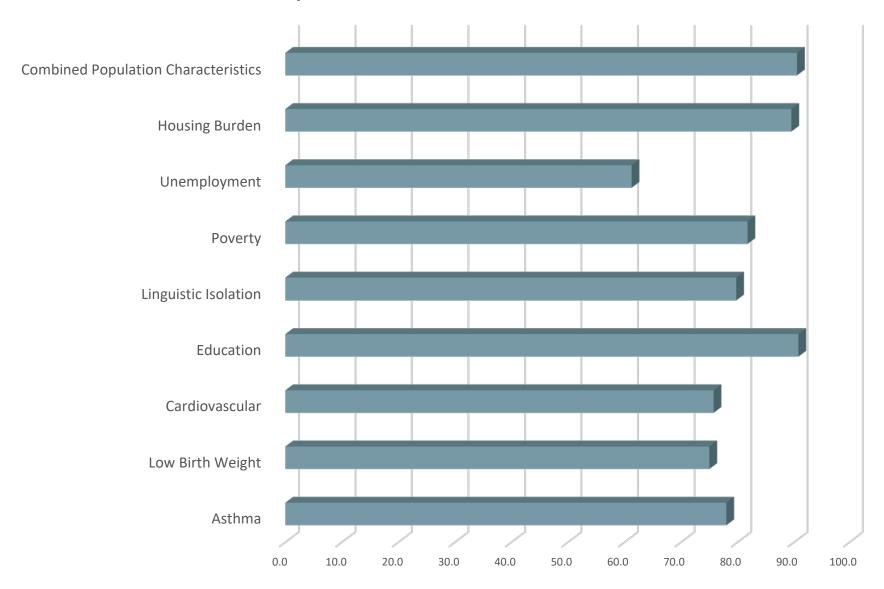
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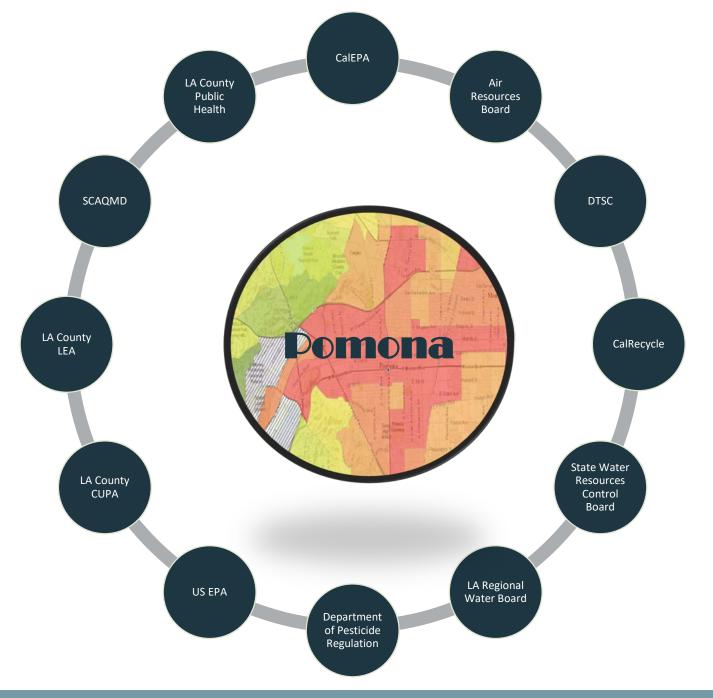


#### Pomona Pollution Burden (percentiles)



#### **Population Characteristics**

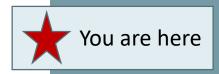






#### Planning Phase

- Community Consultation October 26
- Bus Tour October 26





#### Implementation Phase

- Inspections
- Compliance Assistance



#### **Reporting Phase**

Community Report Back Meeting

## TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS

## Questions?

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