

**Summary of the 2016 AQMP Socioeconomic Assessment EJ Working Group Meeting #2
May 11, 2016**

Main Topics of Discussion:

1. Race and Ethnicity as variables used in Environmental Justice analyses

EJWG Comments: Kimberly Clark from Southern California Association of Governments asked whether excluding race/ethnicity in EJ analyses is in conflict with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination based upon race, color, and national origin. Michele Hasson with the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice and Lizette Hernandez with the Sierra Club believe that race/ethnicity should be included in the original analysis, but think that correlating race/ethnicity post-screening is a viable alternative. Ms. Clark raised concerns about whether correlation post-screening would be sufficient. Alvaro Alvarado with Air Resources Board stated that adding proximity to potential hazards could potentially mitigate the omission of race/ethnicity in screening.

Staff Response: Staff will look at relevant legal mandates, as well as how CalEnvironScreen handles this issue.

2. Equality vs. Equity

EJWG Comment: Ms. Hasson suggested that the report be revised so that equity is not presented as a moral issue, but as a valid concern to be incorporated into policy implementation. The current IEc report states that “The qualitative indicators utilized in distributional analysis provide information on inequality, but moving from a state of inequality to a state of equity or justice requires policy makers impose a social calculus of which inequalities are of greatest concern.”

Staff Response: Staff will work with IEc to make these modifications to the language in the report.

3. Primary vs. Secondary Pollutants

EJWG Comment: Dr. Alvarado suggested that the policy impact evaluated using primary pollutants could be different from secondary pollutants.

Staff & IEc Response: Staff responded that Air Quality modeling data looks at total PM, for example, and C-R functions are currently considered the same in the literature for both primary and secondary sources.

4. Health Impacts vs. Cost Impacts

EJWG Comment: Dr. Julia Lester with Ramboll Environ suggested that the AQMP socioeconomic analysis look at the distribution of cost impact.

Staff Response: Staff responded that the concept of environmental justice and the existing body of literature focuses on health impacts. The Socioeconomic Assessment for the 2016 AQMP will

look at job impacts associated with compliance cost and how they are distributed across 21 sub-county regions.

Follow-ups:

- May 25th STMPR meeting—Members of EJWG are welcome to attend or call-in
- The next meeting (#3) will present results from the analysis.