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## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP

### Advisory Group Members

Councilmember, Ben Benoit, City of Wildomar  
Senator Vanessa Delgado (Ret.)  
Supervisor Janice Rutherford

Rhetta Alexander	Dr. Monique Hernandez
Manuel Arredondo	Dr. Jill Johnston
Dr. Lawrence Beeson	Evelyn Knight
Suzanne Bilodeau	Humberto Lugo
Paul Choe	David McNeill
Kerry Doi	Daniel Morales
Mary Figueroa	Donald Smith
Dr. Afif El-Hasan	Rafael Yanez

**January 24, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ Conference Room GB**  
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## CALL TO ORDER

### **ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 4):**

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks  
*(No Motion Required)*  
Fabian R. Wesson  
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
2. Approval of October 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
*(Motion Required)*  
*[Attachment 1]*  
Fabian R. Wesson  
pgs. 4-7
3. Review of Follow-Up/Action Items  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the previous meeting.*  
Fabian R. Wesson
4. Goals and Objectives for 2020  
*(Motion Required)*  
*Staff will present and seek items to include in the 2020 Goals and Objectives for 2020.*  
*[Attachment 2]*  
Fabian R. Wesson  
pg. 8

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5 through 7):**

5. EJAG Accomplishments 2019  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*Staff will review EJAG's accomplishments throughout 2019.*  
*[Attachment 3]*  
Fabian R. Wesson  
pgs. 9 -10
6. Environmental Justice Community Partnership  
Recap of 2019  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*Staff will provide a recap of the Environmental Justice Community Partnership in 2019.*  
*[Attachment 4]*  
Alicia Rodriguez  
Senior Public Information Specialist  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
pgs. 11-17
7. Community Science Overview  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*A brief overview will be provided regarding community science.*  
Rafael Yanez  
EJAG Member
8. Member Updates  
*(No Motion Required)*  
All

**OTHER MATTERS:**

9. **Other Business**  
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11. **Next Meeting Date – April 24, 2020**

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## **DRAFT**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rhetta Alexander, Valley Interfaith Council  
Dr. Lawrence Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health  
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm  
Kerry Doi, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment  
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association  
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College  
Humberto Lugo, Community Member  
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights  
David McNeill, Baldwin Hills Conservancy  
Rafael Yanez, Member of the Public  
Donald Smith, 136th Street Block Club

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ben Benoit, South Coast AQMD Governing Board Member  
Manuel Arredondo, Coachella Valley School District, Retiree  
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association  
Myron Hale, SLMQM  
Dr. Monique Hernandez, California State University, Los Angeles  
Dr. Jill Johnston, University of Southern California  
Maria Elena Kennedy, Quail Valley Task Force  
Evelyn Knight, Long Beach Economic Development Commission  
Angelo Logan, Occidental College & East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

#### **SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:**

Fabian R. Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor  
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Dr. Jo Kay Ghosh, Health Effects Officer  
Alicia A. Rodriguez, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Gina Triviso, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Stephano Padilla, Staff Assistant  
Daniei Brown, Career Development Intern

**Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Fabian Wesson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of July 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Mary Figueroa moved to approve the July 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Daniel Morales seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item #3: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

There were no follow-up items from the previous meeting

**Agenda Item #4: AB 617 Updates**

Gina Triviso presented updates on AB 617 implementation in the three communities within the South Coast Air Basin.

Rhetta Alexander asked how results are measured and when can the community expect to see a report. Ms. Triviso explained that results will vary per community. Year 1 communities will meet quarterly for the next five years to discuss improvements, data, and continue to gather feedback from the selected communities. Dr. Jo Kay Ghosh confirmed the timeline and explained that a major part of these plans is diesel reduction. Dr. Ghosh explained that Year 2 communities are awaiting California Air Resources Board (CARB) approval. In the meantime, South Coast AQMD has begun monitoring within the communities and conducting idling truck sweeps.

David McNeill asked why the South Los Angeles areas were denied Year 1 status by CARB. Dr. Ghosh explained that there were many community submissions for Year 1 and only ten communities across the state were awarded funding.

Humberto Lugo commented that there can be more inter-agency cooperation for community sweeps of idling trucks.

Rafael Yanez suggested that the next inter-agency task force meeting should include a discussion about providing additional regulatory efforts. He expressed that agencies should be proactive in addressing community concerns.

Kerry Doi asked if South Coast AQMD has goals for each cycle of the AB 617 Program. Dr. Ghosh explained that the Community Emission Reduction Plans have specific timelines and goals, such as amending emissions rules.

Ms. Alexander asked if heavy-duty diesel trucks were found as a major source of pollution, how the community would switch to low emitting trucks. Dr. Ghosh explained that South Coast AQMD has incentive programs for fleets to replace their trucks with newer, lower-emission vehicles. Mr. Yanez mentioned that there should be enforcement measures along with incentive programs.

### **Agenda Item #5: Overview of Environmental Justice Conference**

Alicia Rodriguez provided an overview of South Coast AQMD's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference on September 12, 2019.

Ms. Alexander asked if the conference led to any progressive solutions. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that attendees shared progressive ideas and opportunities for future collaboration. She also stressed the importance of finding solutions to the global climate crisis.

Ms. Figueroa asked if there are plans to host the conference in the Inland Empire. Ms. Wesson replied that she liked the idea of moving it around in order to include those that needed to be there. She added that there are facilities in Riverside that can host the conference as well.

Mr. McNeill asked if the "Estamos Aqui: A Community Documentary" was available and where. Ms. Rodriguez stated that it was a private screening but that there was a two-minute trailer available and would send the link.

**ACTION ITEM:** E-mail Advisory Group the link to the documentary trailer.

Mr. McNeill requested that future conferences be located near public transportation. He asked if agencies or companies sponsored the conference and if notes from the break-out sessions can be shared with the group. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that session notes will be shared with the group.

**ACTION ITEM:** Share with Advisory Group conference break-out session notes.

Mr. Yanez recommended Ontario for next year's conference. He noted that break-out sessions need more time.

Ms. Figueroa asked Mr. Yanez to define community science. Mr. Yanez provided a brief description and his experience as a community scientist. Ms. Rodriguez added that an overview of community science will be shared with the group.

**ACTION ITEM:** Agendize community science overview.

### **Agenda Item #6: Member Updates**

Dr. Lawrence Beeson shared that several Loma Linda University students are studying long-term effects of ambient air pollution.

Mr. Morales shared that University of California, Riverside received a \$16 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study dust issues in Coachella.

Donald Smith stated his community has been focused on the effects of particle pollution on street and road disintegration in the City of Compton.

Mr. McNeill informed the Advisory Group that the comment period opened for Baldwin Hills Community Standard District. He further stated he is working with CARB to coordinate community meetings for their Study of Neighborhood Air near Petroleum Sources focused on installing monitoring units to gather data in Baldwin Hills and other cities throughout the state.

Mr. Yanez shared that he is working with the City of Los Angeles to address street sweeping issues in Boyle Heights.

**Agenda Item #7 - Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Agenda Item #8- Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJAG meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.



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## **Environmental Justice Advisory Group 2020 Goals & Objectives**

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The items below are proposed agenda item topics to be addressed during the quarterly 2020 meetings for the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG). The Administrative Committee and Governing Board will receive the approved minutes, reflecting the discussions. Not all items are expected to be covered due to time constraints. EJAG members will provide insight on how to best communicate this information with community members and stakeholders.

The following are proposed agenda item topics to be addressed during 2020:

1. Environmental Justice Community Partnership Updates
2. Legislative Updates Related to Air Quality and/or Environmental Justice
3. Update on the Implementation of Assembly Bill 617
4. Information on South Coast AQMD Key Rules and Rule Amendments for 2020
5. Incentive Programs Targeted in Environmental Justice Communities
6. Regulation and Monitoring of Air Toxics in the South Coast Air Basin
7. Policies and Initiatives Related to the Goods Movement in the South Coast Air Basin
8. Emerging Technologies That Help Clean the Air
9. 2016 California Air Resources Board Mobile Source Strategy
10. Community Initiatives Related to Air Quality
11. Health Studies Related to Air Quality
12. Environmental Justice Issues of Interest Not Included Above





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## Environmental Justice Advisory Group 2019 Accomplishments

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The mission of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) is to advise and assist South Coast AQMD in protecting and improving public health in South Coast AQMD's most impacted communities through the reduction and prevention of air pollution. The goals of EJAG are to:

- Advise South Coast AQMD on issues related to environmental justice (EJ)
- Create and sustain a positive and productive relationship between South Coast AQMD and community members
- Better inform South Coast AQMD about EJ issues
- Contribute to meaningful progress toward the achievement of environmental justice

EJAG members met quarterly in 2020 to receive updates and discuss environmental justice and air quality issues.

### Key Items Addressed in 2019

- **AB 617 Selected Communities:** Staff provided updates on the AB 617 Community Steering Committees (CSC), notably the search for interested parties to participate in CSC's to advise and guide implementation efforts. The key 2019 milestone for AB 617 Year 1 Communities was identifying emissions reduction actions to include in the Community Emissions Reduction Plans in the three selected communities:

- a. Wilmington, West Long Beach, Carson
- b. Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, West Commerce
- c. San Bernardino, Muscoy

Two additional cities were identified and approved by the California Air Resources Board for Year 2:

- a. Southeast Los Angeles
- b. Eastern Coachella Valley

- **Electric Leaf Blower Incentive Program:** Staff gave a presentation on the electric leaf blower incentive program including outreach efforts.

- **Smartphone Air Quality Application Update:** Staff provided demonstrations on the South Coast AQMD smartphone application.
- **Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) Update:** Staff provided updates on the F.I.N.D. feature on the South Coast AQMD website including use of facility maps and sorting search results.
- **Monitoring in San Bernardino and Riverside County:** Staff provided information on the air quality monitoring in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- **Communications Overview:** Staff provided an overview of the Communications and Media Office of the South Coast AQMD including media relations, outreach, social media and future efforts.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference Overview:** Staff presented an overview of the Environmental Justice Conference on September 12, 2019 in Los Angeles, CA. There were over 300 attendees. The program included four breakout sessions and one plenary session.



Environmental Justice  
Community Partnership

# Program Recap

January 24, 2020



## Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP)

### 2019 Meetings & Events

- Conducted 4 Advisory Council Meetings
- Conducted 4 Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force Meetings
- Hosted 5 Clean Air Ranger Education Presentations
- Hosted 5th Environmental Justice Conference
- Hosted 2019 Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour





## EJCP Advisory Council

The mission of the Advisory Council is to ensure that the EJCP programs address the air quality concerns of diverse communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

### Participating Members Represent:

- Academia
- EJ/Community Organizations
- Health
- Labor
- Non-Profit
- South Coast AQMD
- Union

### 2019 Meeting Dates

April 17, 2019

June 5, 2019

September 4, 2019

December 4, 2019

## Inter-Agency Task Force

The Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force creates opportunities for regular collaboration and communication between agencies that respond to environmental justice issues and address complaints by the general public.

### Participating Agencies and Organizations:

- Environmental Justice Leaders
- Executives from Multiple Federal, State and Local Government Agencies



### 2019 Meeting Dates

#### Task Force Meeting Dates

March 20, 2019

June 12, 2019

September 11, 2019

December 11, 2019

#### Subcommittee Meeting Dates

August 22, 2019

November 6, 2019

December 3, 2019

## Inter-Agency Task Force Goals



Implement an environmental agency staff training



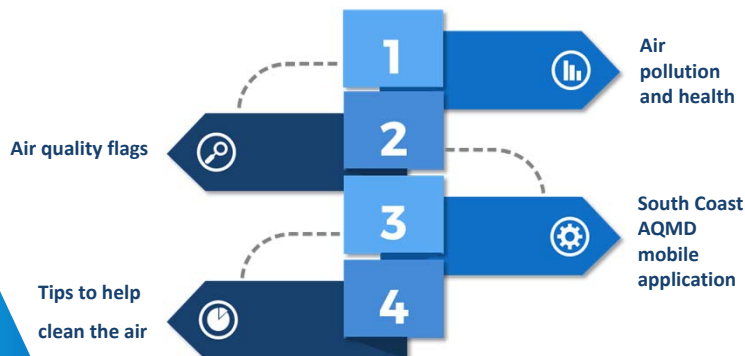
Expand and distribute a public inter-agency referral directory



Create an internal inter-agency staff directory

## Event Summary Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program

The program informs and educates elementary students on air pollution and public health through assembly presentations.



## CARE Presentations

**Valencia Academy of the Arts- April 23, 2019**

Los Angeles County, Valencia

**Honey Hallow Elementary School- April 25, 2019**

Riverside County, Moreno Valley

**20<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School- October 3, 2019**

Los Angeles County, Los Angeles

**Cesar Chavez Elementary School- November 5, 2019**

Riverside County, Coachella

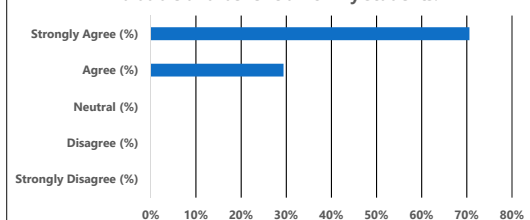
**North Verdemont Elementary School- November 19, 2019**

San Bernardino County, San Bernardino

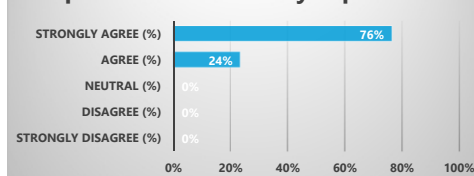


## CARE Program-Feedback

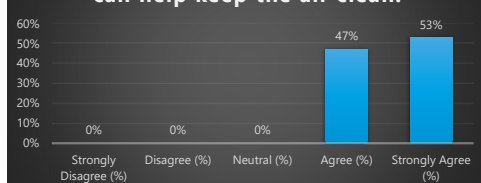
Overall, the presentation on air quality was valuable and beneficial for my students.



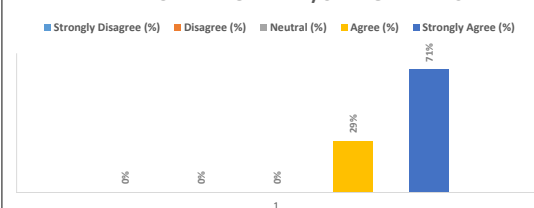
The common sources of air pollution were clearly explained.



My students learned ways they can help keep the air clean.



THE PRESENTATION WAS FUN AND INTERACTIVE FOR 2ND/3RD GRADERS.



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# Environmental Justice Conference

Thursday, September 12, 2019  
Center at Cathedral Plaza, Los Angeles

Number of Attendees: 300+

Keynote Speaker- Hon. Nury Martinez, Los Angeles Councilmember

Emcee- Victor Pacheco, Community Coalition

## Breakout Sessions:

Breakout Session A- Pathways to Community Science

Breakout Session B- Tapping the Power of Youth

Breakout Session C- "Estamos Aqui: A Community Documentary"

Screening and Q&A with the Filmmakers

Breakout Session D- Community Voices and Collaboration

## Plenary Session:

Exploring Community Focused Strategies



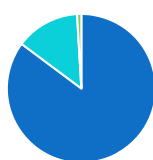
## 2019 Environmental Justice Conference Survey Feedback

Overall, how satisfied are you  
with the conference?



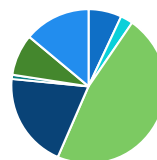
■ Satisfied-106  
■ Dissatisfied-1  
■ Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied-8

Overall, how satisfied are you  
with the plenary session?



■ Satisfied- 92  
■ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied-15  
■ Dissatisfied-1

How did you hear about the  
Conference?



■ South Coast AQMD Website- 8  
■ Social Media- 3  
■ Email Invitation- 54  
■ Friend/Colleague- 23  
■ Internet Search- 1  
■ South Coast AQMD Representative- 10  
■ Other- 16

## Environmental Justice Conference Survey Comments

### What did you like most about this conference?

- Diverse audience
- Panelist's knowledge on the topics being discussed
- Keynote speaker
- Awareness of the different environmental justice issues
- The panelists spoke honestly about current situations

### What did you like least about this conference?

- Lack of discussion time and FAQ after breakout sessions
- Late start
- Not enough signage regarding street parking
- More details provided in the breakout sessions
- Not enough parking
- Not enough hands on demonstrations

## 2019 Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour

The EJ Student Bus Tour engages university students in learning how air pollution affects environmental justice communities by visiting communities directly impacted by industrial facilities, ports, and transportation corridors.

### **Locations Visited:**

1. Port of LA Harbor Tour
2. East Los Angeles Rendering Facilities
3. Triangle of Death (freeway corridor where Interstates 10, 5, 101, and 60 converge)





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