



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Advisory Council Members

|                   |                             |
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| Pamela Atcitty    | Eddie Marquez               |
| Ada Briceño       | Theresa Martinez            |
| Italia Garcia     | LaShe Rodriguez             |
| Vallerie Gonzalez | Oscar Rodriguez             |
| Lisa Hart         | Nicole Starks-Murray        |
| Todd Heibel       | Sienna Thomas               |
| Sahara Huazano    | Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas |
|                   | Rebecca Zaragoza            |

### MEETING

December 2, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m.

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### CALL TO ORDER

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Items 1 and 2):**

1. **Call to Order/Opening Remarks**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
Derrick Alatorre  
Deputy Executive Officer/ Public Advisor  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
South Coast AQMD
2. **Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
Derrick Alatorre  
*Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the previous meeting.*

#### **ACTION ITEMS (Items 3 through 4):**

3. **Approval of September 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
*(Motion Required)*  
Derrick Alatorre  
*[Attachment 1]*
4. **Goals and Objectives for 2021**  
*(Motion Required)*  
Julie Franco  
Senior Public Information Specialist  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
South Coast AQMD  
*[Attachment 2]*  
*Staff and Advisory Council members will identify any and/or make recommendations for changes to the Goals and Objectives for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council for 2021.*

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5 through 8):**

5. **Update on Federal Legislation**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
Lisa O'Malley  
Senior Public Affairs Manager  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
South Coast AQMD  
*[Attachment 3]*  
*Staff will provide an update on Federal legislation.*

6. **Illegal Dumping on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*[Attachment 4]*

Sienna Thomas  
Environmental Technician  
Torres Martinez Indian Reservation

*Advisory Council member will provide an overview regarding illegal dumping and the impacts to the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation*

7. **Update on EJCP Efforts**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*[Attachment 5]*

Alicia Lizarraga  
Senior Public Information Specialist  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
South Coast AQMD

*Staff will provide updates on the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES), Inter-Agency Task Force, and a recap of the 2020 Environmental Justice Conference.*

8. **Member Updates**  
*(No Motion Required)*

All

## **OTHER MATTERS**

9. **Other Business**

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10. **Public Comment**

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11. **Next Meeting Date – Wednesday March 3, 2021**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|                   |                             |
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| Pamela Atcitty    | Theresa Martinez            |
| Italia Garcia     | LaShe Rodriguez             |
| Vallerie Gonzalez | Oscar Rodriguez             |
| Lisa Hart         | Sienna Thomas               |
| Todd Heibel       | Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas |
| Eddie Marquez     | Rebecca Zaragoza            |

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sahara Huazano  
Sandy Bonilla  
Ada Briceño  
Nicole Starks-Murray

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Scott Andrews – Aclima, Inc.  
Anna Christensen Sierra Club (Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force)  
Lauren Daurio, Lee Andrews Group  
Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition  
Rosalba Gonzalez, Lee Andrews Group  
Sean Kearns (Rep. Barragan)  
Patricia Leal-Gutierrez, Alianza Coachella Valley  
Connie Mejia, Lee Andrews Group  
Andres Rodriguez, Lee Andrews Group

**SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:**

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer  
Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Teresa Barrera, Senior Deputy District Counsel  
Philip Crabbe III, Public Affairs Manager  
Julie Franco, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Lindsay McElwain, Senior Administrative Secretary  
Alicia Rodriguez, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Jeanette N. Short, Senior Public Information Specialist

Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor  
Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist  
Rainbow Yeung, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Daniei Brown, Career Development Intern

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

Fabian Wesson called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Ms. Julie Franco went over the housekeeping rules for the meeting with the attendees before proceeding with the meeting.

Ms. Wesson introduced the two new advisory council members, Ms. Pamela Atcitty and Ms. LaShé Rodriguez. Ms. Atcitty and Ms. Rodriguez both provided self-introduction and provided the advisory council with their background. Ms. Wesson thanked them for their efforts and support and welcomed them to the advisory council.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Eddie Marquez moved to approve the June 3, 2020 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Ms. Theresa Martinez seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Ms. Wesson provided a response to the June 3, 2020 action items:

- **Action Item:** South Coast AQMD staff will modify Advisory Council Goal #7 to increase awareness of relative EJ legislation and legislative issues. Updated final goals were shared with Advisory Council Members.
- **Action Item:** South Coast AQMD staff provided the Advisory Council members with Ron Moskowitz contact information for any follow-up questions and recommendations for future updates to the South Coast AQMD's Mobile Application.
- **Action Item:** South Coast AQMD staff will provide contact information for embRACE LA to Ms. Martinez. Contact information was provided to Ms. Martinez
- **Action Item:** South Coast AQMD staff rescheduled Agenda Item #7: EJCP Efforts to the September 2, 2020 meeting agenda.

**Agenda Item #4: 2020 State Legislative Update**

Mr. Crabbe provided an overview of the bills that South Coast AQMD has taken a position on, the state budget, and EJ legislation. Mr. Crabbe gave context on the impact that COVID-19 has had on the legislature and its schedule. He updated members on the proposed joint economic stimulus plan meant to protect Californians and spur job creation. He also provided an update on the progress of Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's AB 345: Natural Resources: Environmental Justice: Oil and Gas; Regulation of Operations that was held in committee and did not move

forward. Furthermore, Mr. Crabbe discussed Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's AB 995 Hazardous Waste bill that was passed by the legislature.

Mr. Harvey Eder shared his concerns regarding the legislation discussed. He also expressed his disappointment in the lack of discussion on homelessness, health, and air pollution issues.

Ms. Wesson followed up on Ms. Martinez request to ask a question.

Ms. Theresa Martinez asked if South Coast AQMD was addressing the backup generators (BUG) issue she discussed in his presentation especially as 40% are over 20 years old. Mr. Crabbe explained that South Coast AQMD has a rule to limit their use to 200 hours and that there are special variances on those types of engines. He also mentioned that South Coast AQMD is supportive of the efforts to phase in cleaner equipment and is looking for financially creative ways to facilitate the changeover.

#### **Agenda Item #5: Uplifting Environmental Justice Communities in the Inland Empire**

Ms. Italia Garcia introduced herself and provided a brief overview of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAIEJ), including the history, and the work they do as an organization bringing people together to improve our social and natural environment. Ms. Garcia explained that CCAIEJ members take part in policy advocacy on a federal, state, and local level. Also, their community organization programs focus on community and youth engagement, community education, and leadership development.

Ms. Garcia explained their COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund and encouraged members to reach out to CCAIEJ if they know of any families or community members that need extra resources during the global pandemic.

Mr. Todd Heibel commended Ms. Garcia on her presentation and told her that on behalf of San Bernardino Community College, they will be reaching out to CCAIEJ to collaborate further.

Ms. Vallerie Gonzalez asked Ms. Garcia if they have any job trainings in the solar. Ms. Garcia replied that they make sure their members have access to solar jobs in their communities and will connect with Ms. Gonzalez for additional opportunities.

Ms. Wesson asked Ms. Garcia if they have connected with schools and districts for desk supplies as these facilities may be discarding them or are not using them right now. Ms. Garcia stated that they received a donation of 50-80 desks from a university.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Update on EJCP Efforts**

Ms. Alicia Rodriguez provided an overview and history of the programs under EJCP including the EJCP advisory council, Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG), Inter Agency Task Force, Clean Air Program for Elementary School Students (CAPES), the Annual Environmental Justice Conference, and an update on the virtual student bus tour. She stated that the mission of the Advisory Council is to help reach the communities that we serve and went over past and upcoming meetings. She requested from the council members recommendations and comments on the programs.

Ms. Rodriguez shared that the Inter-Agency Task Force implemented their first goal of hosting an Inter-Agency Task Force Staff Training. She shared the goal is to unite government agencies on best practices to serve the community. She shared the feedback received from the participants and the Task Force's hopes to grow the training.

Ms. Rodriguez shared an update on the changes to CAPES. She explained how the program works, the outreach and engagement with the students. Ms. Rodriguez shared that the program is shifting to meet the distance learning needs that students need throughout the four counties.

Ms. Rodriguez highlighted the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference – *A New Era of Environmental Justice -Our Community Survival* on October 28, 2020. She shared the development of the program from an in-person event to a virtual event. She shared details of the conference including the date and panel information. She requested the Advisory Council Member's to assist with outreach, including any feedback and suggestions.

Ms. Gonzalez asked if there are specific ways South Coast AQMD is rolling out registration and outreach to promote the Environmental Justice Conference. Ms. Rodriguez explained that the registration link and the event are through Zoom and Whova. She also explained that it will be streaming live for those who do not register and encouraged participants to register for more information, but it is not mandatory to attend the conference. Ms. Wesson reiterated South Coast AQMD's commitment to make it easy for the public to attend the conference.

Ms. Hart expressed that she would like to help with outreach and posting about the conference. Ms. Rodriguez said that staff will send out information to the advisory council to promote the conference.

- **Action Item:** South Coast AQMD staff to share outreach material with the advisory council members.

Mr. Oscar Rodriguez expressed that all members should commit to promoting the conference to all of our committees to attend the conference especially since it is now virtual. Ms. Paula Torrado agreed with Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Hart. She asked how South Coast AQMD is emphasizing community stories and applying them to the programs. She expressed that community perspective is very important.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that South Coast AQMD does their best to bring members in from EJ organizations to speak for the people. She encouraged members to share recommendations for panel speakers. Ms. Rodriguez will follow-up with Ms. Torrado regarding her suggestions for the conference.

- **Action Item:** Ms. Rodriguez will follow-up with Ms. Torrado regarding her suggestions for the EJ Conference.

Ms. Rodriguez highlighted the history and changes to the Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour. She shared the challenges posed by COVID-19. Ms. Rodriguez reminded the Advisory



Council that South Coast AQMD is working on additional environmental justice programs that do not fall under the EJCP. She highlighted the National Environmental Justice Roundtable with Congressman Raul Grijalva where environmental justice issues affecting the nation are shared. She highlighted the Young Leaders Advisory Council and Why Healthy Air Matters program which engages high school students.

Ms. Torrado shared her own experience in trying to host the roundtable and collaborate. Ms. Rodriguez shared that she would reach out to Mr. Garza from Congressman Grijalva's office to get an update and asked if South Coast AQMD would be interested in a roundtable and collaboration. Ms. Wesson expressed that the South Coast AQMD is interested.

#### **Agenda Item #7 Member Updates**

Ms. Hart explained that she is working with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to help promote electric vehicle accessibility among communities. She asked Mr. Crabbe about getting the word out on the "Replace your Ride" program. Mr. Crabbe answered that Replace Your Ride has specific funding that has been hit by COVID-19 and he has been monitoring closely to get more funding.

Ms. Rebecca Zaragoza shared the work that Leadership Council has been engaged in regarding the Salton Sea for the past couple of months. Leadership Council has been hosting community meetings and is monitoring what the State of California has been doing in terms of draft plans and new projects for the Salton Sea. She also shared that the State will be starting their National Environmental Policy Act process to get all the permits they need to start construction of dust suppression and habitat projects. Ms. Zaragoza also commented that since it relates to air quality and public health, they are trying to address Salton Sea issues with AB 617 efforts in the Eastern Coachella Valley.

Ms. Gonzalez explained that they recently reached a one-year program milestone on July 1<sup>st</sup> and have seen a lot of movement in different parts of the program including contractors and property owners who are not receptive because of COVID-19. She explained that there has been an increase in job trainings that lead to local jobs with solar companies.

Ms. Martinez shared the efforts of a company that is having a hard time reaching to the community affected by Exide to disinfect their lawns. She asked if South Coast AQMD is monitoring Exide and asked why the air quality is poor right now as there are fewer cars. Ms. Martinez also mentioned that there is a Latino veteran company in Los Angeles offering COVID disinfection services and if anyone would like for information to please reach out to her. Ms. Wesson stated with regard to the monitoring of Exide's activities, she would find out who specifically is monitoring and would get back to her. She also said that she would have an Air Quality Specialist who would be able to answer her question about why the air is currently poor with less vehicles on the road.

- **Action Item:** South Coast AQMD staff will follow-up with Ms. Martinez regarding monitoring of Exide and air quality in the region.

Mr. Heibel shared information about an online community meeting that San Bernardino Valley Community College is hosting that will include environmental justice. The event will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Agenda Item #8: Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Agenda Item #9: Public Comment Period**

Mr. Harvey Eder acknowledged learning new information from joining this meeting and shared his opinion on the public meetings held by South Coast AQMD including the difficulty to access Zoom via phone. He also expressed opinion about his dissatisfaction with government.

Ms. Anna Christensen shared that she is concerned that California will become unlivable. She highlighted the tribal community struggles and requested a stationary air quality monitor in the wetlands. Ms. Christensen emphasized that Environmental Justice also considers wildlife, which is being harmed, and wants South Coast AQMD to consider monitoring wildlife moving forward. Ms. Wesson asked Ms. Christensen to get in touch with Ms. Rodriguez to continue the conversation on obtaining an air quality monitor.

**Agenda Item #10: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJCP Advisory Council meeting is on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



## DRAFT

### Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2021 Goals & Objectives

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Members of this Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) Advisory Council are integral in creating and sustaining a positive and productive relationship between South Coast AQMD and stakeholders throughout the region. The mission of the Advisory Council is to provide input to ensure that the EJCP programs are relevant and address the air quality concerns of all communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

The items below are proposed goals and objectives for the Advisory Council.

#### Goals

1. Advise South Coast AQMD on local environmental justice issues affecting the South Coast Air Basin.
2. Assist in the development, implementation, and ongoing EJCP program efforts.
3. Create, strengthen, and build upon South Coast AQMD's relationships with community stakeholders.
4. Identify, develop, and implement ideas to support tribal communities.
5. Learn more about the members, their organizations, and efforts in their community.
6. Promote and encourage relationships and partnerships among members.
7. Increase awareness of relevant EJ legislation and legislative issues.

#### Objectives

The Advisory Council shall achieve its goals by meeting four (4) times per year to:

1. Provide input on the EJCP's programs ensuring relevancy and community perspective.
2. Provide input on South Coast AQMD's outreach activities ensuring that members are Informed.
3. Encourage presentations by members, local organizations, and South Coast AQMD departments that pertain to local environmental justice issues.
4. Discuss current environmental justice efforts and strategize new efforts.

## **Agenda Item Topics**

The following items are proposed agenda topics for 2021. Advisory Council members will provide insight on how to best communicate and relay the information to community members and stakeholders.

1. EJCP Program Updates
2. Advisory Council Member Presentations on Environmental Justice Efforts
3. Legislative Updates Related to Air Quality and/or Environmental Justice
4. Year 3 Implementation of Assembly Bill 617 and Related Community Emission Reduction Plans
  - In 2017, the state Legislature adopted AB 617 to focus on reducing emissions through Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs), Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMPs), and the Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) implementation through a community driven process.
5. Presentation on South Coast AQMD Mobile Application Updated Features
6. Key Rule Developments in 2021
7. Incentive Programs
8. Regulation and Monitoring of Air Toxics in the South Coast Air Basin
9. Emerging Technologies that Help Clean the Air
10. Community Education Initiatives Related to Air Quality
  - Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program - High School Air Quality Educational Program
  - Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) – Elementary School Air Quality Education Program



# Update on Federal Legislation

*Presentation for EJCP Advisory  
Group*

Lisa Tanaka  
Sr. Public Affairs Manager  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
December 2, 2020



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## Federal Legislation



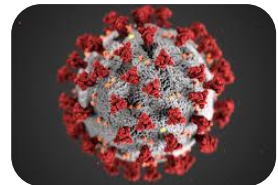
Transportation &  
Infrastructure



Energy



Fiscal Year 2020  
Appropriations



COVID Relief &  
Economic Stimulus

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# Transportation & Infrastructure



## H.R. 2

“Moving Forward Framework Act” – includes  
Climate Title  
(Passed House of Representatives)

## S. 2302

“America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act”  
– includes a more modest Climate Title  
(Passed Senate Committee on Environment  
& Public Works)

H.R. 2616, Clean  
Corridors –  
Electric Charging  
& Hydrogen  
Fueling  
Infrastructure  
(\$250M per year)

H.R. 7024,  
Climate Smart  
Ports – new grant  
program to  
electrify port-  
related equipment  
and vehicles

Diesel Emissions  
Reduction Act  
(DERA) – H.R. 2  
includes \$250M  
per year

S. 674, Clean  
Corridors –  
Electric Charging,  
Natural Gas, &  
Hydrogen Fueling  
Infrastructure

S. 4046, Climate  
Smart Ports – new  
grant program to  
electrify port-  
related equipment  
and vehicles

Diesel Emissions  
Reduction Act  
(DERA) – S. 2302  
includes \$100M  
per year



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# Energy



H.R. 4447, “Clean Economy, Jobs and  
Innovation Act”  
(Passed House of Representatives)

S. 2657,  
“American Energy  
Innovation Act”  
(Passed Senate  
Committee on  
Energy & Natural  
Resources)

Transportation  
Electrification “Plug-  
in Electric Drive  
Vehicle Program” &  
Large Scale  
Transportation  
Electrification  
(\$2B / \$2.5B)

H.R. 7024, Climate  
Smart Ports – new  
grant program to  
electrify port-  
related equipment  
and vehicles

Diesel Emissions  
Reduction Act  
(DERA) – H.R.  
4447 includes  
\$500M per year

H.R. 3923,  
“Environmental  
Justice Act”

Other provisions –  
Smoke Research &  
Planning Act, Clean  
School Bus, Methane  
Monitoring at Energy  
& Storage Facilities,  
Weatherization, Solar  
and more

S. 4046, Climate  
Smart Ports – new  
grant program to  
electrify port-  
related equipment  
and vehicles

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## Fiscal Year 2020 & 2021 Appropriations



### Fiscal Year 2020

### Pending Fiscal Year 2021

Targeted Airshed  
Grants

\$56.3M

DERA

\$87M

State & Local  
Assistance  
Grants (Section  
103/105)

\$228.2M

Targeted Airshed  
Grants

House -- \$57.3M  
Senate -- \$58.3M

DERA

House -- \$90M  
plus \$450M in  
Infrastructure  
Improvements  
Senate -- \$87M

State & Local  
Assistance  
Grants (Section  
103/105)

House -- \$253M  
Senate --  
\$228.2M

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## COVID-19 Relief & Economic Stimulus



### Fiscal Year 2020

### Pending Fiscal Year 2021

CARES Act

Authorized "political  
subdivisions of a state" to  
access Federal Reserve  
Loan Guarantee  
programs

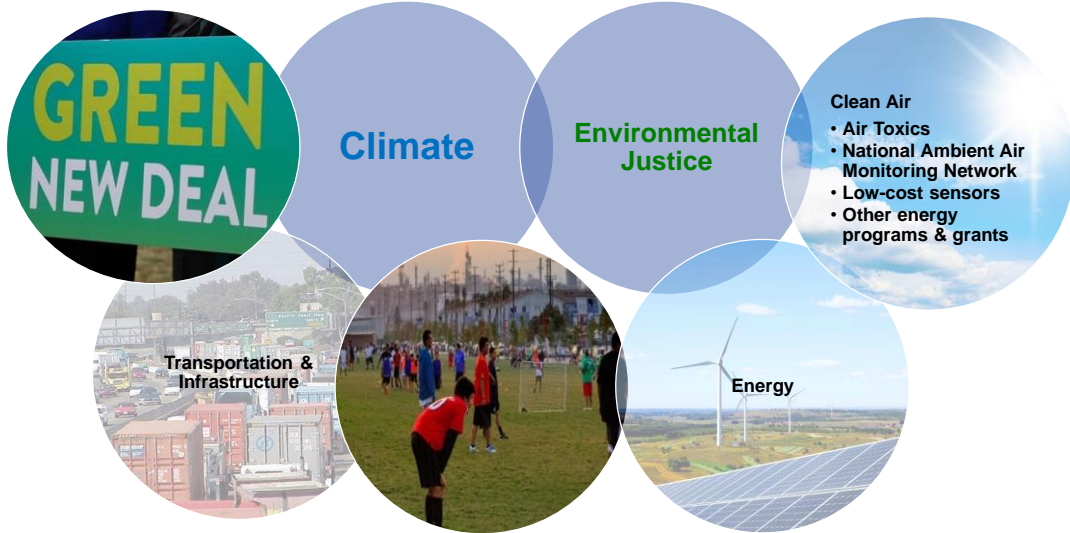
Last Version of House bill  
authorized State and  
Local government to  
transfer funds to Special  
Districts

There may be a  
possibility that some  
COVID relief is included  
in pending Omnibus  
Appropriations bill. But,  
the Omnibus bill is  
uncertain.

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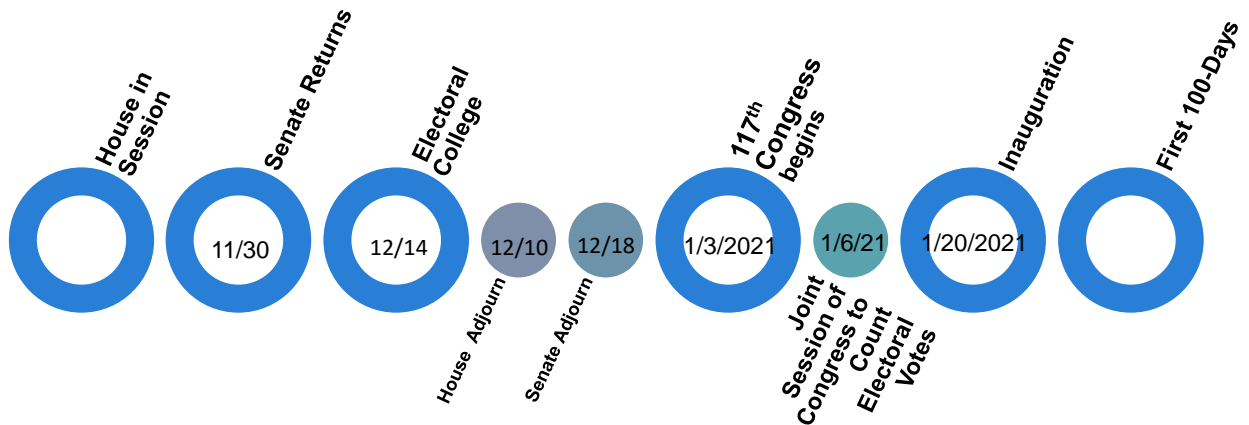
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# Climate and Environmental Justice



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## What's Next



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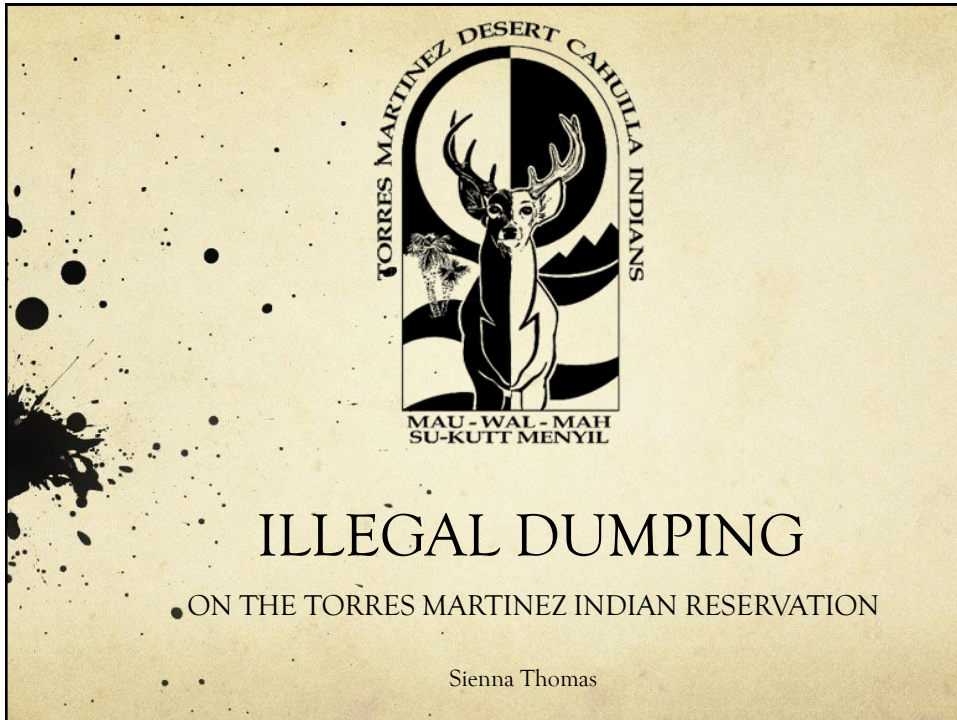




# Thank you

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## Torres Martinez Reservation

- Established on May 20, 1876
- 24,000 acres stretching from Riverside to Imperial County
- Tribal lands, Allotted land, Fee land
  - *What is Fee land?*
    - Reservation land owned by non-Natives
    - No longer in trust or subject to restriction
- Most polluted tribal land in California, Arizona & Nevada

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## History of Dumping

- Federal Officials traced the first big dump to 1989 Ibanez sewage composting / Chino Corona Farms
- Illegal dumps on allotted lands
  - 1994 Cease-and-desist order
  - 2003 EPA reporting high levels of dioxin
  - 2007 Declared a superfund site
  - 2019 Sun Valley Recycling Center fire

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## What Causes Illegal Dumping?

- Population growth
- High level of waste production
- Avoidance of waste disposal fees at waste management sites
- Lack of understanding the importance of waste recycling
- Social norms

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## Who is Dumping and Why?

- Allotment owners
  - Poverty, substance abuse, historical trauma
  - Disconnection from their culture, traditions, history
  - Social norms
  - Lack of recycling knowledge
- Landscapers, Construction, and Agriculture
  - Avoidance of fees
  - Convenience
- Community & general public
  - Avoidance of fees
  - Social norms
  - Lack of recycling knowledge
  - Convenience

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## Impacts of Illegal Dumping

- Soil fertility effects
- Groundwater pollution
- Air pollution
- Visual and health impacts
- Biodiversity impacts
- Fires

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## Illegal Dumping Inventory

- A comprehensive database identifying illegal dumpsites within tribal land jurisdiction and adjacent county land
  - Tribal, allotted, fee, county
- Updated bi-weekly
- Regular site monitoring
  - Site visits
  - Aerial photography
- Approximately 34 illegal dumps have been identified
  - Worst sites are located on fee land

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## Discoveries

- Construction and demolition waste
- Abandoned automobiles, parts, tires, oil
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Green waste
- Household waste
- Medical waste
- Discarded pets and animals used for consumption
- Other liquids (pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, paint, and other unknown hazardous substances)

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## Pilot Projects

- 2019 Waste Stream Assessment
  - Over 1100 lbs. of waste recorded from the tribal housing community and tribal headquarters administration
  - Identified that paper was waste was a primary source
    - Contracted a paper recycling company to mitigate paper waste for tribal offices and tribal members
  - Food waste was identified as a secondary source
    - Created a community compost program
    - Food waste is diverted from landfills and processed into compost for a planned community garden
- Outreach & Education
  - Providing materials and engaging tribal members on the importance of recycling, stewardship of the land, reconnection with the land

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## Action Plans

- FY2021EPA Work Plan
  - Submitting EPA open dump survey forms
    - Detailing potential air quality contaminants
- Collaborating with AB617
  - Seeking solutions, funding, and enforcement assistance
- Installation of cameras at key hot spots, building berms and installing fencing, signage
- Compiling a comprehensive Illegal dump ordinance and adapting tribal enforcement codes
- Collaborating with community based organizations, environmental groups, local tribes, and local municipalities

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# Environmental Justice Community Partnership Program Update

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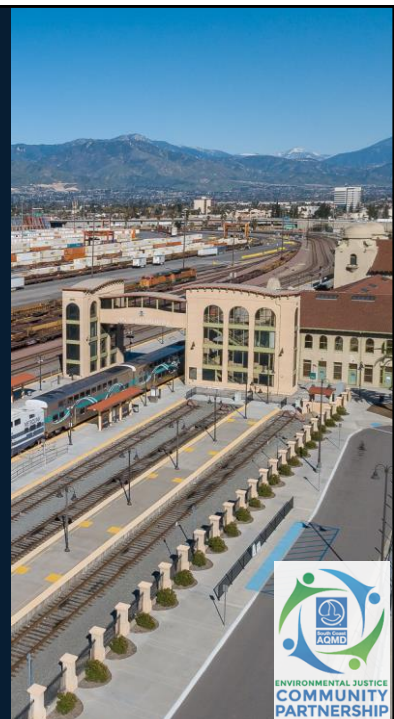


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# Environmental Justice Community Partnership

## Overview

- Annual Environmental Justice Conference
- Environmental Justice Advisory Group
- Inter-Agency Task Force Meetings
- Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES)
- Continued community engagement throughout all four counties



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# Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)

Their mission 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.



Update on AQMP Activities  
Environmental Justice Advisory Group  
October 23, 2020  
*Clearing The Air That We Breathe...*

**Air Quality Management Plan Presentation**



COVID-19

- On March 12, South Coast AQMD initiated its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- All staff were instructed to telework including field staff who conducted their normal in-office activities from their homes, and not from their usual office or field workplaces.
- South Coast AQMD staff are certified as Essential Critical Infrastructure Employees.
- Develop strategies to maintain a strong field presence while taking necessary safety precautions.

**Virtual Inspection Presentation**



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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference

## A New Era in Environmental Justice – Our Community Survival October 28, 2020

**Highlights:**

- Two Keynote Speakers
- 2 Breakout sessions with 3 panels
- Over 750 Participants
- Livestreamed on South Coast AQMD website, YouTube channel, and Facebook
- Distinguished moderators and panelists



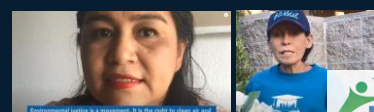

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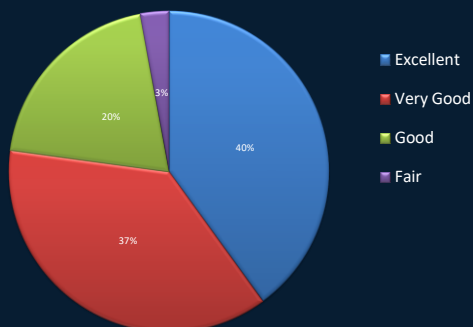


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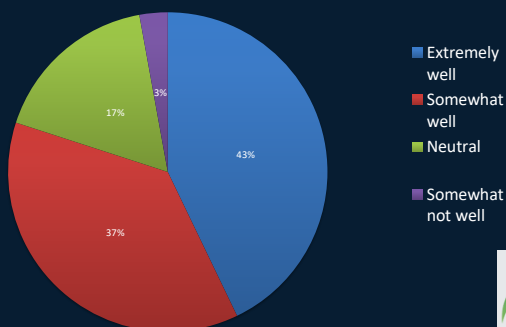
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## Survey Results

Overall, how would you rate the conference?



How well did the conference meet your expectations?



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## Inter-Agency Task Force


The Inter-Agency Task Force was established to identify and implement mechanisms that government agencies can collaborate to better coordinate and communicate in processing complaints in environmental justice communities.

-  Implement an environmental agency staff training
-  Create and distribute a list of resources and programs available to the community
-  Expand and distribute a public inter-agency referral directory
-  Partner with LA County Public Works to add additional services on their online service locator
-  Create an internal inter-agency staff directory
-  Develop and host an Air Quality 101 training for public agency staff



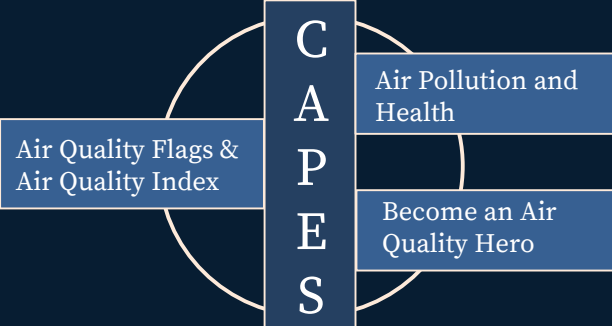

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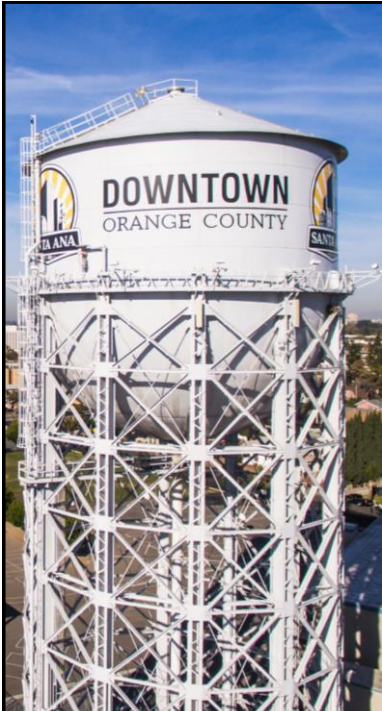


## Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES)

An elementary school science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) educational program that focuses on engaging and educating teachers, students, and their families on air quality and the health effects of air pollution.

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## Environmental Justice Efforts

Continued staff engagement with Environmental Justice Organizations and leaders throughout the region.

### Other Efforts at South Coast AQMD:

- AB 617
- Why Healthy Air Matters Program
- January 16, 2021 Virtual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service "The Dream Continues: Working Together to Clean the Air"
- March 27, 2021 Virtual Cesar Chavez Day of Remembrance  
 "Yes we can...united we will fight for clean air"  
 "Si se puede...unidos lucharemos por aire limpio"



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