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**March 4, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ Conference Room CC8
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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 December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes
(***Motion Required***)
[Attachment 1]
Fabian R. Wesson
pages 1-5
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
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DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 5 and 9):

5. EJCP Advisory Council Accomplishments 2019
(***No Motion Required***)
Staff will review EJCP Advisory Council's accomplishments throughout 2019.
[Attachment 3]
Fabian R. Wesson
pages 7-8
6. Compliance Overview of Auto Body Shops
(***No Motion Required***)
Staff will provide an overview on the types of equipment used at auto body shops, including permit requirements, applicable rules, and the inspections process for these facilities.
[Attachment 4]
Victor Yip
Sr. Enforcement Manager
Shawn Bennage
Supervising Air Quality Inspector
pages 9-16

7. **SOMAH Overview**
(No Motion Required)
An overview will be provided regarding the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing program.
[Attachment 5]

Vallerie Gonzalez
Advisory Council Member
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8. **Member Updates**
(No Motion Required)

All

OTHER MATTERS

9. **Other Business**
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11. **Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
ADVISORY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eddie Marquez, Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Lisa Hart, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance
Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Los Angeles
Rebecca Zaragoza, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
Todd Heibel, San Bernardino Valley College Department of Geography and Geology
Vallerie Gonzalez, Center for Sustainable Energy

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ada Briceno, Unite Here Local 11
Ericka Flores, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
Sahara Huazano, Alianza Coachella Valley
Oscar Rodriguez, Oakview ComUNIDAD
Nicole Starks-Murray, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
Jessica Tovar, Occidental College-Moving Forward Network
Jan Victor Andasan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Sandy Bonilla, Urban Conservation Corps

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alisha James, Lee Andrews Group
Taylor McIntyre, Lee Andrews Group

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Alicia A. Rodriguez, Senior Public Information Specialist
Jeanette N. Short, Senior Public Information Specialist
Daniei Brown, Career Development Intern

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Derrick Alatorre called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

Mr. Alatorre welcomed Jeanette Short of South Coast AQMD's Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media department to the meeting. He stated that Ms. Short has worked for the South Coast AQMD for many years and has joined the environmental justice (EJ) team.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes

Rebecca Zaragoza stated that she participated by phone at the last meeting which should be reflected in the minutes.

Eddie Marquez moved to approve the September 4, 2019 Advisory Council meeting minutes. Ms. Zaragoza seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

No follow up items from the June 5, 2019 meeting.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) Advisory Council 2019 Accomplishments and Seek Items for 2020 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Alatorre presented the EJCP Advisory Council 2019 Accomplishments and inquired about other items to include in the 2020 Goals and Objectives.

Mr. Marquez asked that the Advisory Council be given more time to review the Accomplishments and, Goals and Objectives in order to receive input from other members not in attendance.

ACTION ITEM: E-mail the 2020 Accomplishments, and Goals and Objectives to the Advisory Council for review and to seek other items.

There was no motion to approve, the item will be revisited at the next meeting on March 4, 2020.

Agenda Item #5: EJCP Update

Alicia Rodriguez provided a recap of the EJCP program in 2019, including the Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) program, Inter-Agency Task Force, EJ Student Bus Tour, and EJ Conference. In addition, the EJ team had a high level of engagement with the community throughout the year.

Ms. Rodriguez provided an overview of the CARE program that allowed for South Coast AQMD to host five student assemblies, exceeding the goal of four. The program educates students on air quality, the flag program and everyday life activities that help clean the air. Ms. Rodriguez, shared feedback from teachers.

Mr. Alatorre shared South Coast AQMD's Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM), a high school education program that reaches 100 schools. The program teaches students what air pollution is and allows them to track air pollution through low-cost air quality monitors. Mr. Alatorre shared that this is the first year of a three-year program and welcomed the Advisory Council's

recommendations on schools. The criteria for high schools' selection include: schools located in Assembly Bill 617, Assembly Bill 2588, and Senate Bill 535 communities.

Mr. Marquez asked why the WHAM program is not included in the EJCP program. Mr. Alatorre responded that the WHAM program is an education related curriculum aligned with STEM education and Next Generation Science Standards.

Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas asked if the students are being taught to make educated decisions. Mr. Alatorre responded that the goal of the program is to make students aware of EJ, allowing them to make educated life decisions, such as buying an alternative fuel car. Ms. Torrado-Plazas asked if electric vehicles are accessible to the students and Mr. Alatorre shared several rebate programs that are available. Ms. Torrado-Plazas further expressed that the program should have an EJ component and tie in their experiences.

Ms. Torrado-Plazas asked if there is a policy, advocacy, or engagement project students can participate in as part of the program. Mr. Alatorre responded that although there is not a project in place, they are proposing a high school EJ conference for approximately 8,000-10,000 students that allow students to learn more and have opportunities to speak.

ACTION ITEM: E-mail the Advisory Council the link to the WHAM program website.

Ms. Rodriguez provided highlights of the EJ Conference. She shared a snapshot of the survey feedback.

Lisa Hart expressed concerns about sponsors for the EJ Conference and the sponsor criteria. Mr. Alatorre shared that under the direction of South Coast AQMD Chairman, going forward sponsorships will not be accepted.

Ms. Torrado-Plazas asked how many community residents attended the 2019 EJ Conference. Ms. Rodriguez replied that the attendance was diverse and that she would dissect and share that information with the Advisory Council.

ACTION ITEM: Share with Advisory Council how many community residents attended the 2019 EJ Conference.

Ms. Rodriguez provided an overview of the EJ Student Bus Tour. Ms. Torrado-Plazas asked who South Coast AQMD partnered with for the tour. Ms. Rodriguez shared that the partners were Cal State LA and the Port of LA.

Ms. Rodriguez gave an overview of the Inter-Agency Task Force. She reviewed the four goals identified by the task force: adopt new language for the term "complaint," implement an environmental agency staff training, expand and distribute a public inter-agency referral directory, and create an internal inter-agency staff training.

Ms. Rodriguez shared an overview of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group. Members received information on participating members, 2019 meetings held, and their focus.

Member Updates

Ms. Torrado-Plazas shared that she is implementing the South Central LA Push Project. She is planning and hosting the third Air Quality Academy in Watts. They are also leveraging additional resources from PSR-LA and University of Southern California to develop a reporting system that works for the need of residents.

Ms. Zaragoza stated that her organization finished the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Planning Grant. While working on the grant, they learned it did not allow funding for unincorporated areas. They worked on SB 351, which allows unincorporated areas to apply for the TCC Grants. The bill was adopted and signed by the Governor this year. Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability developed a strategy plan for the Salton Sea in conjunction with residents of the Eastern Coachella Valley. The plan sets goals and recommendations for how agencies address the Salton Sea and work with the community during the process.

Ms. Zaragoza expressed dissatisfaction with the response her organization received about the recent tribal fires. Mr. Alatorre shared that there was a task force addressing the issue. She further clarified that they requested masks from South Coast AQMD which were not provided. Mr. Alatorre responded that the masks that could be provided would be worst because they would trap the particles in the masks (did not want to create a false sense of safety). Ms. Zaragoza hopes that if/when a fire happens again, there is more communication and collaboration.

Ms. Hart informed the members that she is working on the Inter-Mountain Coal Plant, which is slated to stop using coal in 2025. She is also working on car idling awareness. Her organization is currently working on battery leaf blowers, but wary if the equipment will be ready for prime time. She is also working with the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Sustainability supporting the Green New Deal. Ms. Hart shared the challenges of finding information on the electric vehicle rebate programs. She shared her excitement that the state will have a "One-Stop-Shop" on where to find all information about rebates in one place.

Vallerie Gonzalez shared that she is now working on the Solar Multi-Affordable Housing project, which is funding solar panels on affordable housing units. The \$100 million per year project that is governed by the California Public Utilities Commission. The project allows solar job training for tenants and includes a partnership with several non-profits. Ms. Gonzalez is looking forward to providing the Advisory Council a presentation on the program at the next meeting.

Todd Heibel invited the Advisory Council to attend a joint community meeting, co-hosted by South Coast AQMD and CARB, focusing on railyards. The meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:30-8:30 pm at San Bernardino Valley College.

Ms. Torrado-Plazas communicated that the main concerns seen in South Los Angeles are auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metal recycling facilities. Her team is working on assessments of these issues, but they are hitting barriers with the auto-body shops. Mr. Alatorre offered to check on the public records request she submitted. Ms. Rodriguez offered to have a presentation on auto body shops at one of next year's meetings.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Alatorre to check on public records request for Ms. Torrado-Plazas.

ACTION ITEM: Agendize presentation on auto body shops regarding compliance.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

There was no other business.

Agenda Item #8: Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJCP Advisory Council meeting is on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.



Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2020 Goals & Objectives

The items below are proposed agenda topics for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) Advisory Council's 2020 meetings. The Administrative Committee and Governing Board will receive the approved minutes, reflecting the discussions. Advisory Council members will provide insight on how to best communicate this information with community members and stakeholders.

The following are proposed agenda item topics for 2020:

1. EJCP Program Updates
2. Advisory Council Member Presentations on Environmental Justice Efforts
3. Receive Legislative Updates Related to Air Quality and/or Environmental Justice
4. Receive Updates on Year 2 Implementation of Assembly Bill 617 and Related CERPs
 - In 2017, the state Legislature adopted AB 617 to focus on reducing emissions through Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERP), community monitoring and analysis, and Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) Implementation.
5. Presentation on South Coast AQMD iPhone and Android Application Features
6. Information on Key Rule Developments in 2020
7. Incentive Programs Targeted in Environmental Justice Communities
8. Regulation and Monitoring of Air Toxics in the South Coast Air Basin
9. Policies and Initiatives Related to the Goods Movement in the South Coast Air Basin
10. Emerging Technologies that Help Clean the Air
11. Community Initiatives Related to Air Quality
 - Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program - High School Air Quality Educational Program
 - Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program – Elementary Air Quality Education Workshops
12. Update on Health Studies Related to Air Quality



Environmental Justice Community Partnership Advisory Council 2019 Accomplishments

The mission of the Advisory Council is to ensure that the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) programs address the air quality concerns of diverse communities throughout South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. The goals of the Advisory Council are to:

1. Support South Coast AQMD's EJCP efforts;
2. Advise the EJCP on environmental justice issues affecting the South Coast Air Basin; and
3. Help strengthen and build upon South Coast AQMD's relationships and alliances within the community.

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved the charter in 2016 to support South Coast AQMD's environmental justice efforts. During 2019, Advisory Council members convened to receive updates and discuss environmental justice and air quality issues.

Key Items Addressed in 2019

EJCP Program Input

South Coast AQMD held quarterly Advisory Council meetings in 2020. Staff provided members with ongoing updates on the EJCP events, workshops, and meetings. Advisory Council members provided feedback on these initiatives at South Coast AQMD.

Advisory Council Members: Community Efforts

Advisory Council member, Ada Briceño presented on her ongoing environmental justice work at UNITE HERE Local 11. Ms. Briceño explained that the 32,000 members, represent workers employed in hotels, restaurants, airports, sports arenas, and convention centers throughout Southern California and Arizona. She stated those most impacted by air pollution live, work, and go to school in disadvantaged communities. Many members cannot afford to live in communities with better air quality and the environmental needs are not being met.

Advisory Council member, Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas gave a presentation on Physicians for Social Responsibility- Los Angeles's ongoing efforts within the community to address air pollution concerns. Ms. Torrado-Plazas informed the Advisory Council of the "South Central Los Angeles Project to Understand Sources of Air Pollution and Health Impacts," a collaborative effort between organizations, academics and residents to better understand air quality, and health in South LA.

Assembly Bill 617

Staff provided Advisory Council members with ongoing updates and recent accomplishments of Assembly Bill 617 implementation in the selected communities. Since the Assembly Bill passed in 2017, South Coast AQMD worked closely with community stakeholders to identify the community steering committee (CSC) members to participate in the community emissions reduction programs. Throughout the year, AB 617 goals, initiatives, community steering committees, and timelines for the next one to five-year span were discussed at Advisory Council meetings.

Implemented the Clean Air Ranger Education (CARE) Program

The South Coast AQMD conducted assembly presentations to educate students, at the elementary school level, on air pollution issues. The presentations were a great way to introduce youth to air quality and teach them to read the air quality index by color. Advisory Council members were instrumental in connecting South Coast AQMD staff to schools and providing suggestions to improve the presentations.

Held Inter-Agency Task Force Meetings

South Coast AQMD held quarterly Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force meetings in 2020. There were some Advisory Council members that also participated in the Task Force.

Community EJ Bus Tour

The South Coast AQMD engaged university students in learning how air pollution affects environmental justice communities, by hosting an Environmental Justice Bus Tour. The tour included visiting neighborhoods that are directly impacted by industrial facilities, ports, and the goods movement. The goal was to promote environmental justice awareness while encouraging students to become more involved in South Coast AQMD's clean air mission.

Hosted the Fifth Annual Environmental Justice Conference

The South Coast AQMD hosted the 5th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, Building Alliances and Progressive Solutions in Los Angeles. The conference brought together policymakers, environmental justice organizations, health and industry professionals, community leaders, and residents to address environmental and public health issues. The Advisory Council assisted throughout the year on the agenda, breakout session topics, and community outreach strategies.

Presentation on the Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) on the South Coast AQMD Website and App

Staff presented on a web-based application that allows users to search for public information on South Coast AQMD's regulated facilities that require to have a permit to operate equipment.

South Coast AQMD Complaint Reporting Process and Investigation Procedure

Staff presented an overview on South Coast AQMD's complaint reporting system, types of complaints received, complaint trends, and the investigation process.



Automobile Coating Operations

By: Sr. Enforcement Manager Victor Yip
&
Supervising AQ Inspector Shawn Bennage

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Inspection Process

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Inspection Process – Equipment



- Spray Booths – For PM control
 - Type (downdraft, water wash, dry filter, etc)
 - Dimensions
 - Filters
 - Static pressure differential gauge
 - Natural gas heater (R1147)



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Inspection – Coating application



- Coating Applications
 - High-Volume, Low-Pressure (HVLP) spray guns
 - Electrostatic Application
 - Brush, Dip, or Roller
 - Hand applied, trowel



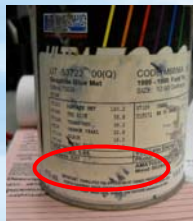
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Inspection – solvents cont'd

Coating Type	VOC Limit	
	g/L	Lb./Gal
Primer	250	2.1
Color	420	3.5
Clear	250	2.1
Cleaning Solvent	25	0.21



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Inspection – Equipment cont'd



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Additional information



- Jurisdiction
 - Residential
 - Referrals
- Exemptions
 - Booth & Spray Equipment
 - Permit Exemptions (R219)
 - VOC emissions from such equipment (including clean-up) are three (3) pounds per day or less or 66 pounds per calendar month or less; or
 - Total quantity of organic solvent based coatings and adhesives and associated VOC containing solvents (including clean-up) used in such equipment is one (1) gallon per day or less or 22 gallons per calendar month or less; or
 - Total quantity of water reducible or waterborne coatings and adhesives and associated VOC containing solvents (including cleanup) used in such equipment is three (3) gallons per day or less or 66 gallons per calendar month or less; or
 - Total quantity of polyester resin and gel coat type materials and associated VOC containing solvents (including clean-up) used in such equipment is one (1) gallon per day or less or 22 gallons per calendar month or less
 - Aerosols
 - Educational Purposes

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Automotive Coating Complaints



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Complaint Types



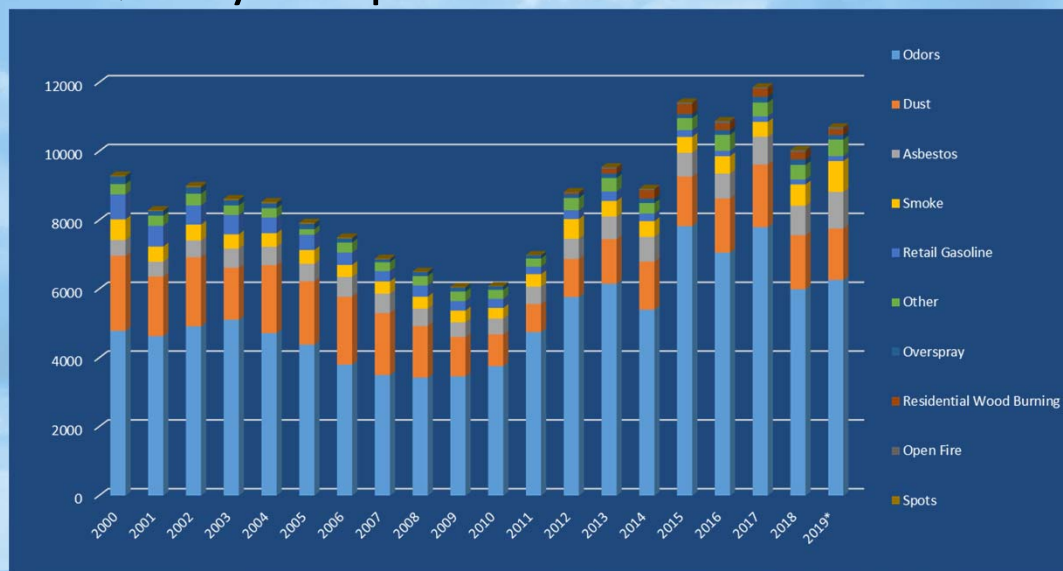
- Odors
- Paint Overspray
- Operating without a Permit
- Open Spraying
- Non-compliant coating



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Air Quality complaints received 2000 - 2019



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South Coast AQMD Rules to Address Complaints



- Odors
 - Rule 402 – Public Nuisance
- Paint Overspray
 - Rule 203 – Permit Conditions
 - Rule 402 – Public Nuisance (Property Damage)
 - Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust
- Operating without a Permit
 - Rule 203 – Permit to Operate
 - Rule 219 – Equipment not requiring a Permit
- Open Spraying
 - Rule 203 – Permit to Operate
 - Rule 109 - Recordkeeping
- Non-compliant coating
 - Rule 1151 – Motor Vehicle Coating Operations

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Other Efforts




- Inter-Agency Referrals & Partnerships
 - Code Enforcement
 - Fire Department
 - Police Department (multi-agency task force inspections)
 - Department of Regional Planning (Conditional Use Permits)
 - Department of Sanitation
 - OSHA
 - Municipal Codes

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Report Complaints 24 hours/7 days week


1-800-CUT-SMOG
(1-800-288-7664)
or
www.AQMD.GOV



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Questions



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SOMAH Overview

Vallerie Gonzalez
Project Manager



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SOMAH program overview

- Provides financial incentives for installing solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing
- Direct tenant benefits
- Direct economic benefits to disadvantaged community members
- Greenhouse gas auction proceeds as funding source
- Up to \$100M annually
- 300 megawatts of generating capacity by 2030

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Participating investor owned utilities

- PacifiCorp
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- Liberty Utilities
- Southern California Edison
- San Diego Gas & Electric



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Program eligibility



- At least five units
 - Deed-restricted low-income residential housing
 - Existing building or retrofit
 - Virtual net metering with separately metered units

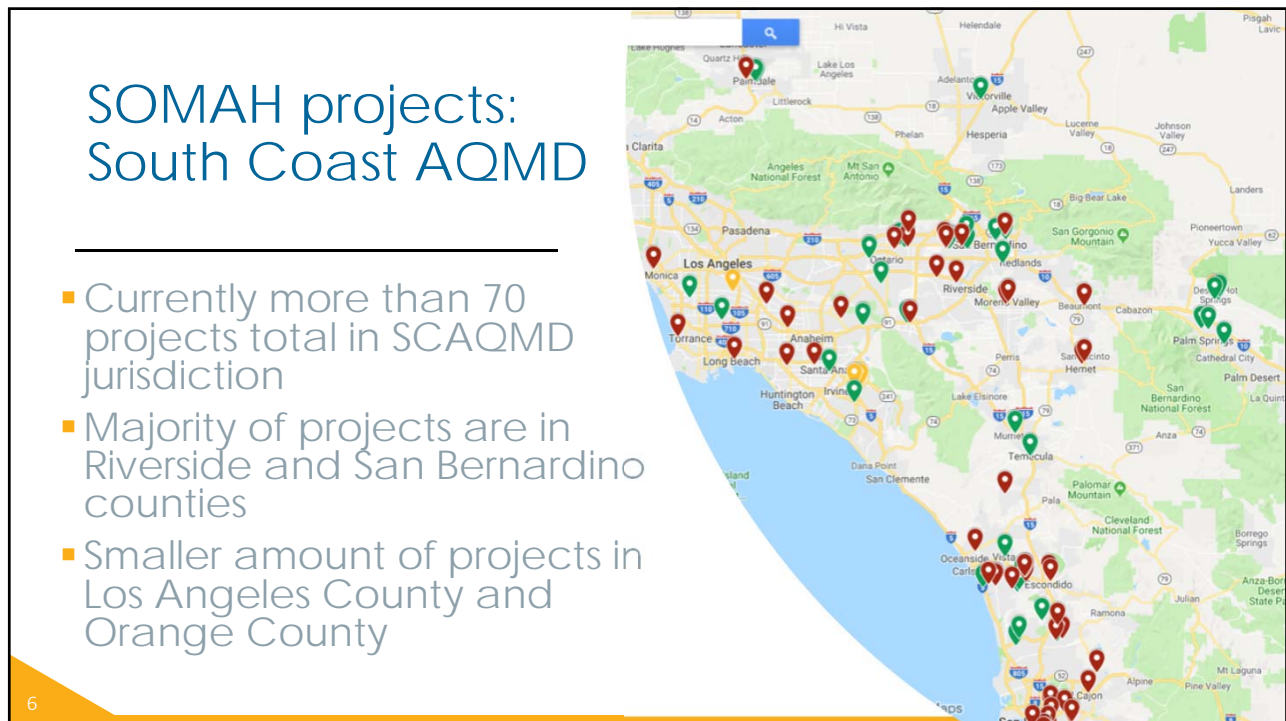
 - Located in a disadvantaged community according to CalEnviroScreen 3.0
- or*
- 80% of property residents have incomes at or below 60% of the area median income

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Get involved with SOMAH



- Educational materials for your stakeholders
 - Newsletter content
 - Website content
 - Social media shareables
 - Marketing materials

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Thank you!



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