



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Italia Garcia	Oscar Rodriguez
Vallerie Gonzalez	Nicole Starks-Murray
Lisa Hart	Sienna Thomas
Todd Heibel	Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas
Sahara Huazano	Rebecca Zaragoza

### MEETING

September 2, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m.

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### CALL TO ORDER

#### ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

1. **Call to Order/Opening Remarks**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
Fabian R. Wesson  
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
2. **Approval of June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
*(Motion Required)*  
*[Attachment 1]*  
Fabian R. Wesson  
*pgs. 5-10*
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

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 and 7):

4. **2020 State Legislative Update**  
*(No Motion Required)*  
*[Attachment 2]*  
*Staff will provide an update on 2020 state legislation, including environmental justice-related legislation impacting our region.*  
Philip Crabbe III  
Public Affairs Manager  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
*pgs. 11-23*
5. **Uplifting Environmental Justice Communities in the Inland Empire**  
*[Attachment 3]*  
*Advisory Council member will present on uplifting environmental justice communities through community organizing, policy advocacy and civic engagement.*  
Italia Garcia  
Advisory Council Member  
*pgs. 24-33*

6. **Update on EJCP Efforts**  
**(No Motion Required)**  
**[Attachment 4]**

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

Alicia Rodriguez  
Senior Public Information Specialist  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media  
pgs. 34-44

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

All

**OTHER MATTERS**

8. **Other Business**

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10. **Next Meeting Date – Wednesday December 2, 2020**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ada Briceno, Unite Here Local 11  
Italia Garcia, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice  
Vallerie Gonzalez, Center for Sustainable Energy  
Lisa Hart, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance  
Todd Heibel, San Bernardino Valley College Department of Geography and Geology  
Sahara Huazano, Alianza Coachella Valley  
Eddie Marquez, Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Oscar Rodriguez, Oakview ComUNIDAD  
Sienna Thomas, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Paula Andrea Torrado-Plazas, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Los Angeles  
Theresa Martinez, Community Connections

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sandy Bonilla, Urban Conservation Corps  
Nicole Starks-Murray, Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County  
Rebecca Zaragoza, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lauren Daurio, Lee Andrews Group  
Rosalba Gonzalez, Lee Andrews Group  
Joey Legaspi, Lee Andrews Group  
Andres Rodriguez, Lee Andrews Group

**SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:**

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer  
Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Ron Moskowitz, Chief Information Officer  
Teresa Barrera, Senior Deputy District Counsel  
Xin Chen, Information Technology Manager  
Debra Ashby, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Danietra Brown, Career Development Intern  
Arlene Farol, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Julie Franco, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Jimmy Li, Systems & Programming Supervisor  
Cristina Lopez, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Alicia A. Rodriguez, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Jeanette N. Short, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Ryan Stromar, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Daniel Wong, Senior Public Information Specialist  
Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist  
Rainbow Yeung, Senior Public Information Specialist

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

Fabian Wesson called the meeting (via Zoom) to order at 12:04 PM. Ms. Wesson’s opening remarks included the current state of affairs in the United States with the COVID-19 pandemic and death of George Floyd.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of March 4, 2020 Minutes**

Minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting were approved. Lisa Hart motioned for approval and Vallerie Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Wesson provided the following responses to the March 4, 2020 meeting action items:

**Action Item: Staff to send the draft amended goals to the Advisory Council for their review and input prior to the next meeting.**

- E-mailed to the Advisory Council on May 15, 2020.

**Action Item: Staff will extrapolate data to show how many auto body shop complaints were received.**

- E-mailed to the Advisory Council on May 15, 2020.

**Agenda Item #4: Goals and Objectives for 2020**

Feedback from Advisory Council members were incorporated into the Goals and Objectives. Ms. Hart motioned for approval and Ada Briceno seconded the motion. Ms. Hart stated that goal #7 should be clearer and suggested to insert the word “increase.”

**ACTION ITEM:** South Coast AQMD staff will modify EJCP Advisory Council Goal #7 to “increase” awareness of relative EJ legislation and legislative issues.

Ms. Wesson said that this change would be made. All members present approved the 2020 Goals and Objectives.

**Agenda Item #5: Overview of South Coast AQMD Mobile App**

South Coast AQMD's Chief Information Officer Ron Moskowitz presented on South Coast AQMD's mobile app. Ron encouraged all members to download the app and a live demonstration of the app and all the features was presented.

Mr. Moskowitz shared that the goal was to create an "all-in-one" app and user friendly. He shared the full suite of features within the app. He stated that the app has over 20,000 users, which is very high for a government agency. The app has earned media attention and has won many industry awards.

The app assists the users in planning their day by checking the Air Quality Index (AQI). They can also use it to view events at South Coast AQMD, a map of alternate fuel places and how to subscribe to South Coast AQMD's YouTube channel. Our 1-800-Cut-Smog number is on the app and you can call South Coast AQMD directly from the app to report complaints. The background of the App is animated to show current temperature and weather conditions.

Ms. Gonzales provided positive feedback on the app and has seen a huge improvement over the past couple of years. Ms. Gonzalez posed a question regarding synchronization of AQI information to the app. Xin Chen, Information Technology Manager indicated that information is collected hourly and the AQI is calculated in real-time.

Ms. Hart asked if notifications could be limited to only when the app is being used. Mr. Chen responded that notifications are designed to always alert you when the air quality changes past a certain preset threshold, even when it is not being used.

Paula Torrado-Plazas asked if data or coding is available to give community alerts when emission inventories are going above the thresholds within 500 feet of an environmental hazard. Mr. Chen said that this could be considered as the app is further developed.

Sahara Huazano asked if there would be an opportunity in the next phase for additional monitors and if the Advisory Council would have an opportunity to make recommendations on the app development. Mr. Chen said they would have an opportunity and will take questions into consideration.

Oscar Rodriguez asked if there was a way to see what areas have the most downloads and who is using the app the most. Mr. Chen indicated that there is information on where and who is accessing the app.

Mr. Moskowitz ended his presentation by asking that users rate the app and provide him with feedback for consideration as the app gets further developed.

**ACTION ITEM:** South Coast AQMD staff will provide the Advisory Council members

the contact information for Ron Moskowitz.

**Agenda Item #6: Implications of the COVID- 19 Virus Pandemic**

Ms. Hart stated she would guide an open discussion with members on implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on her work and communities at large. She indicated members can share what is working well and needs to be improved.

Ms. Hart discussed her frustration in funding constraints during this time. She stated that waiting for the pandemic to be resolved does not stop other crises from brewing and being compounded. She mentioned the possibility of funding for smog checks for heavy duty trucks possibly being postponed for a year and that the City of Los Angeles is eliminating the Office of Climate Mobilization, designed to work with front line communities of color. These budgetary constraints go on to have long lasting effects on the most vulnerable communities.

Ms. Briceno shared that out of 32,000 union members there are only about 800 - 900 that are working. Some union members have not received their unemployment payments and others do not qualify because they are undocumented. Her team is focused on working to have their industry include safe and proper procedures in place for workers.

Mr. Rodriguez has been working from home and the office. He said that the COVID- 19 pandemic has outlined the discrepancies and the injustices that exist in our systems like the digital divide of students. He also said that because many are not working, there has been overcrowding in apartments. He expressed his concerns regarding the air quality in apartments. He suggested the need to look at the efficiencies of appliances and the filtration systems in apartments. He also spoke about the transportation injustices of bus services cancelled and routes changed. He stated that although telecommuting results in less pollution, we need to build upon the decrease in air pollution and how can we sustain it.

Ms. Hart shared that people of color have more deaths due to COVID-19. Ms. Wesson stated some of the main reasons are lack of health care access and health insurance, and lack of knowledge of questions to ask doctors. She also stated that some people of color are frontline workers, working in low paying jobs and cannot quit their job. There are instances when they bring COVID-19 back to their family and in some instances, there are multiple families living in a dwelling. Ms. Hart commented that people living in communities with poor air quality are at greater risk because their lungs are already strained. Ms. Hart concurred with Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Wesson that this COVID-19 pandemic is highlighting the inequalities that we have in sociality and hopes we can all work together to address them.

Ms. Torrado-Plazas said people need to address the cumulative burdens that communities face on a daily basis including being exposed to air toxics, poor air, water quality, food insecurity, and the lack of access to health care systems. She stated that health threats driven by racism cannot be eliminated if systemic racism is not addressed first. She also said that communities should not be burdened with finding a solution. Public health agencies are put in place to be at the center of finding a solution. It is the job of environmental health and justice advocates to navigate those conversations while having justice and public health at the center of policymaking.

Ms. Huazano said that youth are transitioning from census work to COVID- 19 direct responders. Youth are delivering food and checking in on community members. In her area (Eastern Coachella Valley), there is a fear of disclosing to their employers if they have COVID-19 because they could lose their job income. This results in the unwilling transmission of the disease.

Ms. Gonzalez shared that she works on the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program, focused on providing financial incentives to property owners for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on qualifying multi-unit housing throughout California. They are in the process of changing their policy to provide incentives at the end of the project to providing the incentive payment by progress (milestones). Although solar contractors were deemed essential workers, they are seeing many issues with companies and property owners not wanting to let people onto their property.

Ms. Wesson said she hopes that there will be continued dialog and justice. She briefly spoke about embRACE LA which was formed to open dialogue about race relations through citywide conversations where people of different races and cultures came together and talked about race. From these more than 300 meetings the Department of Racial Equity was formed. Mayor Eric Garcetti has said that the office will be open July 2020.

Teresa Martinez said that her community outreach is switching to more online and social meeting apps. She also said that she does not believe there is a group as large as the Black Lives Matter for Latinos. Ms. Wesson responded that there are Latino faith leaders involved with embRACE LA, an initiative to unify Angelenos and empower communities through hundreds of citywide conversations about race and racism. Ms. Wesson offered to provide her with the names of Latino faith leaders.

**ACTION ITEM:** South Coast AQMD staff to send Latino faith leader names from to Ms. Martinez.

Ms. Briceno stated that many communities struggle in many ways and that we are in a moment to uplift and stop the African American killings. When we try and start breaking through systemic barriers then we start making strides in every other community.

Members held a moment of silence in memory of COVID-19 pandemic victims and George Floyd.

#### **Agenda Item #7: EJCP Efforts**

This item was moved to the September 2, 2020 meeting agenda.

**ACTION ITEM:** South Coast AQMD staff will reschedule agenda item #7, EJCP Efforts to the September 2, 2020 meeting

#### **Agenda Item #8: Member Updates**

None.

#### **Agenda Item #9: Other Business**

There were no other business.

**Agenda Item #10: Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**Agenda Item #11: Next Meeting Date**

The next regular EJCP Advisory Council meeting is on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 12:00pm.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.

# *2020 State Legislative Update*

**EJCP Advisory  
Council Meeting  
Sept. 2, 2020**



**Philip Crabbe III  
Public Affairs Manager  
Legislative, Public Affairs & Media**



# Overview

- **Introduction**
- **2020 South Coast AQMD Position Bills**
- **2020-2021 State Budget**
- **Other Environmental Justice State Legislation**
- **Q&A**

# Introduction

**Second year of 2019-20 session - Legislature reconvened on January 6, 2020**

**Legislators introduced over 2,200 bills in 2020**

**Less than a quarter of those bills remain active in this COVID-19 shortened session**

**This is much lower number of bill remaining for consideration than usual**

**Legislative session adjourns on August 31, 2020**

**Governor will have until September 30, 2020 to act on bills sent to his desk**

# Introduction – cont.

## • **COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on State Legislature's Schedule**

- State Assembly & Senate Adjourned week of March 16, 2020
- State Assembly Reconvened on May 4, 2020
- State Senate Reconvened on May 11, 2020
- State Assembly & Senate both extended their summer recesses
- Both state legislators and staff suffered from cases of COVID-19

# 2020 South Coast AQMD – Position Bills

## AB 2182 (Rubio) Emergency Backup Generators

- Exempted operation of an alternative power source to provide power to a critical facility during a deenergization event from local, regional, or state regulation.
- South Coast AQMD - **Oppose**
- Bill died

## SB 1099 (Dodd) Emergency Backup Generators

- **As Introduced:** Required districts to adopt or revise rules to allow critical facilities w/ BUG to use it during deenergization event or power loss, & to test & maintain it, w/o having those activities count toward time limitations.
- Prohibited district fees for issuance or renewal of permit for critical facility BUG.
- South Coast AQMD - **Oppose**
- Bill died

# 2020 South Coast AQMD – Position Bills

## SB 802 (Glazer) Emergency Backup Generators

- Required districts to adopt or revise rules to allow health facility w/ BUG to use it during a deenergization event w/o having usage count toward time limitations on usage and testing and maintenance.
- Time limitation exemption started when facility notified event will or will likely start
- South Coast AQMD - **Oppose**
- Bill died

## SB 1185 (Moorlach) Emergency Backup Generators

- Prohibited districts from having rules that limit/prohibit use of natural gas BUGs during deenergization event
- Required usage not count toward time limitations on usage, routine testing & maintenance.
- Prohibited CARB from having rules that limit/prohibit use of natural gas BUG during event.
- South Coast AQMD - **Oppose**
- Bill died

# 2020 South Coast AQMD – Position Bills

## AB 2882 (Chu) Hazardous emissions & substances: schoolsites: private & charter schools

- Requires charter and private schools to follow same requirements as public schools for evaluating a schoolsite for potential hazardous substances, emissions, or waste.
- Requires evaluation of potential charter school site to follow same CEQA process used for a public school
- South Coast AQMD – **Support** – **suggested amendment to ensure that private and charter schools on leased property also covered by bill**
- Bill died.

## SB 662 (Archuleta) Energy: transportation sector: hydrogen.

- Revised definition of “transportation electrification” to include use of renewable hydrogen as transportation fuel in fuel cell EVs.
- Set progressive standard for decarbonization of hydrogen transportation fuel that mirrors requirements for decarbonization set for electricity under SB 100 (De Leon, 2018).
- Allowed gas IOUs to invest in distribution infrastructure for hydrogen transportation fuel to accelerate electrification of transportation sector in CA
- South Coast AQMD - **Support**
- Bill died.

# 2020 South Coast AQMD – Position Bills

## SB 895 (Archuleta) Energy: zero-emission fuel, infrastructure, and transportation technologies.

- Requires CA Energy Commission (CEC), within limits of available funds, to provide technical assistance & support for development of zero-emission fuels, fueling infrastructure, and fuel transportation technologies.
- Allows CEC to allocate funds from Diesel Emission Reduction Fund – nearly \$5 million – to zero-emission fuel projects, rather than originally authorized clean diesel projects.
- Since CEC no longer funds clean diesel, change allows CEC to utilize funds for intended purpose of spurring development of emission-reducing transportation fuel and technologies.
- South Coast AQMD - **Support**
- Bill passed Assembly Approps. Comm.
- Bill headed to Assembly Floor

# 2020-21 State Budget - SB 74 (Mitchell) & AB 89 (Ting)

- Budget closed \$54.3B budget shortfall caused by COVID-19 recession

- \$50M statewide for air district implementation of AB 617 Program

- Likely no budget trailer bill allocating Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) monies – May 2020 Cap & Trade Auction Revenues extremely low

- Likely no statewide funding for air district AB 617 incentives - (\$245M allocated last year – South Coast received nearly \$86M)

- Likely no funding for Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (\$238M allocated last year)

- Likely no funding for EFMP, School Buses & Transportation Equity Projects (\$65M allocated last year)

- Likely no funding for Technical Assistance to Community Groups (\$10M allocated last year)

# 2020-21 State Budget

## Proposed Joint Economic Stimulus Plan

- Legislature proposed \$100 billion stimulus package (includes some reliance on Fed. Govt.):
  - Meant to protect Californians & spur job creation
  - Raises money through new tax voucher program & securitization of current revenue streams
- Includes Dedicated Fund for incentives to turn over dirty vehicles to cleaner vehicle fleets; EV charging infrastructure
- Recent negotiation between Governor and Legislature
- However, deal appears unlikely
- Lack of agreement on priorities & lack of new revenue are key obstacles

# Other Environmental Justice State Legislation

- **AB 345 (Muratsuchi)** - Natural resources: environmental justice: oil and gas: regulation of operations.
  - Requires CA Natural Resources Agency to create EJ program to address gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities that impede EJ. Requires agency to establish grant-based program to enable EJ and community groups to participate in rulemaking and regulatory processes at departments and entities within agency.
  - Requires CA Dept. of Conservation to, by July 1, 2022, adopt regulations to establish a minimum setback distance between oil and gas production and related operations activities and sensitive receptors, based on health, scientific, and other data.
  - Bill died.

# Other Environmental Justice State Legislation

- **AB 995 (C. Garcia) – Hazardous waste.**

- Creates Board of Environmental Safety (Board) within CA Enviro. Protection Agency (CalEPA) to provide policy direction to and oversight of Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
- Requires Board, using a public process, to do the following:
  - Review DTSC's duties & responsibilities, the current status of hazardous waste facility permits, the site mitigation program and remediation activities, and enforcement decisions for hazardous waste facilities and propose statutory, regulatory, and policy changes;
  - Hear & decide appeals of hazardous waste facility permit decisions;
  - Provide opportunities for public hearings on permitted/remediation sites, and, if necessary, direct DTSC to respond to/address public concerns and questions; and
  - Set priorities for each program for each year at a public hearing.
- Bill pending on Senate Floor for consideration.

# 2020 State Legislative Update

*Q&A*



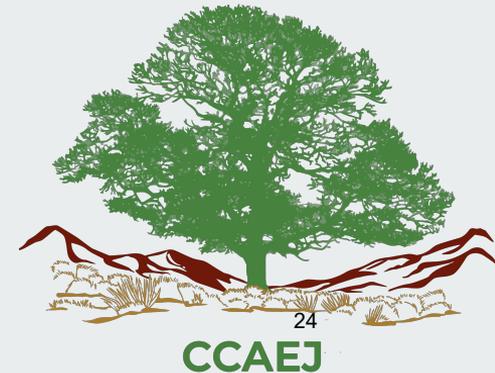
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You





# Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAIEJ)

Italia Garcia



# About CCAEJ

The mission of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice is to bring people together to improve our social and natural environment. We do this by developing indigenous leadership, community organizing through strategic campaigns and building a base of community power.



# About CCAEJ

The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice's struggle for clean air and healthy communities began in the Jurupa Valley community of Glen Avon in 1978 when residents began their efforts to shutdown the Stringfellow Acid Pit toxic waste site. The organization's founder Penny Newman led community members in a decades long fight that resulted in the state awarding over \$114 million in reparations for residents and the establishment of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as the **Superfund**.



# About CCAEJ

Following the inroads accomplished through Stringfellow, environmental leaders acknowledged the need to create a community resource that working class, communities of color could turn to in the midst of pollution crises. In 1993, CCAEJ became an official nonprofit organization founded on this principle, and on the belief that residents not only have a right to participate in decisions that directly affect them, but also a responsibility to provide solutions to clean up their environment and health.



Today, our work in the Inland Valley continues to serve as a model for others across California and even the nation. As California's population continues to grow, our efforts to protect the environmental health of its communities becomes ever more relevant. CCAEJ's continued leadership is essential to ensuring a safe, habitable and sustainable California for all.

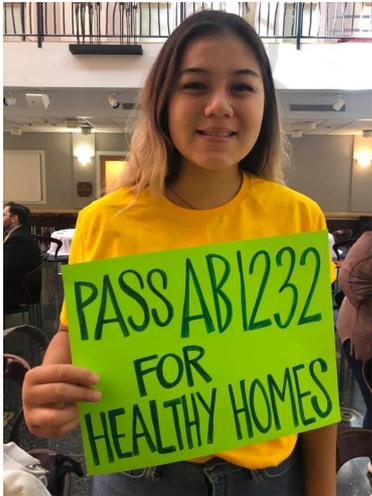
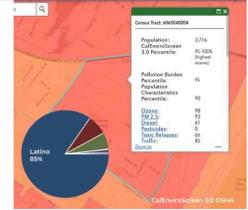
# Policy Advocacy

- Federal Advocacy
- Statewide
- Local/Regional



## The General Plan Amendment for Emerald Meadows will worsen pollution in Rubidoux!

- Building warehouses will attract more trucks, adding to existing pollution impacts.
- Working class, immigrant residents in this community live below the poverty line, making it more likely they struggle through respiratory issues



**URGENT!**  
CALL/EMAIL your Riverside City Councilmember to pass an eviction moratorium with **RENT FORGIVENESS!**

Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	
 Erin Edwards	 Andy Melendrez	 Ronaldo Fierro	
Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7
 Chuck Conder	 Gaby Plascencia	 Jim Perry	 Steve Hemenway

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a resident of Riverside calling to urge the City Council to pass an Eviction Moratorium. I also urge the council to implement a policy on rent and mortgage forgiveness! The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted our communities and will continue to long after this crisis is over. We need our local governments to recognize this as a real threat and demand our state and federal governments to figure out a plan for forgiveness. Rent is coming up soon and we need real protections and relief that will help us through this crisis."

**Urge your local officials to hold polluters accountable!**

**START BY CONTACTING:**



**Riv County Supervisor**  
**V. Manuel Perez**  
951-955-1040  
district4@rivco.org

"With COVID-19 impacting our communities most, it is even more crucial for leaders to prioritize my family's health and our community's air. We need [NAME OF TARGET] to support a strong indirect source rule to limit air pollution from warehouses in [YOUR COMMUNITY]. Our lungs depend on your leadership!"

# Community Organizing

- Community Engagement
- Community Education
- Youth Engagement
- Leadership Development



# COVID-19 Relief Fund

CCAIEJ's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund will distribute mutual aid directly to people in areas where we organize that are experiencing the greatest need. Through the leveraging of our resources and with collective care, we can step up to support our families.

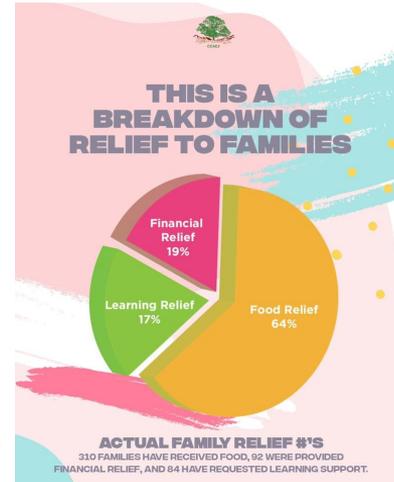


## COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

The residents and families that make up CCAIEJ thank you for donating. Your support will provide assistance to community members who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DONATE NOW!**

Venmo: @CCAIEJ



# Civic Engagement

## Census 2020



# Civic Engagement

Civic Education, Voter Outreach and more!



JOIN US FOR A  
**MEET & GREET**  
of Inland Empire's Newly Elected and  
Re-Elected Representatives



Eastvale Councilwoman  
Jocelyn Yow



CVUSD Board Member  
Neftali Galarza

The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice  
invites you to join a non-partisan effort to

## #GOTV!

Jurupa Valley Community Canvass

Saturday November 3, 2018  
10 am-2 pm  
3840 Sunnyhill Drive  
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509



Free Food &



Refreshments



Help us **Get Out the Vote** by  
walking door-to-door to speak  
to voters about the upcoming  
November 6 election.

To volunteer, contact Italo Garcia at (951) 360-8451 or [Italo.g@ccaej.org](mailto:Italo.g@ccaej.org)





# Thank you!

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# Environmental Justice Community Partnership

## Program Update

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# Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP)

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## Overview:

- Advisory Council Meetings
- Environmental Justice Advisory Group
- Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Task Force Meetings
- Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (C.A.P.E.S.)
- Annual Environmental Justice Conference
- Annual Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour
- Continued community engagement throughout all four counties
- Continued engagement with EJ Stakeholders nationally



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# EJCP Advisory Council

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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. Members advise and assist South Coast AQMD staff on the development and implementation of EJCP programs.

## Participating Members Represent:

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

## 2020 Meeting Dates

<b>Wednesday March 4, 2020</b>
<b>Wednesday June 3, 2020</b>
<b>Wednesday September 2, 2020</b>
<b>Wednesday December 2, 2020</b>



# Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG)

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The mission of EJAG is to advise and assist South Coast AQMD in protecting and improving public health in the most impacted communities through the reduction and prevention of air pollution.

## Participating Members Represent:

- Academia
- Health Professionals
- EJ/Community Members
- Labor
- Non-Profit
- Union
- Community Stakeholders

## 2020 Meeting Dates

Friday, January 24, 2020

Friday, April 24, 2020

Friday, August 21, 2020

Friday, October 23, 2020

# Inter-Agency Task Force

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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:

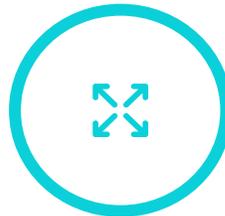
- Environmental Justice Leaders
- Executives from Multiple Federal, State and Local Government Agencies

## 2020 Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, February 12, 2020
- Wednesday, May 13, 2020
- Wednesday, August 12, 2020
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020



# Inter-Agency Task Force Goals



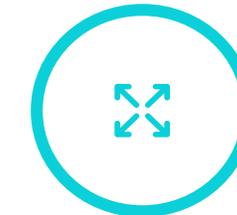
**Implement an environmental agency staff training**



**Create and distribute a list of resources and programs available to the community**



**Expand and distribute a public inter-agency referral directory**



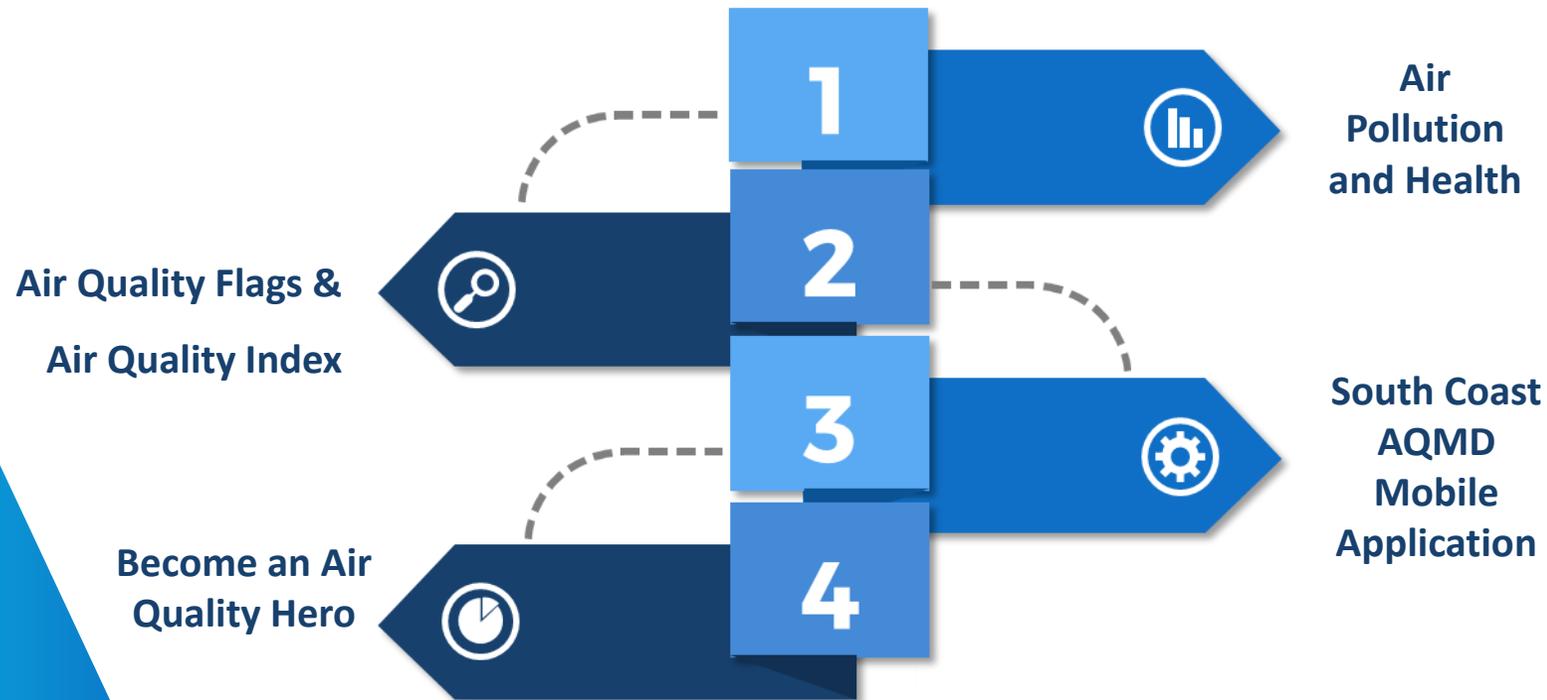
**Partner with LA County Public Works to add additional services on their online service locator**



**Create an internal inter-agency staff directory**

# Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (C.A.P.E.S.)

The C.A.P.E.S. program educates elementary school students on air pollution and how they can do their part to protect the environment.



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

A New Era of Environmental Justice - Our Community Survival

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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## Platforms: Zoom & WHOVA

- AB 617 Finding Success in Community Partnerships and Paving a Path Together
- Youth United to Change the World
- Hearing the Voice of Health Professionals- The Future of America
- Women in the Environmental Justice Movement
- A Closer Look - Tribal Nations on the Frontlines

## Plenary Session:

- Black Lives Matters - Race and Environmental Justice



# Environmental Justice Student Bus Tour

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

## 2020 Virtual Bus Tour - San Bernardino County

Location: San Bernardino County

Partnerships: San Bernardino Valley College and Community Leaders

Tour: Virtual live bus tour using Google Earth and voices of community members



# Environmental Justice Efforts

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Continued staff engagement with Environmental Justice Organizations and leaders throughout the region.  
National EJ Stakeholders Conference Committee/Rep. Raul Grijalva

## Examples of Other Efforts at South Coast AQMD:

- AB 617
- Young Leaders Advisory Council
- Why Healthy Air Matters Program



# To Report Air Quality Concerns in Your Area

## Call 1-800-CUT-SMOG

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# QUESTIONS

## DO ONE THING FOR CLEAN AIR

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### A ONE-STOP APP FOR

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- Report a Complaint
- Alternative Fuel Locations
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### LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>AQIP</b> = Air Quality Investment Program	<b>NTTS</b> = National Air Toxics Trends Stations
<b>AVR</b> = Average Vehicle Ridership	<b>NESHAPS</b> = National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
<b>Cal/EPA</b> = California Environmental Protection Agency	<b>NGV</b> = Natural Gas Vehicle
<b>CARB</b> = California Air Resources Board	<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b> = Oxides of Nitrogen
<b>CEMS</b> = Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems	<b>NSPS</b> = New Source Performance Standards
<b>CEQA</b> = California Environmental Quality Act	<b>NSR</b> = New Source Review
<b>CE-CERT</b> = College of Engineering-Center for Environmental Research and Technology	<b>PAMS</b> = Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations
<b>CNG</b> = Compressed Natural Gas	<b>PAR</b> = Proposed Amended Rule
<b>CO</b> = Carbon Monoxide	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b> = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns
<b>CTG</b> = Control Techniques Guideline	<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b> = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns
<b>DERA</b> = Diesel Emissions Reduction Act	<b>PR</b> = Proposed Rule
<b>EV</b> = Electric Vehicle	<b>RFP</b> = Request for Proposals
<b>FY</b> = Fiscal Year	<b>RFQ</b> = Request for Quotations
<b>GHG</b> = Greenhouse Gas	<b>SCAG</b> = Southern California Association of Governments
<b>HRA</b> = Health Risk Assessment	<b>SIP</b> = State Implementation Plan
<b>IAIC</b> = Interagency AQMP Implementation Committee	<b>SO<sub>x</sub></b> = Oxides of Sulfur
<b>IGA</b> = Intergovernmental Affairs	<b>SULEV</b> = Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
<b>LEV</b> = Low Emission Vehicle	<b>TCM</b> = Transportation Control Measure
<b>LNG</b> = Liquefied Natural Gas	<b>ULEV</b> = Ultra Low Emission Vehicle
<b>MATES</b> = Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study	<b>U.S. EPA</b> = United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>MOU</b> = Memorandum of Understanding	<b>VMT</b> = Vehicle Miles Traveled
<b>MSERCs</b> = Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credits	<b>VOC</b> = Volatile Organic Compound
<b>MSRC</b> = Mobile Source (Air Pollution Reduction) Review Committee	<b>ZEV</b> = Zero Emission