

2021 Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) Goals, Objectives and Action Plan

EJAG bylaws require that for each calendar year, EJAG establish goals and objectives, and an action plan to achieve those goals and objectives. These shall strictly adhere to the District’s Environmental Justice (EJ) Strategy. Pursuant to the EJAG bylaws, the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) shall have the final authority on approving or revising the EJAG’s goals and objectives and the action plan.

This action plan will guide EJAG’s efforts to assist the District with respect to the implementation of the District’s Environmental Justice Mission:

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, a public-health agency protecting the health of all San Joaquin Valley residents, is committed to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of air pollution control laws, regulations and policies. The District will continue to incorporate Environmental Justice principles in its decision-making processes, programs, permitting, and rule making, as well as provide timely and complete access to information.

The following goals, objectives, and action plan are based on the proposal prepared by the EJAG while incorporating APCO revisions:

Goal/Objective 1: Work collaboratively to maintain a strong working relationship with the CAC.

Action Item	Who’s Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Encourage EJAG representation at CAC monthly meetings	EJAG Chair	On-going	Assign or seek volunteers to attend CAC meetings

Goal/Objective 2: Work with the District to ensure specific public documents created by the District are culturally sensitive and reflect EJ principles.

Action Item	Who’s Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Review documents as selected or recommended by staff and/or EJAG members, including Spanish translated documents (outreach materials, etc.)	EJAG Members / District	At least annually and as needed	Revised or approved documents

Goal/Objective 3: Increase public participation in the efforts of EJAG.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Solicit input from community members and collaborate with community organizations/entities on specific goals/issues/concerns & respond in a timely and appropriate manner.	EJAG Members	On-going	Documented input from community members. Each EJAG member will bring a short summary of responses from specific events where appropriate
Assist the District with community events & utilization of Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) in EJ communities <i>i.e.:Drive Clean in the San Joaquin, Business gatherings</i>	EJAG Members / District	On-going	Send out flyers, make calls

Goal/Objective 4: Work with the District to secure grants for public education and build capacity through the Valley's EJ communities to execute or administer emission reduction projects.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Help secure grants for public education	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Identify grant opportunities Help prepare grant applications Provide letters of support
Help secure grants for clean air projects in Environmental Justice communities	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Identify grant opportunities Help prepare grant applications Provide letters of support

Goal/Objective 5: Work with the District, other EJ advocates throughout the state, and Valley businesses and municipalities to advocate for the Valley's fair share of state Cap and Trade funds.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Work to direct the state's Cap and Trade spending plan and expenditure policies to benefit the Valley's disadvantaged communities	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Participate in meetings, workshops, hearings, and events relating to the establishment of the state's Cap and Trade spending plan and development of policies regarding Cap and Trade expenditures. Support Letters Comment Letters

Goal/Objective 6: Work with the District to enhance the effectiveness of emission reduction incentive programs in EJ communities in San Joaquin Valley.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Burn Cleaner Program	EJAG Members	On-going	Review current expenditures in disadvantaged communities Present recommendations concerning the outreach and/or program design to enhance disadvantage communities participation, if necessary
Drive Clean in the San Joaquin	EJAG Members	On-going	Assist with outreach to disadvantaged communities for these events
Bicycle lanes and infrastructure	EJAG Members	On-going	Assist in conducting outreach in disadvantaged communities for projects that promote bicycle use

Recommendations for the District to consider in developing the annual spending plan for grants. In appointing members to the ad hoc subcommittee, it is preferred that membership be rotated annually to the extent feasible.	EJAG Members	Annually	EJAG Grant Recommendations
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Goal/Objective 7: The EJAG will continue to be informed and updated regarding air quality and climate legislation and regulation as appropriate and ensure that EJ communities' concerns are taken into account.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Receive presentations from ARB and/or District staff air quality and climate legislation and regulation	ARB / District	On-going	Presentations made
Review and assess potential impacts of climate and air quality legislation and regulation on EJ communities	EJAG Members	On-going	Develop draft comments
Present comments the Governing Board for approval	EJAG Members	On-going	Written comments concerning ARB actions Present formal written or verbal comments to ARB upon approval of the Governing Board

Goal/Objective 8: The EJAG will continue to encourage consistency and improve attendance at EJAG meetings.

Action Item	Who's Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Actively recruit community members to apply for the seats	EJAG Members / District	On-going / As needed	All seats filled and attendance robust

Goal/Objective 9: Work with the District to enhance the effectiveness of the District’s AB 617 Program.

Action Item	Who’s Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Receive updates from the District	District	On-going	Presentations made
Work to assist the District in securing the necessary incentive funding to support AB 617 efforts to advance clean air efforts in Environmental Justice communities	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Verbal and written comments as needed and appropriate
Assist the District in create and conducting outreach in AB 617 communities	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Verbal and written comments as needed and appropriate

Goal/Objective 10: Work with the District to provide advice and guidance with respect to the implementation of the Environmental Justice Strategy to ensure environmental justice principles are integrated in District efforts.

Action Item	Who’s Responsible?	Timeline	Deliverables
Work with the District to provide advice on future enhancements to the District’s Environmental Justice Strategy	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Suggested enhancements for District’s Environmental Justice Strategy
Assist in training to increase environmental justice awareness and understanding of District staff members and EJAG members	EJAG Members	On-going / As needed	Training recommendations