Environmental Justice

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Environmental Justice is defined in statute as, "The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies."

Government Code Section 65040.12
Federal Executive Order 12898

- Directs federal agencies to identify and address the disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their actions on minority and low-income populations.
- Directs each agency to develop a strategy for implementing environmental justice.
- Provide minority and low-income communities access to public information and public participation.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity that receives federal funds or other federal financial assistance.
California Global Warming Solutions Act

AB 32 convened the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC).

- Integrate EJ
- Work with air districts and stakeholders
- Training
- Annual status report
- Air monitoring studies
Other State Environmental Justice Legislation

- AB 1071
- SB 350
- SB 535
- AB 1550
- SB 1383
- AB 197
- AB 617

AB 617

- Historical focus on regional air quality
- Significant improvement, but disproportionate burdens remain
- Need for community-level focus
- Address cumulative exposure

![Graph showing the comparison between EJ Communities and Non-EJ Communities for diesel PM2.5 from 1990 to 2015. The graph indicates a decrease in PM2.5 levels over time for both categories, with EJ Communities showing a slightly more pronounced decrease by 2015.](Image)
Integrate EJ
Leverage resources
Increase transparency
Emissions reductions

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