

Environmental Justice & Tribal Affairs Program

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Environmental Justice (EJ)

The principles of environmental justice call for fairness, regardless of race, color, national origin or income, in the development of laws and regulations that affect every community's natural surroundings, and the places people live, work, play and learn.

Tribal Affairs

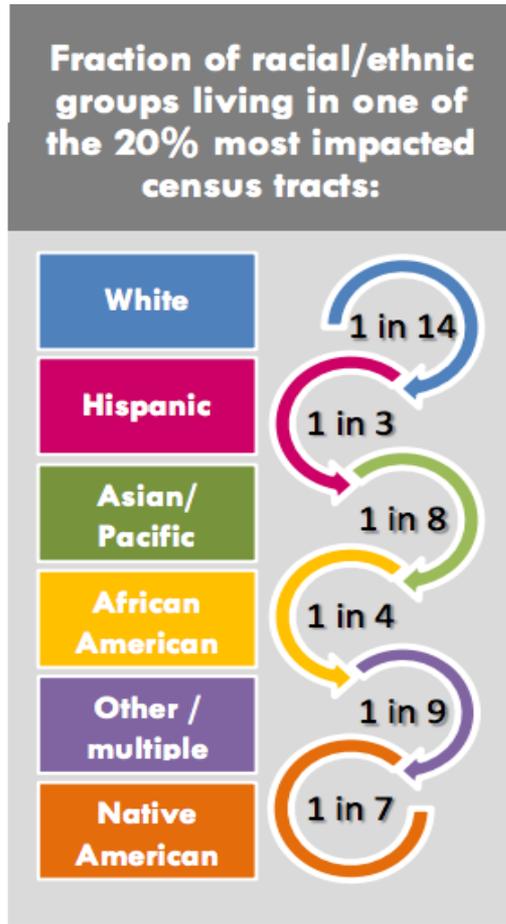
California Tribal communities are unique stakeholders.

Tribal communities are the original inhabitants of California and have a special relationship with both the federal and state governments.

Tribes are distinctly different from each other in culture and government structure.



EJ and Tribal Communities in CA



- Latinos and African Americans disproportionately reside in highly impacted communities while other groups tend to reside disproportionately in less impacted communities.
- The fraction of different racial/ethnic groups living in one of the 20 percent most impacted communities are lowest for White Californians, and highest for Latino Californians, closely followed by African American Californians.

EJ & Tribal Affairs are a Department Priority and Responsibility of Everyone

- **Environmental Justice**

- Emphasize early, frequent & ongoing engagement
- Identify hidden biases, inequities
- Multi-media problem solving
- Use of screening tools and enhanced reviews

- **Tribal Affairs**

- CalEPA Tribal Advisory Committee
- Compliance with AB 52 requirements
- Development of DTSC's Tribal Consultation Policy and Plan

Enforcement

- **Enforcement in Vulnerable Communities**
 - CalEPA EJ Enforcement Initiative
 - IVAN and Community-Based Enforcement
 - Metal Recyclers and HW Transporters
- **Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs)**
 - Project that benefits environment or public health beyond compliance with environmental laws
 - Preference to community nexus and EJ
 - Up to 50% of enforcement settlement

Public Participation

- UC Davis (UCD) Extension Collaborative Center is developing recommendations for, and assisting with implementation of, an enhanced public engagement strategy, particularly in communities where there are multiple sources of pollution and residents are most vulnerable.



Permitting

- **Permitting Enhancement Workplan**
 - **Goal 8: Identify and Address EJ Concerns Early in the Permitting Process**
 - Develop enhanced review procedure to include a list of potential health concerns and mitigation measures.
- **Draft Violation Scoring Procedure**
 - Compliance history review in permitting decision

Safer Consumer Products

- Presentation today by
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Safer Products and Workplaces

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