

COUNTY OF MONTEREY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #1 **Note: Poll Questions are Closed**

July 2023



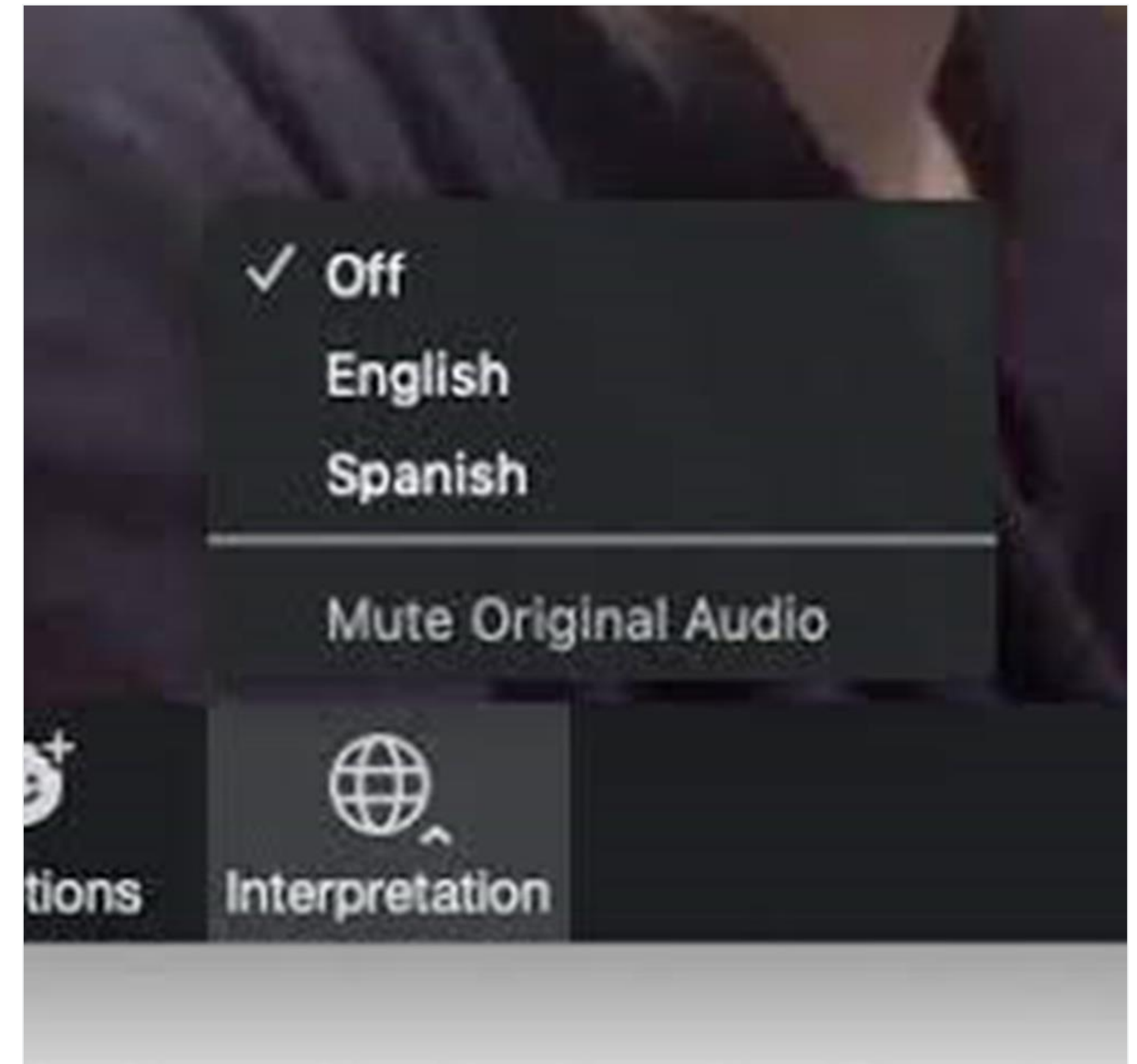
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PLANNING TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

PROJECT LEAD

Monterey County
Housing and
Community
Development
Department

PROJECT CONSULTANT

Harris &
Associates

PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

Community
Advisory
Committee
and
General Public

PROJECT REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Planning
Commission
and
Board of
Supervisors

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Environmental Justice
- Areas Affected
- Statutory Requirements
- Environmental Justice Element
- Committee Purpose and Roles
- Community Engagement
- Timeline/Next Steps





COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS/COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATING

COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- North Monterey County League of United Latin American Citizens
- Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition
- Blue Zones Project – Monterey County
- Gateway Center of Monterey County, Inc.
- Monterey County Food Bank
- Lideres Campesinas
- ACTION Council

COMMUNITIES

- Pajaro
- San Ardo
- Castroville
- Moss Landing
- San Lucas
- Chualar
- Boronda
- Bradley
- Pine Canyon
- Lockwood
- Las Lomas

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What does environmental justice mean to you?



WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

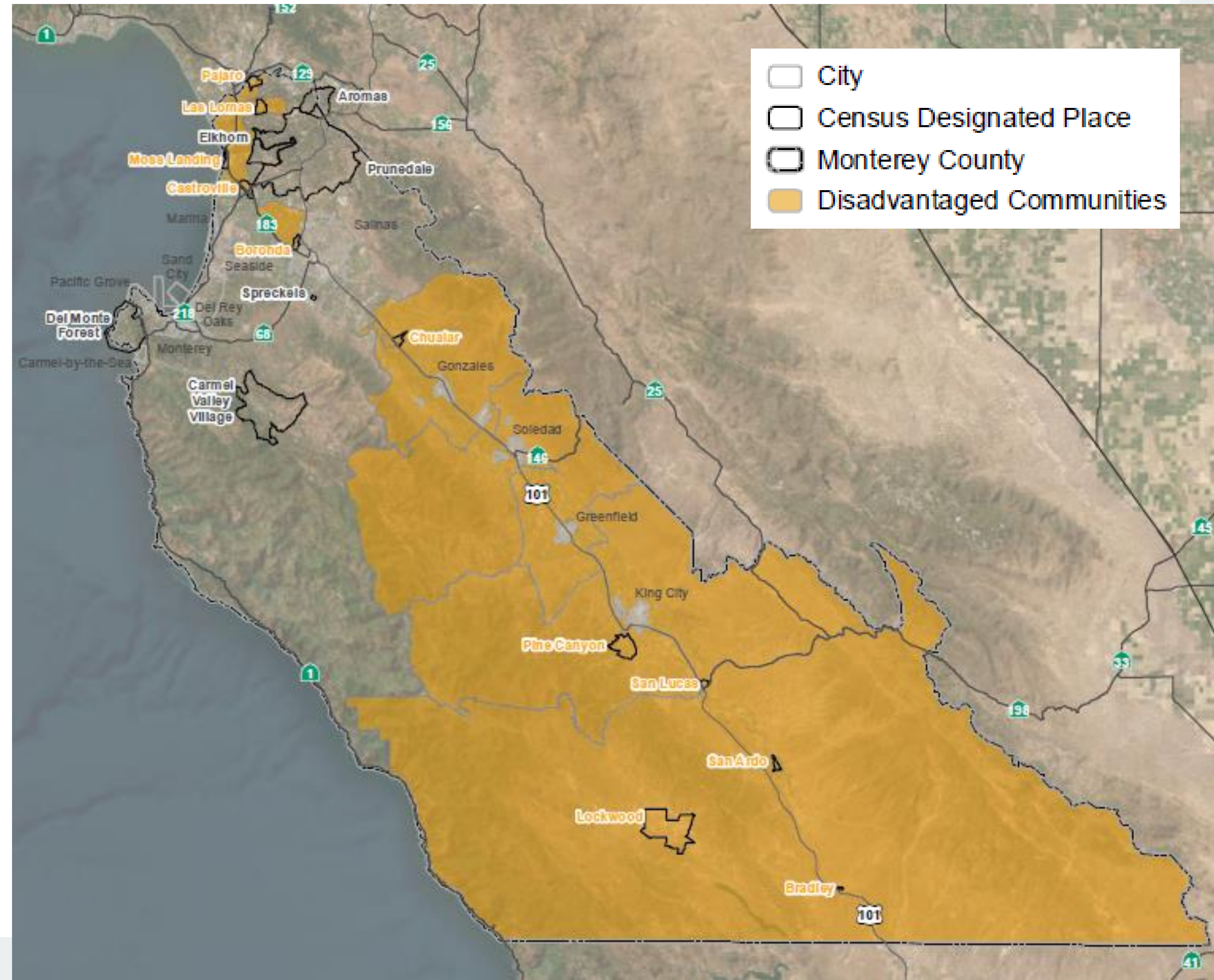
Environmental Justice is defined in California Law as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.



STATE DEFINED "DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES" IN MONTEREY COUNTY

34 census tracts including the following areas:

- Boronda
- Bradley
- Castroville
- Chualar
- Las Lomas
- Lockwood
- Moss Landing
- Pajaro
- Pine Canyon
- San Ardo
- San Lucas
- Other unincorporated county areas





PREFERRED TERM FOR AREAS AFFECTED

Disadvantaged
communities
(DACs)

Frontline
Communities

Environmental
Justice
Communities

Disproportionately
Burdened
Communities

Overburdened
Communities

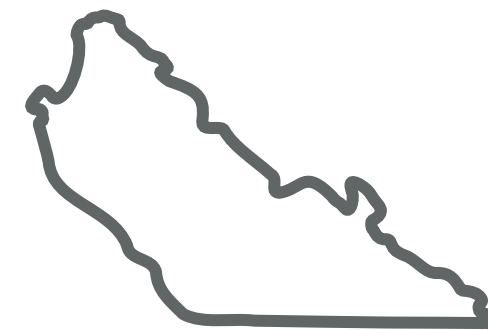
Other?



STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Senate Bill (SB) 1000 requires jurisdictions to identify DACs and incorporate environmental justice policies into the General Plan upon adoption of two or more Elements concurrently on or after January 1, 2018

SB 1000 has seven primary objectives



Prioritize the Needs of Our "Disadvantaged" Communities



Promote Civic Engagement



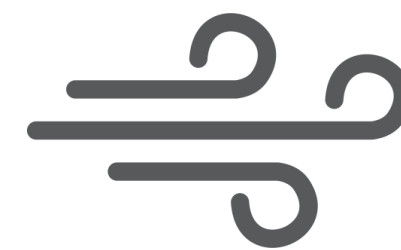
Improve Access to Public Facilities



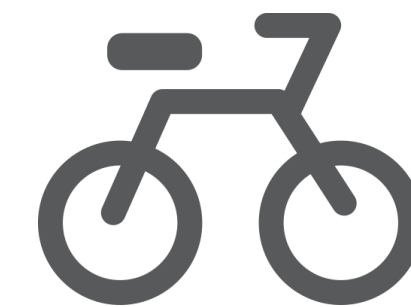
Promote Food Access



Promote Safe and Sanitary Housing



Reduce Pollution Exposure



Promote Physical Activity

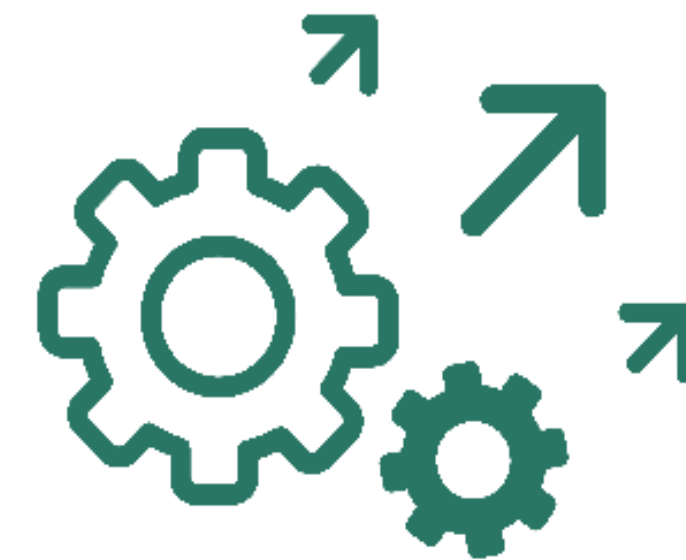
WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT?



Reduce unique or compounded health risks in DACs



Promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process



Prioritize improvements and programs in DACs



EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT TOPIC AREAS



Pollution exposure



Access to public facilities and services



Access to healthy food



Access to physical activity and recreational opportunities



Access to safe and sanitary homes



Exposure to unique or compounded health risks (i.e., climate change)



PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE EJCAC

1

Input on community engagement and the survey

2

Serve as liaisons between the Planning Team and communities, provide ideas/considerations for community engagement

3

Review results of the Existing Conditions Report, provide input/local knowledge on environmental justice in Monterey County

4

Input on the draft Environmental Justice goals and policies



ROLES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE EJCAC:

Provide feedback and make recommendations on draft materials

Meet four times to identify and review existing conditions and feasible policy and/or strategy recommendations

Provide feedback on objectives and policies and recommend additional policies and strategies that address inequities, if necessary

Liaise with community and/or organization members

Identify constraints to implement selected policies and strategies

May be removed from the EJCAC if disrupting the meeting

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Please rank the topic areas that are required for Environmental Justice Element:

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What other environmental justice topic areas should be addressed in the Element? (What is missing?)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION



What term do you prefer to describe what the state defines as "disadvantaged communities" (DACs)?



COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY



- Mixteco Bajo/Alto
- Triqui Bajo/Alto
- Zapoteco Alto
- Chatino
- Amuzgo
- Purepecha/Tarascan
- Tlapaneco



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How can the County best engage community members who do not traditionally participate in planning processes?

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**How long did it take you to complete the survey
(in minutes)?**



Overall, was the Community Survey easy to understand?

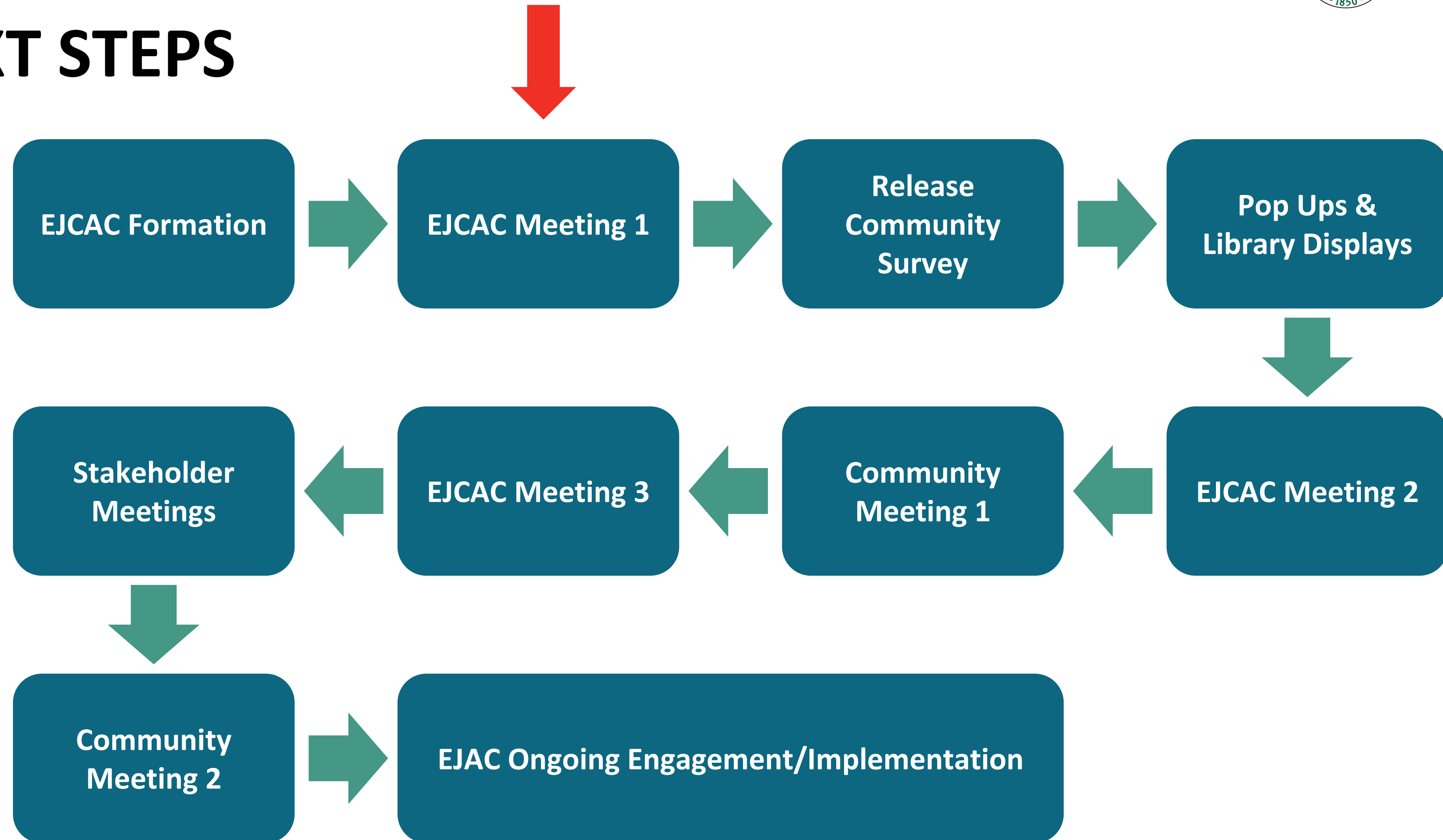
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How could the survey be improved to make it more accessible to the community?



NEXT STEPS





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Announcements

Development Services

Planning Services

Permit Center

GIS / Maps

About Us



Current Planning

- General Information
- Getting Started
- Condition Compliance
- Land Use Regulations
- Committees, Hearings & Agendas

Advance Planning

- Ordinances & Plans Under Development
- General Plan Elements Updates

Community Development Project & Program Financing

- Urban County - Community Development Block Grants
- Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant
- Local Housing Trust Fund
- Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)
- Planning Grant Program
- Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP)
- Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program

Housing Programs

- Housing Related Reports & Studies
- Housing Advisory Committee
- Affordable Housing Programs
- Housing Element
- Inclusionary Housing Waitlist Sign up



<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/GeneralPlanUpdates>

THANK YOU



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