

**SUMMARY OF BOARD ITEM**

**ITEM # 03-1-4:** Status Report on the Implementation of Environmental Justice Policies and Actions

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Informational Item

**DISCUSSION:** On December 13, 2001, the Board approved the Environmental Justice Policies and Actions (Policies). These Policies established a framework for incorporating environmental justice into the ARB's programs consistent with the directives of State law. Associated with each of the Policies are a number of action items.

Since the last update to the Board in June 2002, the ARB staff has moved forward with the implementation of the Policies. The major focus over the last six months was the Complaint Resolution Protocol and the Public Participation Guidebook. These items were specifically requested by environmental justice community groups to promote the timely resolution of air pollution complaints and to aid community members in more fully participating in air pollution decision-making. The focus of the current year is to develop protocols for modeling air pollution impacts at the neighborhood level and to provide local agencies with information to help them incorporate environmental justice into local land-use decision-making process.

**SUMMARY AND IMPACTS:** This item will update the Board on the staff accomplishments and ongoing activities related to the Environmental Justice Policies and Actions during the last six months, and present the anticipated activities for the next year.

