

SUMMARY OF BOARD ITEM

ITEM # 03-4-6: Status Report on the Development of Technical Information to Support the Air Resources Board's Environmental Justice Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Informational Item

DISCUSSION: During the January 2003 Board Meeting, the Board requested a status report on the progress being made to identify and address technical issues related to the implementation of the environmental justice program.

The Policies and Actions for Environmental Justice, approved by the Board in December 2001, contained a commitment to develop technical information and tools to assist agencies and others in addressing environmental justice issues. The focus of this effort is to improve our understanding of the cumulative emissions, exposures, and health risks in California communities. ARB staff is actively working to develop technical tools and identify new sources of information to ensure that local government agencies and the general public have the information necessary to assess air quality impacts in their communities. We are working with the EJ Stakeholders group and CAPCOA as we develop and refine these tools.

SUMMARY AND IMPACTS: This status report will update the Board on the development of technical information to support the Air Resources Board's Environmental Justice Program.

