

Environmental Justice Program: Evaluation and Recommendations

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Background

- **Dr. Lloyd identified EJ as a priority**
- **Partnership between ARB and the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation**
- **Recommended by Latino Caucus**
- **Purpose: Evaluate ARB's EJ Program**

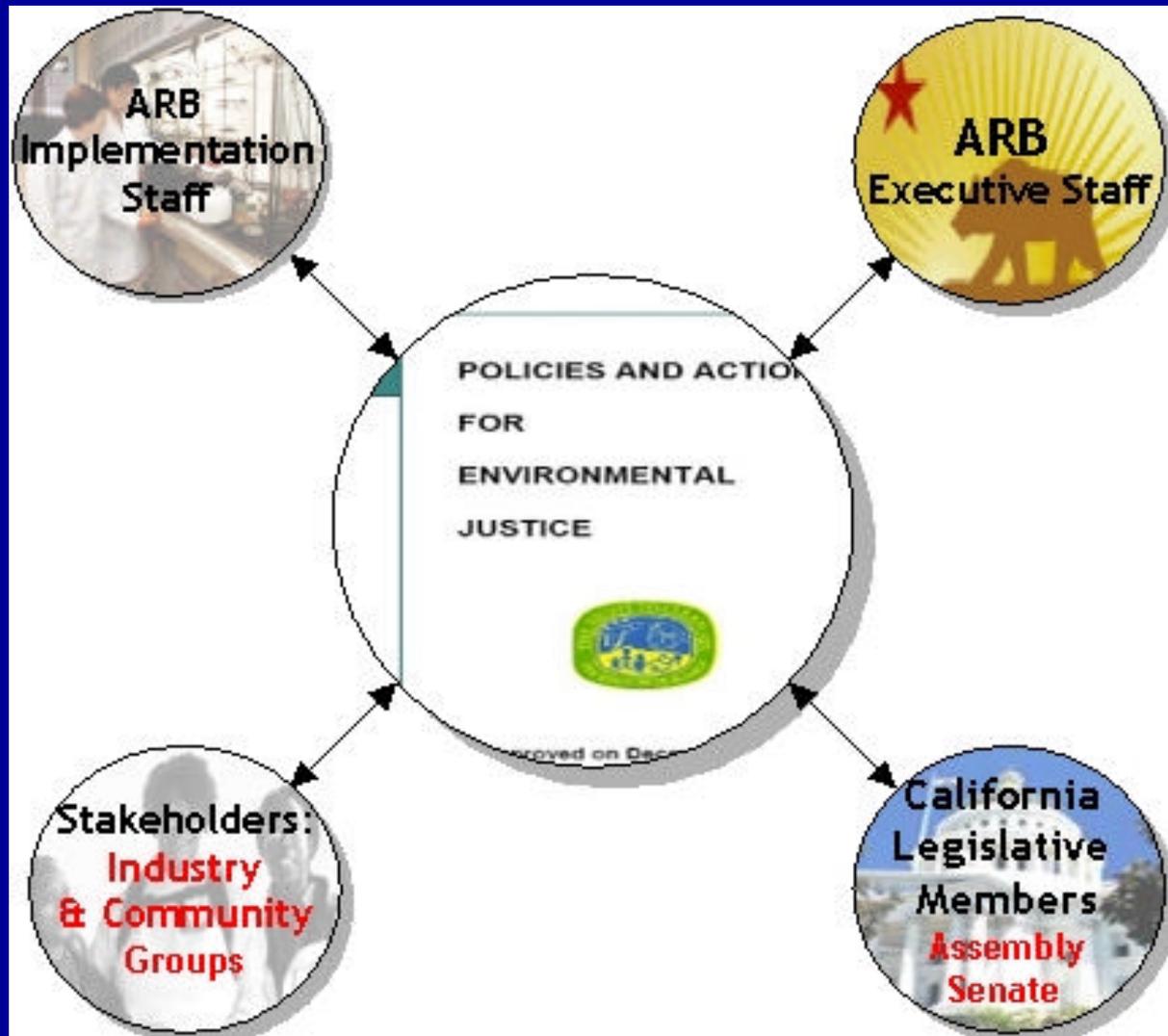
Status of EJ Program

- **ARB's effort has far surpassed any other state agency's effort**
- **ARB is moving in the right direction and is proactive**

Approach Taken

- **Developed a 10-Question Survey**
- **Conducted Interviews of Constituencies**
- **Focused on Five Main Themes based on ARB Policies III, IV, V, and VII**

Evaluation Structure



Summary of Responses

- **ARB Management -- implementation on track**
- **ARB Staff -- more should be done**
- **Industry -- invest in science before acting**
- **State/Local Agencies -- will stay involved**
- **Communities -- no results “on-the-ground”**

Overview of Findings

- **Current efforts focus on avoiding EJ problems from recurring in the future**
- **Attention is also needed to address existing EJ problems**
- **Parallel tracks with clear short- and long-term goals**

Recommendations

- **Ensure that managerial and technical employees undergo training to raise awareness on EJ issues**
- **Work proactively with the air districts to create a facilities permit database for CHAPIS**
- **Initiate a grant program to provide technical assistance and resources necessary to enhance community participation**

Recommendations (Cont'd)

- **Evaluate community - level health and air quality data to develop a Permitting Guidance Manual for local agencies**
- **Develop an outcome - oriented 5-year plan that includes specific milestones for the EJ action items adopted.**

Conclusions

- A sincere effort is being made, but the pace of progress can be increased
- To address both existing and future EJ problems, parallel tracks need to be established with clear short- and long-term milestones.