



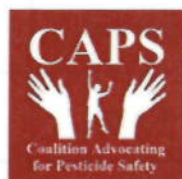
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San Joaquin Valley's AB 617 Environmental Justice Steering Committee

First-Round Community Nominations

Abridged Report, June 27th, 2018



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In February of 2018, the San Joaquin Valley Environmental Justice Collaborative - comprised of the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, the Central California Environmental Justice Network, and the Central California Asthma Collaborative - convened a group of Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates from across the San Joaquin Valley to discuss the passing of Assembly Bill 617.

With the agreed upon goal of increasing coordination and consultation among EJ partners in the Valley around the development of AB 617 programs, the group formed the "San Joaquin Valley AB 617 EJ Steering Committee." The group meets regularly and is governed by consensus.

In advance of October 1st, the Committee developed a Community Nominations report to help inform CARB's selection of AB 617 communities. This document is an abridged version.

San Joaquin Valley EJ Steering Committee	
Acronym	Environmental Justice Organization
Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities – Diocese of Stockton
CVAQ	Central Valley Air Quality Coalition
VIP	Valley Improvement Project
CCAC	Central California Asthma Collaborative
LCJA	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
CBDIO	Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño
Madera Coalition	Madera Coalition for Community Justice
Valley LEAP	Valley Latino Environmental Advancement Project
CPR	Californians for Pesticide Reform
Greenaction	Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
TC-CAPS	Tulare County – Coalition Advocating for Pesticide Safety
El Pueblo	El Pueblo para el Aire y Agua Limpia de Kettleman City
CCEJN	Central California Environmental Justice Network
CRPE	Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment

Scoring Criteria

To nominate communities in the San Joaquin Valley for AB 617 purposes, the Valley's EJ Steering Committee started with a list of environmental justice communities that have been historically organized. These include most (but not all) communities in the Valley that (1) have been overburdened with multiple sources of pollution, and (2) have developed a base of active residents and community advocates.

After compiling a list of historical EJ communities, the Steering Committee set out to prioritize the list. Communities were separated into three main categories: urban, rural and oil & gas. The Steering Committee wanted to ensure each type of Valley community, and their specific needs, was addressed in the 617 program.

Next, the most overburdened communities within each category were prioritized using unique scoring criteria. The urban criteria focused on measures of industrial pollution, the rural criteria focused on pesticides and animal agriculture, and the oil & gas criteria focused on toxics and proximity to active oil wells.

All communities were ranked by cumulative levels of pollution, historical community organizing, and population characteristics including asthma rates, poverty, low birth weight and linguistic isolation.

RURAL SCORING CRITERIA

Scoring Criteria	Ratio	CalEnviroScreen Indicators Used	
CalEnviroScreen Indicators	50%	Pollution (50%)	Population (50%)
Cuml. Pollution	15%	Ozone, PM2.5, Pesticides and Toxic Releases	Asthma, Linguistic Isolation, Low Birth Weight and Poverty
Proximity to Dairies	15%		
Historical Community Organizing	20%		

URBAN SCORING CRITERIA

Scoring Criteria	Ratio	CalEnviroScreen Indicators Used	
CalEnviroScreen Indicators	50%	Pollution (50%)	Population (50%)
Cuml. Pollution	30%	Ozone, PM2.5, Traffic, Diesel, Toxic Releases, Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste	Asthma, Cardiovascular Rate, Low Birth Weight, Poverty and Linguistic Isolation
Historical Community Organizing	20%		

OIL & GAS SCORING CRITERIA

Scoring Criteria	Ratio	CalEnviroScreen Indicators Used	
CalEnviroScreen Indicators	50%	Pollution (50%)	Population (50%)
Cuml. Pollution	15%	Ozone, PM2.5, Pesticides and Toxic Releases	Asthma, Linguistic Isolation, Low Birth Weight and Poverty
Proximity to Active Oil Fields	15%		
Historical Community Organizing	20%		

Prioritized List of Communities (Abbreviated)

	Urban	Rural	Oil & Gas
1	South-Central Fresno <i>Fresno County</i>	Shafter <i>Kern County</i>	
2	South Madera <i>Madera County</i>	Matheny Tract <i>Tulare County</i>	Lamont <i>Kern County</i>
3	Port of Stockton <i>San Joaquin County</i>	Lamont <i>Kern County</i>	Lost Hills (tie) <i>Kern County</i>
			Kettleman City (tie) <i>Kings County</i>
4	Kettleman City (tie) <i>Kings County</i>	Lanare <i>Fresno County</i>	Arvin <i>Kern County</i>
	South Merced (tie) <i>Merced County</i>		
5	Southwest Modesto <i>Stanislaus County</i>	Delhi <i>Merced County</i>	Buttonwillow <i>Kern County</i>