Building Healthy, Equitable, and Resilient Communities

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Background

- OPR was completing a comprehensive update of 2003 guidelines
- Had extensive updates on health, equity, community engagement and environmental justice
- SB 1000 passed
(h) (1) An environmental justice element, or related goals, policies, and objectives integrated in other elements, that identifies disadvantaged communities within the area covered by the general plan of the city, county, or city and county, if the city, county, or city and county has a disadvantaged community.
The environmental justice element, or related environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives integrated in other elements, shall do all of the following:

(A) Identify objectives and policies to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities by means that include, but are not limited to:

- the reduction of pollution exposure, including the improvement of air quality
- the promotion of public facilities
- food access
- safe and sanitary homes
- physical activity
The environmental justice element, or related environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives integrated in other elements, shall do all of the following:

(B) Identify objectives and policies to promote civil engagement in the public decision making process

(C) Identify objectives and policies that prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.
(2) A city, county, or city and county subject to this subdivision shall adopt or review the environmental justice element, or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements, upon the adoption or next revision of two or more elements concurrently on or after January 1, 2018.

(3) By adding this subdivision, the Legislature does not intend to require a city, county, or city and county to take any action prohibited by the United States Constitution or the California Constitution.
Definitions

(4) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall apply:

(A) “Disadvantaged communities” means an area identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code or an area that is a low-income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation.
Definitions

(B) “Public facilities” includes public improvements, public services, and community amenities, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 66000.

(C) “Low-income area” means an area with household incomes at or below 80 percent of the statewide median income or with household incomes at or below the threshold designated as low income by the Department of Housing and Community Development’s list of state income limits adopted pursuant to Section 50093.
Statewide Input

- Analysis- Does this apply to my jurisdiction?
  - Definitional

- Existing Program Analysis

- Program and Partner Analysis

- Forthcoming additional policy language

Public comment period coming soon!
**Summary**

The Jurupa Valley Environmental Justice Element was the second General Plan Environmental Justice Element in the state, which was adopted in 2004 for the then-city of Jurupa Valley. Prior to incorporation in July 2017, there was a large expansion of the logistics industry under the County of Riverside, which located industrial uses in a corridor in close proximity to a number of neighborhoods. This affected the overall quality of life for many neighborhood residents and posed challenges for local residents’ health. The Element recognized the need to address and reduce the impacts of noise, congestion, and air pollution. The Element included strategies to adapt to environmental justice concerns, including the implementation of an Environmental Justice Element. The Element was intended to mitigate the impacts of future development and to provide a framework for addressing environmental justice concerns.

**Lead Agency and Partnerships**

The City of Jurupa Valley was the lead agency on the Environmental Justice Element, working in close cooperation with the County for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CAE). The Element was prepared by Civic Solutions, who serves as the City’s Planning Department. The Element was unanimously adopted by the City Council on November 6, 2014.

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**Summary**

The Southwest Fresno Specific Plan (SFSP) was initiated by the City of Fresno in 2017 and was adopted by the City Council in October 2018. The SFSP includes the 1510 block Community Plan and was developed through a robust resident and stakeholder engagement process involving dozens of community meetings, focus group sessions, steering committee meetings, workshops, and hearings. Key outcomes of the SFSP development process include a new zoning map that promotes further industrial development in the community, allowing for the inclusion of new zonings, such as the new Commercial-Industrial zone. The SFSP also includes a new community engagement plan that serves as a primary tool for enabling for meetings, both steering committee and larger community meetings, throughout the process.

**Lead Agency and Partnerships**

The City of Fresno serves as the lead agency for urban planning and community development in the City of Fresno. The City works in close cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and other agencies. The SFSP includes the new Community Improvement Plan (CIP) which outlines the City’s goals and objectives for the next five years. The CIP is a living document that is updated annually to reflect the City’s priorities and goals.