

# **Cal/EPA's Approach to Addressing Overarching Environmental Justice Gaps**

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# Public Resource Code

## Section 71113

- ▶ Cal/EPA shall develop “...an agency-wide strategy for identifying and addressing any gaps in existing programs, policies, or activities that may impede the achievement of environmental justice.”



# Integrated Two-Pathway Approach

1. **August 2004 EJ Strategy:**  
Long-term implementation
2. **October 2004 EJ Action Plan:**  
Short-term activities
  - Explore complex issues and test approaches
  - Develop guidance and tools

**Together they formed Cal/EPA integrated approach to EJ implementation**



# EJ Action Plan Activities

**EJ Pilot Projects implemented in various regions in California by:**

- ▶ Air Resources Board
- ▶ Department of Pesticide Regulation
- ▶ Department of Toxic Substances Control
- ▶ State Water Resources Control Board



# EJ Pilot Projects

- ▶ **ARB Wilmington EJ Pilot Project**
- ▶ **DPR Parlier EJ Pilot Project**
- ▶ **DTSC West Oakland EJ Pilot Project**
- ▶ **SWRCB Klamath EJ Pilot Project**



# EJ Pilot Projects

## Where To Get More Information

- ▶ **ARB Wilmington EJ Pilot Project**  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/cherrp.htm>
- ▶ **DPR Parlier EJ Pilot Project**  
[http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/envjust/pilot\\_proj/index.htm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/envjust/pilot_proj/index.htm)
- ▶ **DTSC West Oakland EJ Pilot Project**  
[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/env\\_justice\\_policies.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/env_justice_policies.cfm)
- ▶ **SWRCB Klamath River EJ Pilot Project**  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/outreach/education/justice.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/outreach/education/justice.shtml)



# EJ Action Plan Activities

- ▶ Public Participation Inventory of Activities  
[http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/ActionPlan/PhaseI/February2005/PP\\_Inventory.pdf](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/ActionPlan/PhaseI/February2005/PP_Inventory.pdf)
- ▶ Public Participation Policies



# EJ Action Plan Activities

## Key Efforts on Cumulative Impacts & Precautionary Approaches

- ▶ Develop working definitions
- ▶ Inventory methods & approaches
- ▶ Identify gaps/needs in methods & approaches to address EJ problems
- ▶ Develop guidance

**Ensure meaningful public participation  
in this process**

# The BIG Picture

- ▶ 2004 to present, BDOs conducting media specific activities to identify and address gaps.
- ▶ CIPA Process  Big Picture (EJ Strategy)
- ▶ Example – **Cumulative Impacts Guidance**
  - **Scientific Method** (OEHHA Developed Stakeholder Input Considerations) + **Policy** (BDOs and Stakeholder Input Considerations).



# Thank you

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