

Environmental Justice Element Workshop



December 19th, 2023

6:30 PM

Environmental Justice Team



March JPA

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Background: Environmental Justice (EJ)



“The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

Gov. Code Section 65040.12(e)



Background: Vulnerable Populations

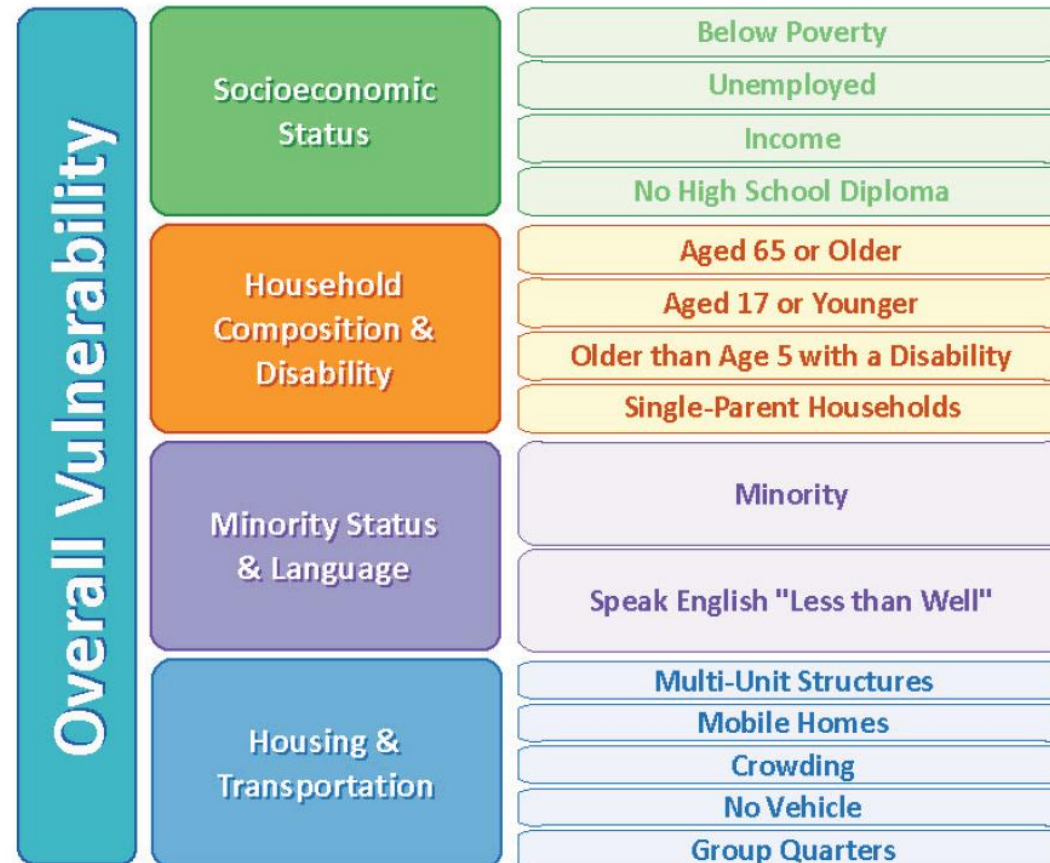


Figure 1. *Social Vulnerability Index themes and social factors*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Planning for an Emergency: Strategies for Identifying and Engaging At-Risk Groups. A guidance document for Emergency Managers: First edition. Atlanta (GA): CDC; 2015.

EJ Element Organization



Equity in...

Civic Engagement



Availability and accessibility of information, opportunities to participate, access to ballot boxes and polling places

Health Risk Reduction



Pollution exposure, food access, safe and sanitary homes, physical activity

Public Facilities



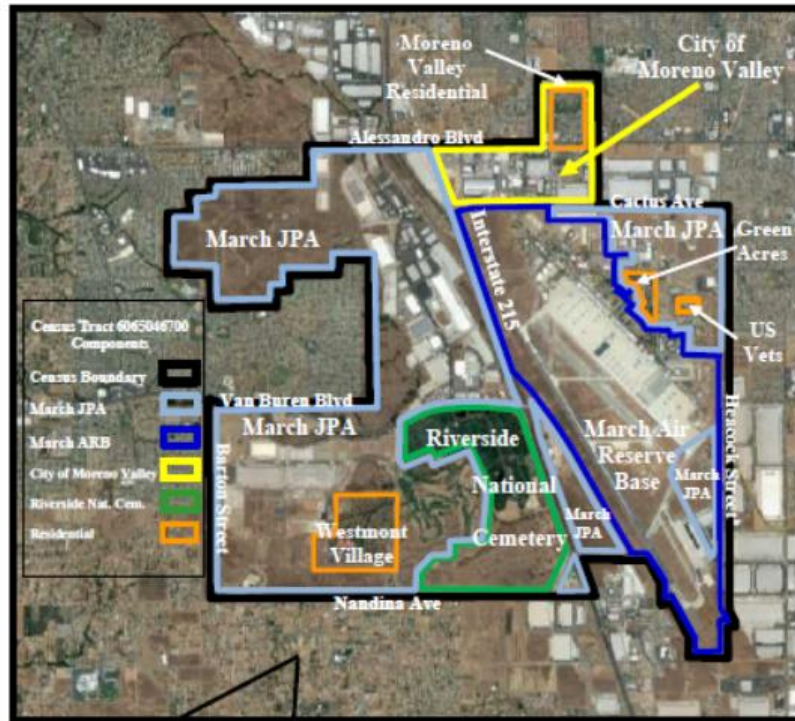
Access to public facilities, health care facilities, public transit, employment centers, services, quality schools and child care

Other



Policies that do not relate to civic engagement, health risk reduction, and public facilities

Impacted Communities



Census Tract 6065046700

- CalEnviroScreen Census Tracts with score of 75 or higher
- Census Tracts at or below the statewide median income
- Census Tracts at or below HCD's state income limits

March JPA Land Use Authority



- March JPA's land use authority reverts back to the County on July 1, 2025, in accordance with 14th amendment to the March Joint Powers Agreement
- March JPA planning area will be recognized as territory within the County of Riverside and subject to the County Environmental Justice policies

Draft Environmental Justice Element



- Draft March JPA Environmental Justice Element based on Riverside Counties (approved by County 9/21/21).
- County EJ Policies: 77. March JPA EJ Policies: 77
- Asterisks implemented by Developers. Non asterisk items implemented by March JPA.

Project Schedule – Additional Participation



- November 2023: Draft Environmental Justice Element
- December 19, 2023: Draft Environmental Justice Element Workshop
- Future 2nd Workshop: (To be determined)

Tonight's Activity



- 1) Dot Poll regarding Draft Environmental Justice Provisions
- 2) Open Comments Session
- 3) Meeting Conclusion

Questions?



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