Environmental Justice Workshop – December 19, 2023
Open Comments provided by Workshop Attendees

➢ Separate the EJ policies that apply to March JPA versus other agencies.

➢ Identify the timing of future community meetings. (Likely end of January '24)

➢ Assess which, if any, of the EJ policies have been completed.

➢ Use the City of Riverside Good Neighbor Guidelines for Siting Warehouses.

➢ Use all policies identified in the EJ element.

➢ Establish a Community Advisory Group.

➢ Stop or postpone development until the EJ element is adopted.

➢ What is the timing/process for Civic Engagement (two community workshop meetings are planned).

➢ How will the policies be implemented given the limited time of March JPA. (Due to the sunsetting of March JPA, it was identified that the JPA would need to create a Priority List for the most important EJ policies to be implemented)

➢ Develop policies with the community.

➢ Create an Accountability Plan.

➢ EJ Element to carry over to the County – collaboration.

➢ Provide information for future priorities.

➢ Timeline for adoption (It was identified that after public participation, that adoption could occur in about April 2024)

➢ What is the adoption process. (Advertisement in the paper and mailed/emailed notification to interested parties and property owners within 300' a minimum of 10 days prior to the hearing and posting of the draft EJ Element on the JPA website)

➢ Property owners beyond 300' should be notified of the EJ Element application.

➤ It was identified that the JPA's consultant may have a conflict of interest regarding this project.

➤ EJ Element to be approved by the County or March JPA? (March JPA)

➤ For future meetings, conduct the Community feedback first, dot poll later.

➤ Encourage greater civic engagement.

The open comment session was for the purpose of taking public input. In limited cases, March JPA Planning staff provided responses (identified in parenthesis) to respond to questions related to the processing of the EJ Element