

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT 2022 REPORT CARD

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 1000 (2016) required cities and counties to either adopt a separate environmental justice element or integrate environmental justice policies and objectives into their existing general plans. Sacramento County adopted a Phase 1 of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element in 2018 and a more comprehensive Phase 2 on December 17, 2019, after a multi-year community engagement and outreach process.

Throughout the community engagement and outreach process, a consistent message that was provided to the County was the need to closely track and transparently report on the progress of implementing the EJ Element. In order to meet the need, the County incorporated the following steps into the EJ Element:

- ***Annual Stakeholder Meeting:*** The County will provide stakeholders the opportunity to inform the County of their implementation priorities for the following year.
- ***Executive Level Working Group:*** This group will consist of department directors and will use Annual Stakeholder Meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The Working Group will focus on implementation measures that involve multiple County departments.
- ***Long Range Planning (LRP) Section of Planning and Environmental Review (PER):*** This section will also use Annual Stakeholder meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The LRP Section will focus on measures that are the sole responsibility of PER and will provide staff to work on major and/or multidepartment implementation measures supported by the Executive Level Working Group.
- ***Report Card on EJ Element Implementation:*** PER Long Range Planning staff will track EJ Element implementation and will create a “report card” that will document EJ Element implementation for the previous calendar year. This “report card” will be part of the General Plan Annual Report and will be made available to the public on PER’s website in addition to the regular practice of presenting it in public session to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION

Annual Stakeholder Meeting

In order to assist the County in determining the EJ Element implementation priorities for 2023, staff conducted a third annual stakeholder meeting on November 30, 2022. To provide more opportunities for public input, staff promoted a web-based survey, asking the survey participants to provide feedback about their community and important implementation priorities. Meeting outreach and survey was offered in English and Spanish. To make the meeting more accessible, and as requested from previous year, the meeting was held as an online webinar. During the webinar, staff presented the status of EJ implementation in 2022, responded to questions during Q&A, and promoted the implementation priority survey. Recordings, and the presentation slides of the webinar are available on the [EJ Element webpage](#) and on the County's YouTube channel.

Implementation Survey

In previous years, staff used online interactive polls to rank the most and least important EJ topics and top three EJ implementation priorities during the annual stakeholder meeting. These polls were limited to the meeting attendees, as the survey was only provided to those who attended the meeting.

Rather than limiting the survey to the meeting attendees, this year staff developed a web survey that asked survey participants to answer questions by choosing items from a list, as well as few questions with comment boxes for responses. Each question was related to an EJ topic. Responses enabled staff to determine the most important priorities of the survey participants. The survey was open from November 15, 2022 through December 16, 2022, and was available in English and Spanish. The following is a summary of the survey responses:

- The top three topic areas were: 1) Safe and Sanitary Homes; 2) Crime Prevention; and 3) Reduce Pollution.
 - Of those participants residing in an EJ Community, Crime Prevention and Reduce Pollution were the most important topics.
 - Many residents did not feel safe on major streets/intersections due to unsafe traffic patterns, fast traveling cars, but most importantly, lack of sidewalk/bike infrastructure that protects bike/pedestrians from such traffic (see Physical Exercise).
 - Safe and Sanitary Homes: Many comments related to homelessness services and unaffordable mortgage/rent rates.

- The top three EJ implementation priorities were: 1) Affordable Housing Ordinance Review/Revision; 2) Security and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design; and 3) Food Action Plan.
 - However, many commented on the need for additional transportation modes (additional transit services, walk/bike facilities).
- Public Facilities: More than half of the participants responded that the services for homelessness was most needed public facilities in their community.
- Crime Prevention: Many felt unsafe at major streets and major intersections, due to unsafe traffic, fast drivers, and not enough sidewalks. (See Physical Exercise)
- Healthy Food Access: High cost of fresh fruits and vegetables is the main reason people are having difficulty getting these items for their families.
- Physical Exercise: Bike lanes along roadways that have high traffic volumes and speeds are keeping many people from bicycling more. The fear of crime is also keeping many people from bicycling and walking more.
- Reduce Pollution: Air pollution from cars and vacant lots with trash or junk is the most pressing pollution problem.
- Public Participation: A major reason people do not participate in public meetings on topics that affect their neighborhoods is that they think that meeting organizers will not take their opinions seriously. Another reason is that people feel the meetings will be a waste of time. However, most survey participants responded that they prefer online meetings, as they are more accessible.

Executive Level Working Group

Members for the Executive Level Working Group have been identified from various County departments. The Working Group's meeting will be used to review the feedback received from the annual stakeholder meeting's poll and survey. This work will be ongoing as some members of the Working Group have changed positions or retired, and as additional County priorities are identified each year.

Long Range Planning Section of the Planning and Environmental Review

In 2022, staff in the Long Range Planning Section have completed several EJ implementation measures and conducted numerous EJ-supportive activities. This work included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Prepared the EJ Element 2022 Report Card on implementation.

- Conducted the third annual stakeholder meeting to discuss accomplishments and identify priorities for 2023.
- Conducted PER employee training with an initial training held at the department's all-hands meeting. Further training has been a discussion topic of the department's grass-roots Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion employee group.
- The Climate Action Plan was presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2022. Several CAP measures prioritize investments in the County's EJ communities, such as additional urban greening, tree plantings to reduce the urban heat island effect, improving mobility options, and energy efficiency upgrades, to name a few. Based on input from the hearing on the CAP, County staff are reviewing the numerous comments received, preparing responses to those comments, and revising the CAP where necessary. In addition, staff is reviewing the California Air Resources Board's adopted 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan to identify additional measures that could be incorporated into the CAP, as well as AB 1279 which calls for carbon neutrality by 2045. This work is anticipated to be completed in 2023.
- On February 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan. This project is a long-range visioning effort focused on creating conceptual design ideas to create a safer and more appealing walking, rolling, bicycling, and driving environment in West Arden Arcade.
- Utilized the EJ email subscription list for notifications about EJ-related initiatives like the Active Transportation Plan, Climate Action Plan, Housing Element Update, and Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan. The EJ subscription list has approximately 5,500 subscribers as of January 2023.
- Maintained consistent and trained Long Range Planning staff assigned to the Climate Action Plan, Housing Element Update, Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan, and EJ Element implementation, in order to provide internal consistency and build on associated co-benefits and stakeholder connections.

In addition to the work completed by PER, the Department of Health Services, in collaboration with the Sacramento Food Policy Council, is continuing to work on Food System Assessment to evaluate baseline conditions and inform the preparation of a Food Action Plan.

Report Card on EJ Element Implementation

The “report card” is an effort to identify which EJ element implementation measures have been *completed*, which have had *some progress*, and which have had *no progress* since the last calendar year. A list of all EJ Element implementation measures, as well as a running status of County activities towards the implementation of each, is included in Table 3, below.

This “EJ Element 2022 Report Card” will be included as an appendix to the General Plan Annual Report that is presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and then sent to the State. It will be published on the County’s EJ webpage and will also be provided to the Executive Level Working Group.

CONCLUSION

Work Prioritization

Although the County is in the early phases of implementation of the EJ Element, substantial progress has already been made. Additional work remains in implementing the EJ Element and correcting the systemic inequities that have led to the disparities that exist today.

Staff has reviewed the list of EJ implementation measures, considered feedback from the annual stakeholder meeting, examined complementary and co-benefiting work that is already in progress such as the Climate Action Plan and Housing Element Update, and reviewed budgets. After consideration of all these factors, staff proposes the following EJ-related work program for 2023:

- Continue the Executive-Level Working Group.
- Continue the following:
 - Complete the Climate Action Plan.
 - Update Affordable Housing Ordinance.
 - Complete the Rezone Program.
 - Continue to support the in-progress Stockton Boulevard Study to include EJ Principles.
 - Continue to create Community Outreach Strategy (County-wide).
- Continue staff training and increasing awareness.
- Start reviewing existing practices to make recommendations to improve internal policies and practices, such as updating website information, revising contact/outreach lists, County templates, etc.
- Support the Active Transportation Plan to prioritize investments in EJ communities.

- Continue to conduct the annual Environmental Justice stakeholder meeting.
- Complete the Environmental Justice Element 2023 Report Card for inclusion in the next Annual Report.

**Table 3
Listing of All EJ Element Implementation Measures and Completion Status**

ELEMENT	REFERENCE NO.	IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	STATUS Complete Some Progress No Progress	2021 COMMENTS
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-1	A. The County of Sacramento will create a comprehensive Community Outreach Strategy that serves as a framework for all departments to participate in meaningful two-way communication with the public on all aspects of County governance and delivery of services. (PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WITH SUPPORT FROM ALL OPERATING DEPARTMENTS)	Some Progress	2021: PIO and PER staff is currently working on creating a formal Community Outreach Strategy. Translation and interpretation services have been used for a several County outreach efforts, including American Rescue Plan Act community surveys, County's Budget Outreach Process, Housing Element outreach, Re-Envision West Arden Arcade outreach, South County Short-Range Transit Planning outreach, and COVID-19 information. For the County's FY 22/23 Budget Public Outreach Process, County's Office of Budget and Debt Management translated 'Budget in Brief' documents into 9 languages and was available online. The budget workshops included American Sign Language interpreters. For the Public Opinion Poll, the County was intentional about reaching as many people as possible, including those who did not speak English or with limited abilities. The poll was conducted in 10 different languages, and utilized various media formats (phone, email, text, U.S. mail) for the greatest reach.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-2	A. The County will incorporate reducing crime through environmental design (CPTED) measures into the County's Zoning Code, Design Review Guidelines and Building Code to discourage crime, and encourage compatible uses. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)	Complete	2021: The Countywide Design Guidelines were updated in September 9, 2022 and now requires CPTED measures to be incorporated to overall development designs. Additionally, the Department of Health Services (DHS) through the Sacramento County Obesity Prevention Program (SCOPP), funded through CDPH Cal Fresh Healthy Living, subcontracts with WALK Sacramento to implement the Safe Routes to Parks and Retail Toolkit. WALK Sacramento's staff are CPTED certified and incorporate these guidelines in the Safe Routes to Parks and Retail Toolkit.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-3	B. The County will prepare a "security ordinance" which will be a uniform code that will provide minimum safety and security specifications for new residential and commercial developments such as minimum specifications for door thickness, lock construction, and lighting. (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-4	C. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review will ensure that CPTED training and certification is made available to staff. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: All PER staff have access to a network drive where CPTED training materials are located. PER staff is also looking into CPTED certification for the Design Review Administrator. Additionally, DHS's SCOPP subcontractor, Civic Thread, has staff that are CPTED certified and incorporate these guidelines into their work for SCOPP.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-5	D. The County will continue to have a representative from the Sheriff's Department to comment on development plans during the Plan Review Committee (PRC) process. (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)	Complete	2021: A Sheriff's representative staffs the PRC process.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-6	E. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) and the Sheriff's Department will consider developing a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment program that will be available to business owners and commercial building owners at no cost. The assessment could be supported by a small business license surcharge. For buildings located in Environmental Justice Communities, building permit and site improvement fees should be reduced for CPTED improvements that are responses to a CPTED assessment. The program will be advertised by PER through Property Improvement Business Districts and Chambers of Commerce. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)	No Progress	2022: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-7	F. Prioritize street lighting programs for Environmental Justice Communities particularly at parks and transit stops and along commercial corridors and in high crime neighborhoods. Focus on pedestrian-scale rather than vehicular-scale lighting. (TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2022: Street lighting projects are typically grant funded. The Community Development Block Grants program prioritizes "low and moderate income communities" which overlap significantly with EJ communities.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-8	A. Option 1: Explore amending the Zoning Code to require use permits for liquor stores, and convenience stores that have an off-sale alcoholic license, and to explore whether or not to include liquor and convenience stores for consideration in the County's distance separation and overconcentration requirements for certain uses. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW) or	No Progress	2022: In November 2021, the Board of Supervisors requested a presentation by PER staff and representatives from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to review the County's regulation and conditioning of alcoholic beverage sales. Board members discussed concerns about the general process for permitting alcoholic beverage sales within the County and requested a workshop that walked the Board through current alcoholic beverage permitting and provided the opportunity to discuss whether that process should be modified in certain cases. That workshop was conducted on January 25, 2022. The Board directed staff to continue to apply the conditions on case-by-case basis.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-9	B. Option 2: Refine the County's process for Public Convenience/Necessity (PCN) letters for off-sale liquor licenses in a way that addresses any nuisance or criminal impacts. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW) or	Some Progress	2021: During the calendar year, the Board of Supervisors considered 2 requests for Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) letters. One application was denied and the other application was approved by the Board of Supervisors. As a condition of their approval, these applicants agreed to operational conditions on their ABC licenses and County-issued Business Licenses aimed at reducing nuisance impacts.

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				Examples of these conditions include strict limits on the hours that alcohol can be sold and the minimum size format of alcohol containers.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-10	C. Option 3: In consultation with residents, businesses, the Sheriff's Department, County Public Health, and other subject matter experts, the County will explore an amendment to the County Code for the purpose of establishing a Special Business License for convenience markets. The purpose is to regulate the nuisance, criminal, and health-related impacts associated with convenience uses, particularly where overconcentration of such uses occur.	No Progress	2022: In November 2021, the Board of Supervisors requested a presentation by PER staff and representatives from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to review the County's regulation and conditioning of alcoholic beverage sales. Board members discussed concerns about the general process for permitting alcoholic beverage sales within the County and requested a workshop that walked the Board through current alcoholic beverage permitting and provided the opportunity to discuss whether that process should be modified in certain cases. That workshop was conducted on January 25, 2022. The Board directed staff to continue to apply the conditions on case-by-case basis.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-11	A. Consider the development of Youth Master Plans for each community in the unincorporated County, starting with the Environmental Justice Communities. These plans will provide a vision and a roadmap to improve and enhance the overall quality of life for the community's children, youth and families. The Youth Master Plan will include the creation of an information sharing and support network to assist youth to make connections with County decision makers and elected officials. The Sacramento County Youth Council will have an important role in this effort. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2022: County Board of Supervisors established Sacramento County Behavioral Health Youth Advisory Board in 2021 to promote the engagement of youth in developing programs that affect the behavioral health and wellbeing of youth in Sacramento County. Creation of YAB will provide empowering and supportive space for youth to advocate for youth-friendly, culturally relevant programs.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-12	B. Reduce or eliminate fees for temporary use permits for events sponsored by children or youth programs and are located in Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022: For this fee reduction to be considered, it must be part of a comprehensive fee package and not advanced on an ad-hoc basis. PER anticipates completion of a comprehensive fee study in Fiscal Year 2023-24.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-13	A. The County will incorporate economic development, multimodal transportation, and affordable housing strategies into neighborhood strategic plans, community plans or other strategic planning documents when they are prepared or updated for the Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: These strategies have been incorporated in the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan. In addition, the County has adopted the Active Transportation Plan that prioritizes multimodal transportation in Environmental Justice Communities.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-14	B. The County will consider residency in an Environmental Justice Community as a positive factor in selecting candidates for County internships. (ALL COUNTY AGENCIES)	Some Progress	2022: PER is working with the Department of Personnel Services (DPS) to implement this measure. While individual departments recruit their interns, DPS can assist with referring departments to a variety of agencies to include in their intern recruitment outreach. These agencies may include specific not-for-profit organizations, Workforce Investment Boards, and other organizations that work

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				with underserved communities, depending on the age group. There are also groups at the local community colleges, colleges, and universities that work with first-generation college students and students from underserved communities that would be able to assist. DPS staff will meet internally for further discussion.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-15	C. Continue to provide assistance to community and neighborhood organizations in their efforts to provide job training, employment and workforce housing opportunities in Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: PER provided assistance mainly in the preparation of letters supporting the grant applications of neighborhood organizations and non-profits.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-16	A. Develop a Food System Assessment to assess baseline conditions of the County's current food system within two years of adoption of the Phase 2 Environmental Justice Element in order to inform the preparation of a Countywide Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2022: In October 2020, Green Technical Education and Employment in partnership with Sacramento Food Policy Council (SFPC) received USDA funding to conduct the Food System Assessment. DHS staff are engaged with SFPC in this process. To date, three partner meetings and two community engagement meetings have taken place. PER provided access to County contracts for interpreters for the community meeting on December 10, 2020, as well as other community meetings in 2021. UC Davis Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (SAREP) is contributing assessment design technical assistance to the Food System Assessment for Sacramento. DHS will continue to work with SFPC through the assessment process. The food system assessment project funding is for 2 years, ending September 30, 2022. The food system assessment is nearing completion, according to project representatives.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-17	B. Develop a Countywide Food Action Plan for approval by the Board of Supervisors within two years of completion of the Food System Assessment. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	No Progress	2022: DHS will use the Food System Assessment to inform the Food Action Plan. SCOPP is currently subcontracted with the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) to create the Emergency Food Action Plan for the County. Given COVID-19, SFBFS has put this activity on hold until further notice.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-18	C. Invite and encourage all incorporated cities to participate in preparation of the Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2022: SFPC is working to identify key individuals at the city level to engage with for this work. To date, North Highlands Recreation and Park District's commissioner, Galt Food Bank, and the City of Sacramento have been engaged in limited capacity. SFPC reports that additional funding or assistance would be needed to engage cities in the assessment.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-19	D. Establish a Countywide team with representatives from the following to include, but not limited to: Department of Health Services, Office of Planning and Environmental Review, Department of Human Assistance, Office of Education, Environmental Management Department, Department of Waste Management and Recycling, Office of Economic Development, SACDOT, Regional Parks,	Some Progress	2022: PER and DHS staff are actively engaged in the Food System Assessment, SFPC has asked for assistance for identifying other County-wide representatives from other agencies.

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		SACOG and representatives from the incorporated cities, and community stakeholders, and advocates to assist in the preparation of the Food System Assessment and the Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)		
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-20	E. Work with the Countywide team to research and implement a permanent funding option for a Healthy Food Fund that would fund implementation of activities identified in the Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2022: DHS can assist in researching funding opportunities including how other counties have funded similar projects; given a “permanent” funding stream is being requested, it seems that Cal Fresh Healthy Living (CFHL) funds can support, but will not be a long term/sustainable solution. So long as the SCOPP has CFHL it will advocate to keep this in the work plan at a level that is feasible for the program. Over time, it can explore use of County funds for this, if it is a priority.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-21	F. Evaluate the Food Action Plan every 5 years and provide an update on the progress of implementation and a reassessment of goals to the Board of Supervisors. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	No Progress	2022: It is not time to do this implementation measure yet.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-22	G. Create and maintain a webpage containing information about the Food Action Plan and other County-initiated efforts related to food access and food equity. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2022: To date DHS does not have a dedicated webpage for this effort. It can be added to the SCOPP webpage, if appropriate. SFPC currently hosts EJ information on their website.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-23	A. Develop a definition of healthy food products and require convenience stores to dedicate a certain percentage of shelf space to the sale or display of healthy food products. This process may be accomplished via Zoning Code Amendment, County Code Amendment, or other regulation. The required shelf space percentage shall be informed by market studies or Countywide Food Action Plan to ensure the requirement meets the need yet does not result in waste from unsold food. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: A requirement for healthy food is added as a condition of approval for convenience stores however, a codified definition and percentage is still pending.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-24	B. Amend the Zoning Code to include market gardens and/or edible landscaping as common outdoor amenities and open space in the Multifamily Residential Development Standards. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: Market gardens and/or edible landscaping may be used as common outdoor amenities and/or open space in the Multifamily Residential Development Standards.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-25	C. Establish a Technical Advisory Committee including grocers and community-based organizations in order to understand and reduce barriers to grocery store	No Progress	2022:

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		development in Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)		
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-26	D. Promote CalFresh, Market Match, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and the Woman, Children & Infants Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to all farmers' markets managers. (AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER)	Complete	2021: See EJ IM-27. Consider revising or deleting this implementation measure. This is not a function conducted by the Agricultural Commissioner.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-27	E. Provide CalFresh, Market Match, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and Woman, Children & Infants Program recipients with information on Farmers Markets, which accept program coupons. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ASSISTANCE)	Complete	2021: CalFresh is the program which the County oversees and benefits are paid by EBT cards which are accepted at all farmer's markets. Information on local Farmer's Markets is provided to CalFresh recipients.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-28	F. The County through the Offices of Planning and Environmental Review and Economic Development will increase opportunities for locating providers of fresh produce (grocery stores, farmer markets, produce stands) near existing neighborhoods, particularly low-income neighborhoods, and in new master plan areas. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)	No Progress	2022: This could be addressed as part of the next Zoning Code fix-it package.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-29	A. Continue to include guidelines in the County's Countywide Design Guidelines that encourage physical activity (Active Design Guidelines). The Countywide Design Guidelines identify active design guidelines with a logo and has an appendix on active design strategies. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: These are included in the Design Guidelines.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-30	B. Encourage businesses and non-profit organizations to offer indoor recreational facilities and programs compatible with existing commercial structures and zones, such as batting cages, rock climbing walls, basketball/indoor soccer courts, and studios offering martial arts, aerobics, and yoga classes. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022: The Zoning Code currently allows these uses by-right up to 300-persons. However, there is no program in PER at this time to actively encourage private owners to add these uses to their properties.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-31	C. For non-profit organizations, reduce entitlement fees for use permits for indoor and outdoor general recreational facilities in Environmental Justice Communities and/or reduce level of review for use	No Progress	2022: Any fee reductions will have to be included in a comprehensive fee package.

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		permits from Planning Commission to Zoning Administrator. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)		
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-32	A. At such time the County initiates a rezone program, the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) will rezone properties to multifamily zones that are close to existing services and adjacent to existing bike lanes and sidewalks. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: The rezone program is currently in progress, and must also take into consideration proximity to existing water and sewer infrastructure.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-33	B. Develop a comprehensive Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance that will incentivize transit supportive uses near light rail stations or major transit stops and preserve transit areas for appropriate development opportunities. This ordinance will incorporate the transit-oriented development standards in the TOD Design Guidelines and be applicable to all areas within ½ mile of a light rail station or major transit stop. The Comprehensive Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance will allow flexibility in allowed uses and development standards based on the neighborhood context of the transit station. Or Prepare Master Plans and Special Planning Area ordinances for areas surrounding light rail stations or major transit stops. These planning documents will incentivize transit supportive uses and preserve transit areas for appropriate development opportunities. Many of the transit-oriented development standards in the TOD Design Guidelines will be incorporated into the planning documents. Allowed land uses and development standards will be based on the neighborhood context of the transit station. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-34	C. Coordinate with Department of Health Services, Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) and other public health agencies and organizations during master planning efforts to identify and integrate design elements into land use plans that encourage physical activity. (PLANNING AND	Some Progress	2022: PER provides this level of analysis when processing Master Plans, and PER and SACDOT routinely analyze these elements when processing and preparing Traffic Impact Studies for Master Plans. County staff uses the Sacramento County Bicycle Advisory Committee to assure integration of these elements sufficiently early in the process. However, staff is often asked to process the Traffic Impact Studies before the applicants have submitted their Specific Plans and/or Design

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		ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION)		Guidelines. Although, studies are evaluated on elements that encourage physical activity, there still exists a tension between providing roadways and intersections that provide capacity for vehicles vs. encouraging alternative modes such as walking and biking that would increase physical activity.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-35	D. Coordinate with the Department of Health Services to conduct meetings, workshops or public hearings in order to solicit input from interested individuals and organizations on opportunities and recommendations for integrating public health concerns into local land use and transportation planning. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2022: This has begun with the recent establishment of the Executive Level Working Group. The group will discuss this and can either assign it to an existing standing committee or retain it for coordination at its level.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-36	A. Department of Transportation will combine the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans into one comprehensive document. The new document will incorporate the concept of reducing "level of stress" (LTS) for bicyclists and pedestrians. (TRANSPORTATION)	Complete	2022: The County's adopted Active Transportation Plan is available on this website: https://sacdot.saccounty.net/Pages/Active%20Transportation.aspx
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-37	B. Evaluate bicycle circulation plans for new master plans and large infill projects using the principles of low stress bicycling. (TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: All new bicycle circulation plans included in master plans and large infill projects are reviewed by SACDOT. SACDOT staff takes these projects to the County of Sacramento Bicycle Advisory Committee (SacBAC) for review and feedback.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-38	C. Apply low stress bicycling principles to Complete Streets Master Plans. (TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: Low stress bicycling principles are applied as part of regular operating procedures.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-39	D. Environmental Justice Communities will be prioritized for Smart Growth Streets programs. (TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2022: Smart Growth Street improvement projects implemented by SACDOT are prioritized through grants such as the SACOG Regional Funding program, which emphasizes work in EJ Communities through reduced local match funding requirements and/or additional points within the scoring criteria to prioritize projects in EJ Communities. Arden Way (West Arden-Arcade) and Watt Avenue (North Highlands) Complete Street project is currently in pre-construction.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-40	E. Environmental Justice Communities will be prioritized for new sidewalks, particularly along major streets and near parks and schools. (TRANSPORTATION)	Complete	2022: The County's Active Transportation Plan prioritizes projects located within an Environmental Justice Community, or projects improving access to important community designations for EJ Community residents.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-41	A. Park accessibility will be analyzed, during the review of master plans and tentative subdivision maps. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: PER provides this level of analysis when processing Master Plans & tentative subdivision maps, in coordination with Park District staff.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-42	B. The County will support efforts through analysis and public comments to identify neighborhoods in Environmental Justice Communities that lack access to public parks and identify vacant land that could be used for public parks. The County will also support efforts to contact recreation and park districts to advocate for public parks or alternative permanent or temporary facilities (such as pocket parks or pop-up parks) in neighborhoods that lack access to public parks. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-43	During California Environmental Quality Act review of impacts for public works, private development, revitalization and master planning projects in under-canopied EJ Communities, mitigation shall be required that provides an extra 25% tree replacement and said mitigation shall be directed to the same EJ community where the impact occurs. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: All PER staff have been made aware of this requirement. Because it has seen limited application due to very few projects, this measure will be listed as some progress until the application of the requirement becomes more commonplace.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-44	A. As a condition of approval for discretionary projects, Sacramento County shall require the appropriate remedy for any open tree violations on site. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: This is already a requirement for all discretionary projects to remedy any open tree violations, and is included in Conditions of Approval.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-45	B. Sacramento County will continue to support Sacramento Tree Foundation's NeighborWoods program in order to help achieve 35 percent tree canopy coverage in Sacramento County neighborhoods. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: Sacramento County continues to contract with the Tree Foundation for tree mitigation plantings. The draft Communitywide Climate Action Plan also includes Measure GHG-02 supporting tree plantings in EJ communities to help reduce the urban heat island effect and improve energy conservation in adjacent dwellings.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-46	C. Survey EJ communities to identify appropriate opportunity sites to receive tree mitigation plantings. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: This work will be incorporated into implementation of the Climate Action Plan measures GHG-02 (Maintain and Increase Urban Forest) and TEMP-08 (Increase Parking Lot Shading, Landscaping, and Urban Greening, Prioritizing Communities with Less Tree Cover) related to increasing tree plantings in communities where tree canopy can be increased, particularly in EJ communities.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-47	A. Sacramento County will encourage future advances in technology and transportation to be equitably distributed to include low-income, elderly, disabled, and technology-limited riders, particularly in Environmental Justice Communities.	Some Progress	2022: Sacramento County has worked with Regional Transit to consider EJ communities in the roll-out of the SmarTride program.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-48	A. The County will consider General Plan and/or Zoning Code Amendments to support SMAQMD in meeting the AB 617 objectives. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022:
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-49	B. The County will encourage the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to recommend Environmental Justice Communities to the California Air Resources Board for AB 617 air quality monitoring. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: PER staff wrote a letter for Sacramento County Public Health in support of their grant application for Sacramento EJ Community Air Monitoring Project. DHS were awarded the grant in September 2021, and this grant funding will allow Public Health to work with local community based organizations, utilize local air monitoring data and local health data to provide specific policy recommendation to improve health in our communities, including EJ Communities.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-50	A. The County will continue the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. (HEALTH SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT)	Complete	2022: This program continues.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-51	B. Assist in promoting the Low Income Weatherization Program in Environmental Justice Communities. Applicants who qualify for the program could receive certain improvements at no cost. Improvements include heaters/air conditioners, solar panels, water heaters, new windows and glass repair, weatherization and attic and floor insulation. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: The draft Communitywide Climate Action Program includes Measure GHG-06 to emphasize the County's support for energy efficiency retrofit programs such as the Low Income Weatherization Program by Community Resource Project.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-52	A. As part of its analysis for the next Housing Element, the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) will do an in-depth analysis of the presence of housing overcrowding in Environmental Justice Communities and the causes of that overcrowding. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2022: PER staff has completed this measure during development of the Housing Element Update.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-53	B. Collaborate with refugee and immigrant advocates to determine the extent of housing overcrowding Environmental Justice Communities. Determine implementation measures to decrease housing	Complete	2022: PER staff has completed this measure during development of the Housing Element Update.

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		overcrowding which can be added to the 2021 Housing Element. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)		
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-54	A. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency will review the Affordable Housing Program and Ordinance for potential changes that could assist in producing more housing that is affordable to lower income households. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY)	Some Progress	2022: A program to initiate review of the Affordable Housing Ordinance is currently proposed in the 2021-2029 Housing Element. The Board also updated the Housing Trust Fund Ordinance in 2021 to increase the fee charged to non-residential development, which had not been updated since 1992. The fee update also includes annual indexing. PER staff has also begun a targeted amendment of the Affordable Housing Ordinance to clarify the County's requirement for affordable housing in master plans.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-55	B. Develop guidelines for affordable housing developers to attain support for their projects through public outreach. These guidelines could be part of the Countywide Public Outreach Strategy. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: This implementation measure could be combined with EJ IM-1.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-56	C. Develop an impact fee reduction program for residential developments in Environmental Justice Communities in which at least 10 percent of the total units are affordable to very low-income households or at least 49 percent are affordable to low-income households and on which affordability restrictions are subject to long-term (30 years or greater) regulatory agreements as certified by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2022: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-57	A. The following process will be implemented annually in order to effectively carry out the policies and implementation measures in the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element: a. Annual Stakeholder Meeting: The County will provide stakeholders the opportunity to inform the County of their implementation priorities for the following year. b. Executive Level Working Group: This group will consist of department directors and will use Annual Stakeholder Meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The Working Group will focus on implementation measures that involve multiple County departments.	Complete	2022: This is mostly complete with processes in place for the annual stakeholder meetings, LRP work planning on EJ, and preparation of this EJ Element "report card". The Executive Level Working Group has been meeting regularly, however, there is always room for improvement. This past year has been a challenge due to the ongoing pandemic and staffing/resource constraints.

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		<p>c. Long Range Planning (LRP) Section of the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER): This section will also use Annual Stakeholder meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The LRP Section will focus on measures that are the sole responsibility of PER and will provide staff to work on major and/or multidepartment implementation measures supported by the Executive Level Working Group.</p> <p>d. Report Card on EJ Element Implementation: PER Long Range Planning staff will track EJ Element implementation and will create a "report card" that will document EJ Element implementation for the previous calendar year. This "report card" will be part of the General Plan Annual Report and will be made available to the public on PER's website in addition to the regular practice of presenting it in public session to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS)</p>		
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-58	B. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) will train its staff to analyze development projects using environmental justice principles. PER will train other County departments, particularly high-level managers, on incorporating environmental justice into their regular processes and practices. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2022: PER has begun this process by sharing and applying EJ principles with multiple SACDOT staff in the context of the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan as well as in Master Plan and grant application discussions. PER has also worked collaboratively with SacOES management in coordination on emergency plans related to heat and climate as well as cultural competency in Emergency Management. PER has also initiated multiple conversations with the public information office related to EJ and related to development of a County-wide communication and outreach strategy.