CALEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

2018 Distribution Report

CalEPA administers the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account Grant Program as authorized by Penal Code sections 14300-14315 and California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10014-10016. This grant program provides financial assistance for environmental enforcement, investigation, education, and training to enhance statewide enforcement of environmental laws. The grant program is a key component of the state's efforts to support coordinated and uniform environmental enforcement by providing funding to ensure effective prosecution of environmental laws in all regions of California, including rural areas. While funding may come from public and private sources, most funding for the program comes from judgments in local, state, and federal environmental law enforcement actions, often referred to as Supplemental Environmental Projects or SEPs.

The funds are allocated according to the formula outlined in Penal Code section 14314:

- 25% to the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project run by California District Attorneys Association (CDAA);
- 25% to CDAA to provide environmental enforcement training to prosecutors, investigators, and regulators;
- 25% to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) up to $100,000, but POST may decline all or part of the funds allocated, with any funds declined going to CalEPA for reallocation through discretionary grants for the environmental training of peace officers; and
- The remaining for discretionary grants to be awarded to public agencies or private nonprofit organizations for the purposes of (1) supporting statewide environmental enforcement education and training programs for peace officers, investigators, state and local environmental regulators, and prosecutors or (2) the enhancement of local environmental enforcement efforts.

2018 Distributions

For Fiscal Year 2018-2019, CalEPA distributed a total of $190,206 as follows:

Mandatory Disbursements

The fund had a balance of $190,413 to disburse. As a result, the statutorily-mandated allocations of 25% amounted to $47,603, and were disbursed as follows:

- $47,603 to CDAA's Environmental Enforcement Training Project;
- $47,603 to CDAA's Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project; and

- POST declined its entire grant for the year. As a result, its share was reallocated for discretionary grants.[1]

Discretionary Disbursements

CalEPA received eight applications for discretionary grants and awarded five applicants, as follows:

- $25,000 to the **Del Amo Action Committee (DAAC)** to partially fund the Los Angeles Environmental Justice (EJ) Network's EJ enforcement symposium in January 2019.

- $15,000 to **California Safe Schools** to partially fund an Environmental Health & Enforcement Forum to bring together regulators, students, teachers, members of the public, academics and policy makers to focus on assuring that schools and the communities surrounding schools are environmentally safe for children.

- $10,000 to **Orange County Coast Keeper** to provide a one-day training focused on California Marine Protected Area regulations and enforcement strategies, and to produce a Marine Protected Area Reference Guide for law enforcement officers that can be used state-wide.

- $30,000 to **Imperial County Sheriff** to address unlawful off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding around the Salton Sea, with a specific focus on addressing unlawful riding on the Salton Sea playa.

- $15,000 to **CDAA** for continued support of the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project and for costs associated with preparing a special environmental enforcement issue of CDAA's "Prosecutor's Brief."

Summary of 2018 Disbursements

Mandatory Distributions	Amount
CDAA Environmental Enforcement Training Project	$47,603
CDAA Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project	$47,603
Discretionary Distributions	**Amount**
DAAC	$25,000
California Safe Schools	$15,000
Orange County Coast Keeper	$10,000
Imperial County Sheriff	$30,000
CDAA	$15,000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	**$190,206**

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[1] Because POST declined its grant, no report on the course of instruction provided is included in this annual distribution report.

CDAA ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUIT PROSECUTOR PROJECT UPDATE

In 2018, the project saw the departure of two experienced circuit prosecutors to state and local prosecution offices and welcomed two new circuit prosecutors.

Local circuit prosecutors are now actively enforcing environmental laws in sixteen rural counties. The prosecutors are also conducting regular task force meetings and 2018 looks to see a significant increase in county referrals. The statewide circuit prosecutor is authorized to represent twenty-four counties in statewide matters.

In 2018, local circuit prosecutors filed a total of 32 criminal and civil cases. These cases resulted in a total of 95 days in county jail, 19 years of probation, 228 hours of community service, and $11,273.70 in fines and fees to local counties. The circuit prosecutors also returned over $384,553.00 in restitution, costs, and penalties to state and local governments.

2018 CDAA Environmental Training Project Statistics

In 2018, 14300 account funds were used to present or participate in the following training activities:

- Science for Prosecutors
- Underground Storage Tank Enforcement
- Fundamentals of Environmental Enforcement
- Advanced Topics in Environmental Enforcement
- Water sampling technique trainings in Redding, Fresno, Riverside, and Newport Beach, California
- Environmental Violations Associated with Cannabis Cultivation
- Published and distributed the updated "Environmental Crimes and Civil Violations Associated with Cannabis Cultivation booklet" to District Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies.

In addition, CDAA circuit prosecutors participated at Basic Inspector Training at various locations in California and continued to participate in the multi-agency post Proposition 64 Task Force working with other state and local agencies to assure the enforcement of environmental cannabis violations are properly handled.