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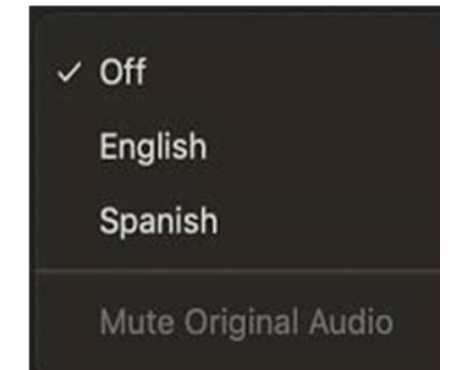
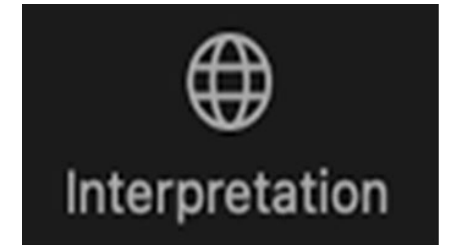


# Environmental Justice Action Grants Program

**Public Listening Session  
June 27, 2023**

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# Introductions

## **Chloe Skewis**

Environmental Justice, Tribal Affairs,  
and Border Relations Team

## **Moisés Moreno-Rivera**

Deputy Secretary for Environmental  
Justice, Tribal Affairs, and Border  
Relations




# CalEPA's Mission

**“Our Mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.”**

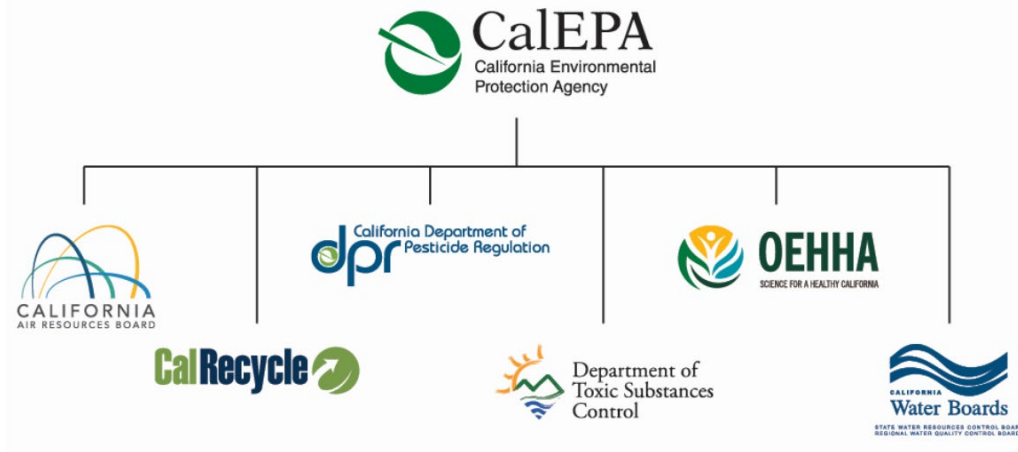
We fulfill our mission by developing, implementing and enforcing environmental laws that regulate air, water and soil quality, pesticide use and waste recycling and reduction.

Our departments are at the forefront of environmental science, using the most recent research to shape the state's environmental laws.



# CalEPA's Boards, Departments, and Office

The Office of the Secretary heads CalEPA, overseeing and coordinating the activities of one office, two boards, and three departments dedicated to improving California's environment.



- California Air Resources Board
- Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- State Water Resources Control Board



# EJ Grants at CalEPA

“The new CalEPA Environmental Justice Action Grants Program builds on our groundbreaking EJ Small Grants Program by increasing our investments in projects that work to lift the burden of pollution from those most vulnerable to its effects.”

**Yana Garcia, CA Secretary for  
Environmental Protection**

**EJ Small Grants:** up to 50k

**EJ Action Grants:** up to 300k per  
project, 500k/year per applicant





# EJ Action Grants Program

Aims to address environmental injustices impacting California Native American tribes, low-income communities, and communities of color by funding actions on **four key areas of concern**:

1. supporting emergency preparedness,
2. protecting public health,
3. improving environmental and climate decision-making, and
4. strengthening enforcement.

To date, the Legislature has committed to appropriating a total of \$25 million to CalEPA to be directed to these areas of concern.



# EJ Action Grants

CalEPA is exercising its discretion to focus, within those categories, on projects that serve **environmental justice** purposes.

Public Resources Code section 71110  
Gov. Newsom's Executive Order N-16-22



# Eligibility

CalEPA will accept applications from:

- Federally recognized tribes
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Organizations receiving fiscal sponsorship from 501(c)(3) organizations



# Applications

1. Submission of an application for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)
2. Submission of an application for a grant program operated by one of CalEPA Boards, Departments, and Offices
3. Submission of the application form on the EJ Action Grants online portal

If an applicant submits an application for a SEP or an application for a BDO grant program, its materials must set forth the same substantive information requested in the Draft Guidelines Appendix 2 application form.



# Timeline

## **Tribal Consultation and Public Comment Period:**

June 7 – July 28

## **[HYBRID] Public Listening Session #2:**

July 12, 13:00-15:00

## **Grant Application Period:**

August 29 – October 6



**[HYBRID]  
Public  
Listening  
Session #2**

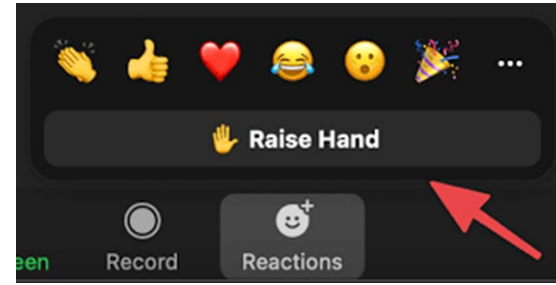
July 12, 13:00-15:00

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality  
Control Board, Carmel Room

320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Register:  
[calepa.ca.gov/EJActionGrants](https://calepa.ca.gov/EJActionGrants)

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  - (3 minutes/person)
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- Pen/Paper available for hand-written comment
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