

SB 54 Advisory Board Meeting

CalEPA Overview – Agency Panel

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CalEPA
California Environmental
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CalEPA Presentation Overview

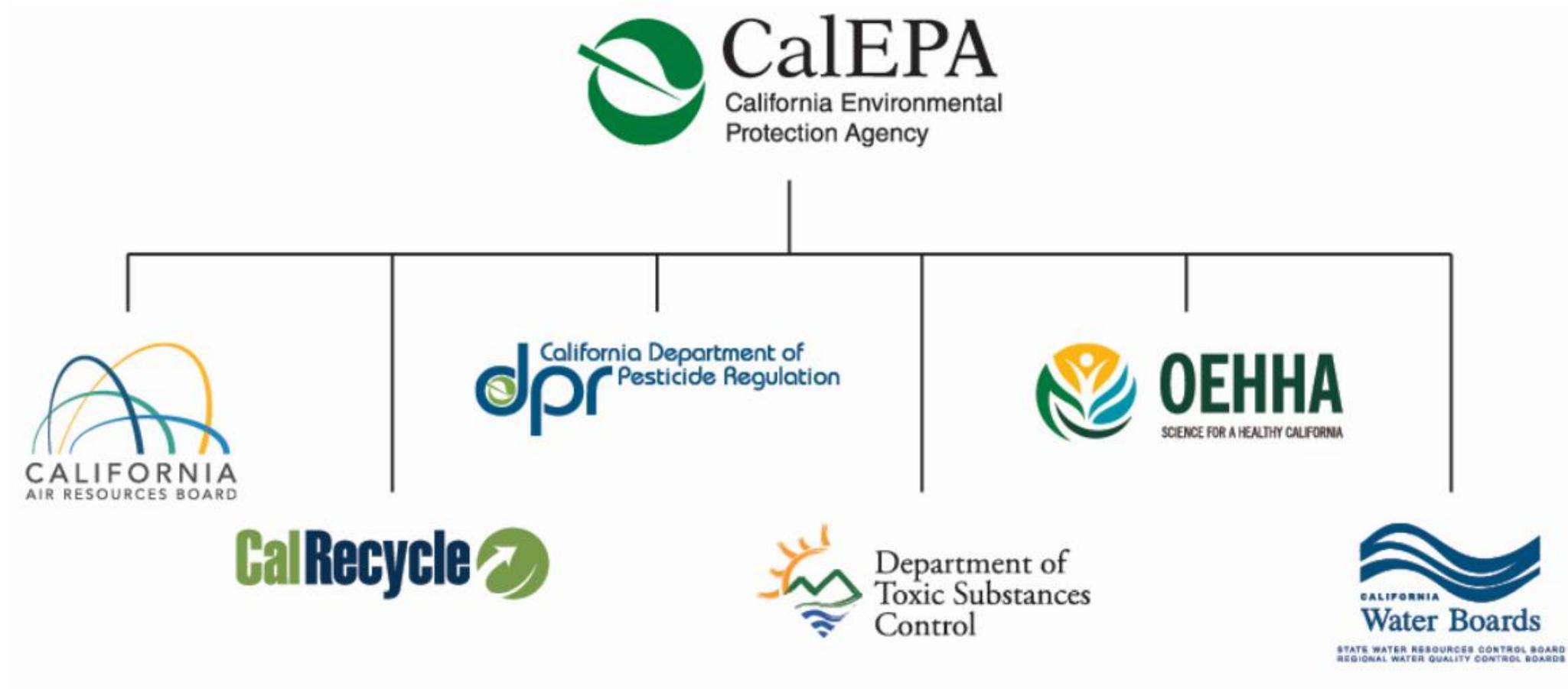
- CalEPA's Mission
- Boards, Departments and Offices (BDOs)
- Current Efforts Related to Plastic Pollution
- Our Work with Tribes, Environmental Justice and Overburdened communities

Agency Overview

Our mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.



Boards, Departments and Offices (BDOs)



CalEPA & Plastic Pollution

Plastic pollution is a cross-cutting environmental and public health issue



DTSC: Safer consumer products, microplastics in consumer goods



OEHHA: Prop 65, health risks & warning labels, microplastic toxicity



CalRecycle: Expand recycling sites, illegal dumping and waste stream cleanup



Water Boards: Preproduction Plastic Debris Program





Tribes & EJ Communities

**Environmental justice is
central to CalEPA's work**

- Dedicated EJ & Tribal Affairs offices
- Community partnerships
- Policy that advances health & well-being of communities

CalEPA's Community-Centered Work

Programs that advance the health and well-being of communities



CARB: Community Air Protection Program



OEHHA: CalEnviroScreen, CalHeatScore, climate impact



CalRecycle: Composting and food waste prevention grants



CalEPA: Community science initiatives and EJ Task Force

Panel Question 1



Role in Plastic Pollution Reduction



Integrate climate, health, waste, and equity policy



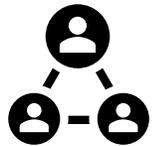
Support community identified priorities



Ground-truth government data with lived experience



Champion technical assistance for grant funding



Coordinated policy direction, outreach, and funding approaches



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Panel Question 2



Ensuring Direct Benefits



Building on proven state models



Prioritizing community-led solutions



Meaningful & transparent community engagement



Knowledge sharing & adapting grant programs



Reducing barriers to access funds



Clear accountability for direct benefits

CalEPA Examples

Meaningful community engagement and Tribal Consultation leading to direct benefits for communities:

- Environmental Justice Action Grants
- Tribal Advisory Committee
- Environmental Justice Task Force

We look forward to more opportunities!



Thank you for your time!

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