

# California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)

## Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Environmental Justice

Public Resources Code Sections 65040.12 & 71110-71115

Last Updated: April 29, 2002

### Background

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has the responsibility of implementing environment justice obligations as set forth in Public Resources Code sections 65040.12 & 71110-71115 to ensure fair treatment of all communities and populations, including minority populations and low-income populations. Cal/EPA's broad responsibilities include the implementation of environmental justice in the design and implementation of programs, policies, and activities; the implementation of enforcement efforts; the design of public participation activities; and conducting health and environmental research and data collection.

The Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice is made up of the Cal/EPA Secretary, Boards, Departments, and Offices (BDO) heads and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) director; and the formation of an external Advisory Group to the Working Group. It is the function of these two groups to assist Cal/EPA in developing an agency-wide environmental justice strategy and provide procedural recommendations to Cal/EPA to ensure meaningful public participation in the activities of Cal/EPA.

**IWG Primary Contact:** Romel Pascual, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice – Cal/EPA  
(916) 324-8425 – email: [rpascual@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:rpascual@calepa.ca.gov)

---

#### California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)

Primary: Winston Hickox, Secretary  
Alternate: Nancy Sutley, Deputy Secretary

#### Governors Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

Primary: Tal Finney, Interim Director  
Alternate: Sandra Salazar-Thompson,  
EJ Project Director

---

#### California Air Resources Board (CARB)

Primary: Alan Lloyd, Chair  
Alternate: Shankar Prasad, Advisor

#### Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

Primary: Bob Borzelleri, Chief Deputy Director  
Alternate: Jim Marxen, Acting Deputy Director,  
Office of External Affairs

#### Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)

Primary: Paul Helliker, Director  
Alternate: Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director

#### California

#### Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

Primary: Linda Moulton-Patterson, Chair  
Alternate: Mark Leary, Executive Director

#### State Water Quality Control Board (SWQCB)

Primary: Celeste Cantú, Executive Director  
Alternate: Harry Schueller, Chief Deputy Director

#### Office of

#### Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

Primary: Joan Denton, Director  
Alternate: Val Siebal, Chief Deputy Director