

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE
Executive Summary

Date: July 10, 2024
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Fresno COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present:

Amneek Chalotra	Matthew S. Gillian – Via Zoom
Clarissa Vivian Petrucci	Nicola Steelnack – Via Zoom
Eric VonBerg – Via Zoom	Patrick Turner
Erin Haagenson	Susanna Herrera
Janelle Del Campo	

Members Absent:

Soo Ho Park	Tiffany B. Mangum
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Fresno COG Staff:

Jennifer Rodriguez	Paul Herman
Shichen Fan	Robert Phipps
Simran Jhutti	

Jennifer Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions (Jennifer Rodriguez)
A. Roll Call (Jennifer Rodriguez)

Jennifer Rodriguez presented this item and committee members and staff introduced themselves.

II. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Election of Chair/Vice Chair (Jennifer Rodriguez)[ACTION]
B. Election of RTP Roundtable Representative (Jennifer Rodriguez)[ACTION]

Jennifer Rodriguez opened the floor for volunteers and nominations of a Chair and RTP Roundtable Representative.

A motion was made by Matthew Gillian to serve as the EJ Subcommittee Chair and the RTP Roundtable Representative. The motion was seconded by Eric VonBerg. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Jennifer Rodriguez opened the floor for volunteers and nominations of a Vice Chair. A motion was made by Patrick Turner to serve as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Clarissa Vivian Petrucci. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Purpose of EJ Analysis and Roles of the EJ Subcommittee (Jennifer Rodriguez)[INFORMATION]

Jennifer Rodriguez presented on this item and answered questions. The Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis is an important element of the Fresno Council of Governments' (Fresno COG) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The RTP/SCS is a 20-year comprehensive plan for the transportation network of Fresno County. The EJ Analysis includes identifying the threshold for environmental justice populations in the county, identifying performance measures, and informing on the impacts of an RTP/SCS scenario.

The previous 2022 RTP, including the Environmental Justice Chapter can be found here: [Previous RTPs – Fresno Council of Governments \(planfresno.com\)](http://planfresno.com)

Staff provided a summary of the purpose of the EJ analysis and the role of the EJ subcommittee in relation to the analysis and the RTP/SCS.

This was an information item.

D. Federal and State Requirements for the EJ Analysis (Jennifer Rodriguez)[INFORMATION]

Jennifer Rodriguez presented on this item and answered questions. Staff provided a summary of the federal and state requirements for the EJ Analysis, including federal requirements related to Title VI and environmental justice, state requirements for civil rights protections and environmental justice, and related legislation.

This was an information item.

E. Introducing Equity Priority Communities vs. Disadvantaged Communities (Shichen Fan)[INFORMATION]

Shichen Fan presented on this item and answered questions. Staff provided a presentation on the proposed environmental justice populations for the EJ Analysis: equity priority communities and disadvantaged communities. This will include definitions, criteria for thresholds, and role in the EJ Analysis.

This item was an information item.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Staff inquired if the EJ Subcommittee had a preference to keep future meetings hybrid or if there was a preference to switch to fully remote meetings.

The Subcommittee elected to keep future meetings hybrid.

B. Items from Members

None.

IV. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Subcommittee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

Note: Prior to action by the Subcommittee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chairman Gillian and seconded by Vice Chairman Turner to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 pm.