

**Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District**  
**FY 2006-2007 Environmental Justice Work Plan**  
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1. **It shall be the SMAQMD's policy to integrate environmental justice into all of our programs, policies and regulations.**
  - A. Increase District staff awareness of race and cultural differences within the Sacramento community, with an emphasis on the sector of the community that is subject to District regulations.
  - B. Identify an Environmental Justice (EJ) "go to" person to serve as the primary contact for all EJ-related issues.
  - C. Provide an annual report to the District's Board of Directors and the community regarding our progress in implementing the District's Environmental Justice work plan.
  
2. **It shall be the SMAQMD's policy to strive to improve our outreach and education efforts in all communities, especially low-income and minority communities, so that everyone can fully participate in our decision-making processes.**
  - D. Strengthen the District's position as a health information agency by:
    - incorporating health-related air pollution impact information onto web and print collateral, as appropriate.
    - incorporating this information into briefings with reporters and editorial boards.
    - incorporating this information into media interviews, as appropriate.
  - E. Develop a Multicultural/Ethnic Media List for distribution of District news releases.
  - F. Establish a toll free phone number for contacting the District within Sacramento County.
  - G. Establish a phone-based translation service to assist communications between the District and the community.
  - H. Establish a document translation service for District-generated documents, including public notices, brochures and other documents as prioritized by staff and the community.
  - I. Expand the Spare The Air program media buys to include non-English media.
  - J. Develop partnerships with ethnic media and community-based organizations to expand the reach of the clean air message.
  - K. Explore an alert system for schools to warn parents, children and educators of bad air days.

L. Develop a List Serve for outreach regarding the District's State Implementation Planning (SIP) and rule development efforts and investigate surveying methods to obtain information to better assess the communication needs of the regulated community.

**3. It shall be the SMAQMD's policy to work towards meeting health-based air quality standards and reduce health risks from toxic air pollutants in all communities, including low-income and minority communities, through the adoption of control measures and the promotion of pollution prevention programs.**

Action items will be developed in Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

**4. It shall be the SMAQMD's policy to ensure that enforcement and permitting activities throughout the District are consistent and fair.**

M. Develop a procedure to recognize when Emission Reduction Credit use occurs in Environmental Justice communities.

N. Develop, translate and distribute a 'Public Participation' handbook.

O. Assess the feasibility of providing public notices, permits, violation and other core District documents in other languages.

P. Review District activities and redirect efforts where we can achieve a more direct community benefit and incorporate an environmental justice element into the District's enforcement training curriculum.

**5. It shall be the SMAQMD's policy to assess, consider and reduce emissions, exposures and health risks when developing and implementing our programs.**

Q. Use one half of the funding dedicated to the Wood Stove Replacement Program in Environmental Justice communities.

R. More accurately identify the physical boundaries of the Environmental Justice communities.

S. Continue to implement the AB 1390 Guidelines as part of the District's distribution of mobile source and Moyer incentive funding.

**6. It shall be the SMAQMD's policy to work with local land use agencies, transportation agencies and others to develop ways to assess and reduce cumulative emissions, exposures and health risks from air pollution through general plans, discretionary project review, permitting and other local actions.**

T. Develop a Geographic Information System (GIS) component to the District's Project Tracking Database.

U. Develop Guidelines for Implementing the Air Resources Board's *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook*.