

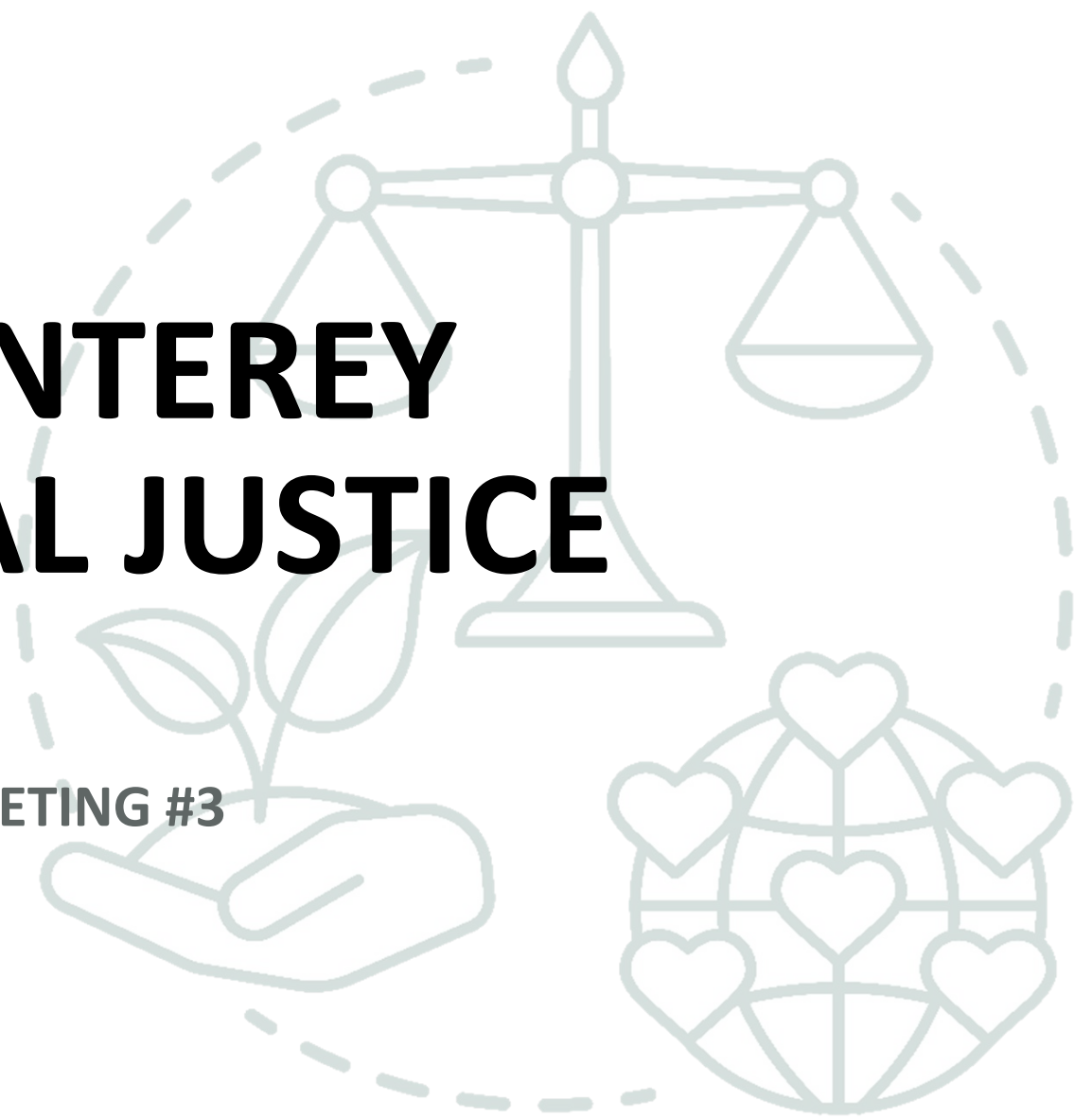
COUNTY OF MONTEREY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #3

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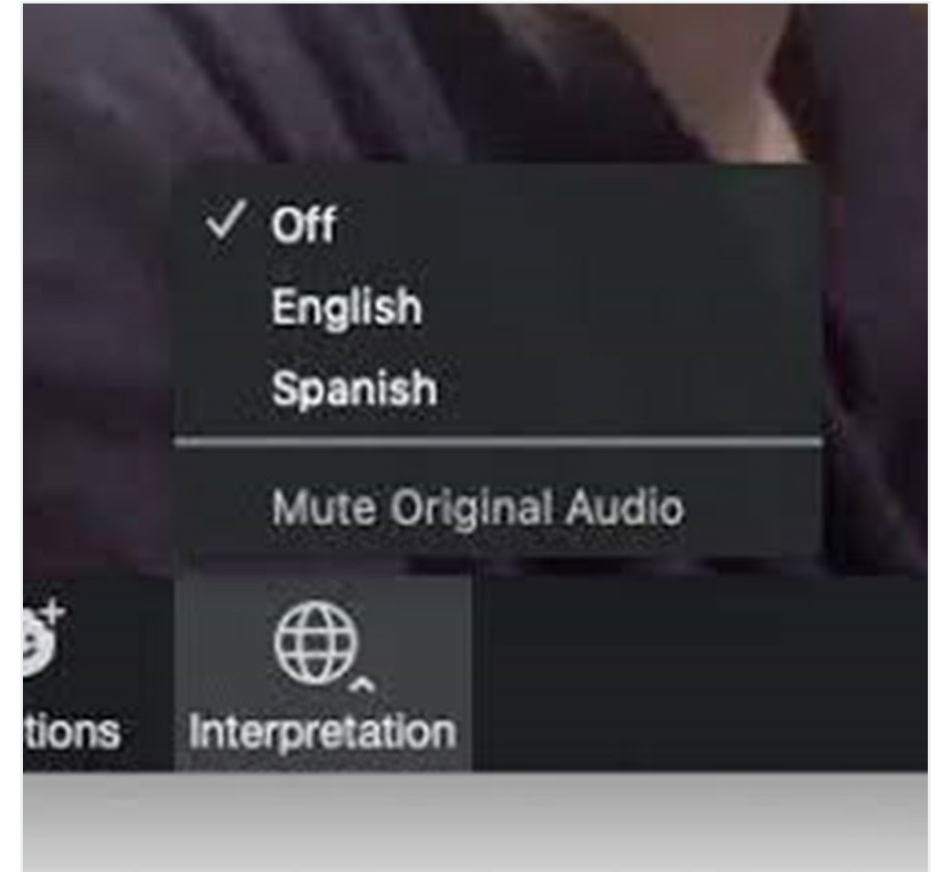


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PLANNING TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

PROJECT LEAD

Monterey County
Housing and
Community
Development
Department

PROJECT CONSULTANT

Harris &
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PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

Community
Advisory
Committee

and

General Public

PROJECT REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Planning
Commission

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Board of
Supervisors

AGENDA

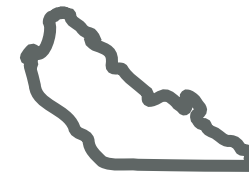
- Welcome and Introductions
- Recap of Statutory Requirements, Disadvantaged Communities, and EJ Topics
- Draft Goals and Policies
- Timeline/Next Steps



STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Senate Bill (SB) 1000 requires jurisdictions to identify DACs and incorporate environmental justice policies into the General Plan upon adoption of two or more Elements concurrently on or after January 1, 2018

SB 1000 has seven primary objectives



Prioritize the Needs of Our "Disadvantaged" Communities



Promote Civic Engagement



Improve Access to Public Facilities



Promote Food Access



Promote Safe and Sanitary Housing



Reduce Pollution Exposure



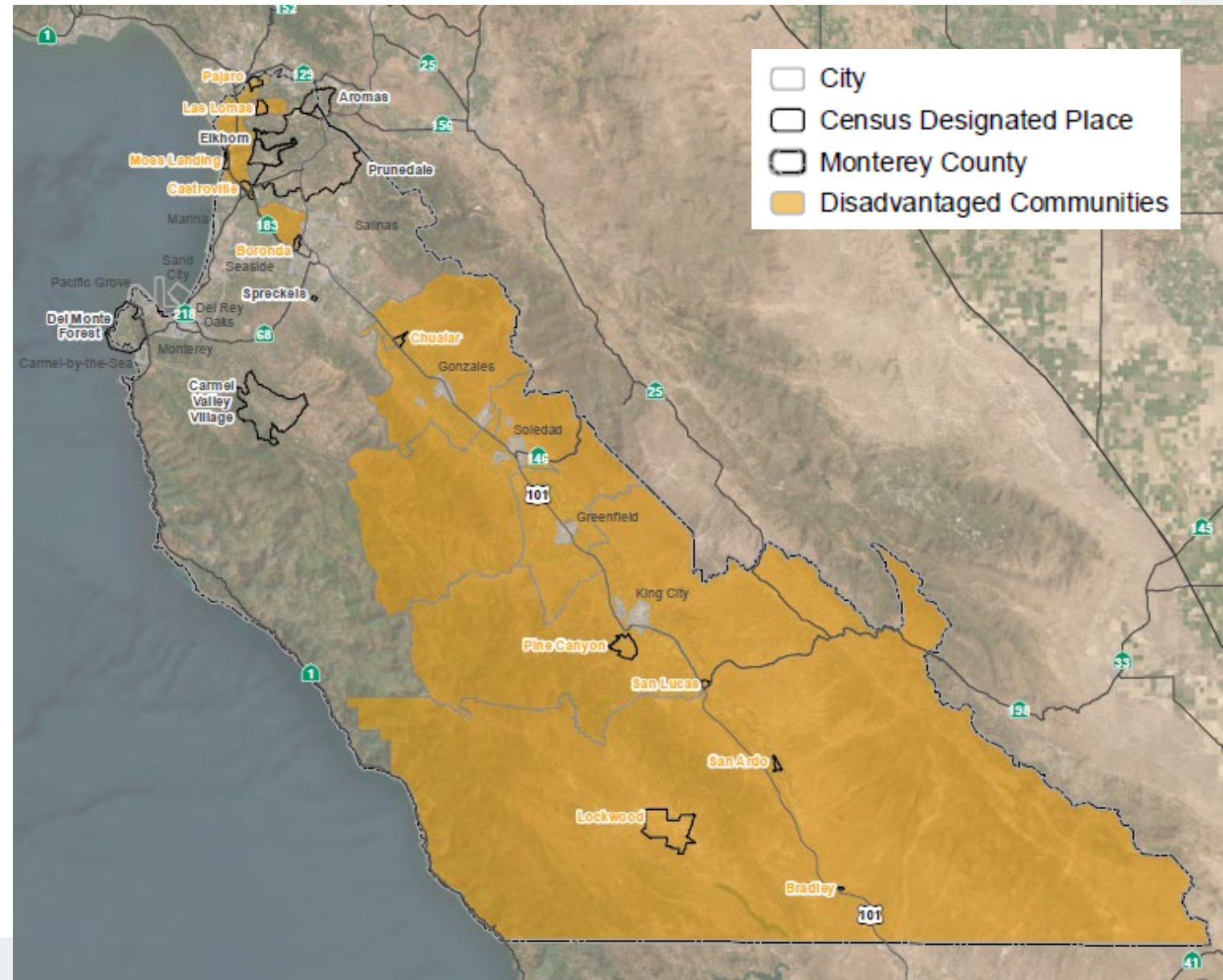
Promote Physical Activity



STATE DEFINED "DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES" IN MONTEREY COUNTY

34 census tracts including the following areas:

- Boronda
- Bradley
- Castroville
- Chualar
- Las Lomas
- Lockwood
- Moss Landing
- Pajaro
- Pine Canyon
- San Ardo
- San Lucas
- Other unincorporated county areas





EXISTING CONDITIONS EVALUATED



Pollution exposure



Access to public facilities and services



Access to healthy food



Access to physical activity and recreational opportunities



Access to safe and sanitary homes



Exposure to unique or compounded health risks (i.e., climate change)



GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

Goals

Statements that address environmental justice topic areas as identified in the Environmental Justice Existing Conditions Assessment and establish general direction on how to address the topic areas.

Policies

Specific statements that guide decision-making and indicate a commitment of the County to a particular course of action.

Actions

Specific actions, procedures, or programs the County will take to carry out General Plan policy.



PROPOSED EJ ELEMENT GOALS



Goal 1: Promote inclusive civic engagement and expand opportunities for equitable and meaningful community involvement in County policies, services, and resource allocation.



Goal 2: Keep pollution out of the air, land, water and communities of Monterey County and expand efforts to reverse disparate and adverse health and environmental impacts of pollution exposure.



Goal 3: Expand public facilities, amenities and services to provide equitable access and benefit for all Monterey County residents.



Goal 4: Provide consistent access to healthy and affordable food options to improve nutritional status and provide food security for all individuals, regardless of economic status.



Goal 5: Create, expand and maintain safe and equitable access to opportunities and places for recreation, physical activity and mobility to improve health, emotional and social wellbeing, and connectivity for all members of the community.



Goal 6: Increase the availability of and access to affordable, safe, sanitary, healthy and stable housing for all residents of Monterey County, especially households that have high housing cost-burden or those currently, or at risk of, being unhoused.



Goal 7: Improve community resilience and preparedness for wildfires, flooding, drought, extreme heat, and sea level rise by implementing coordinated risk reduction measures to avoid disproportionate adverse health and economic impacts.



GOAL 1 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Promote inclusive civic engagement and expand opportunities for equitable and meaningful community involvement in County policies, services, and resource allocation.



GOAL 1 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Support disadvantaged communities to be empowered with the voice and tools to inform County policy making through the development and implementation of an equitable and comprehensive outreach strategy for meaningful, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate civil engagement and public outreach in all aspects of County governance and delivery of services.

Expand relationships and engagement with community-based organizations, civic organizations, and existing formal and informal community networks, including where feasible identifying funding opportunities to directly hire and pay for community organizations to provide direct outreach in collaboration with the County.

Continue to seek and improve opportunities for input from California Native American Tribes in decision making processes, with an emphasis on refining land use and environmental consultation processes and increased and diverse tribal participation in the Native American and Archaeological Resource Technical Advisory Committee.



GOAL 2 POLLUTION EXPOSURE

Existing Conditions Assessment

Asthma

Community Survey Concerns

Air pollution from freeways/roads

Noise pollution

Trash and debris

Safe and affordable water



Keep pollution out of the air, land, water and communities of Monterey County and expand efforts to reverse disparate and adverse health and environmental impacts of pollution exposure.



GOAL 2 POLLUTION EXPOSURE

Maintain and improve both indoor and outdoor air quality by identifying the sources of air pollution impacting Monterey County disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations and reducing emissions from these sources.

Require stronger pollution controls at industrial and agricultural facilities in or near disadvantaged communities, to the extent feasible, and minimize the risk of exposure to, or contamination by, hazardous materials, prioritizing facilities in northern areas of Monterey County.

Expand programs and partnerships to inform and educate disadvantaged communities and vulnerable citizens about adverse health impacts associated with poor indoor and outdoor air quality, and direct resources toward programs to provide equipment and supplies to protect residents' and workers' health and safety.

Support and expand efforts to prevent pollution of the County's surface and groundwater resources, and minimize potential impacts of water pollution by addressing factors and conditions that lead to increased individual and community vulnerability and exposure to polluted water.

Implement land use patterns and policies that protect Monterey County citizens and natural resources from pollution exposure, by ensuring residential, public assembly, and other sensitive land uses are adequately buffered from industrial land uses and sources of pollution that may pose a threat to human health, where feasible.



GOAL 3 ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES



Existing Conditions Assessment

National, state, and County/regional parks

Community Survey Concerns

Affordable and reliable internet, cell, and power

Parks/open space

Infant and child daycare

Affordable/nearby healthcare



Expand public facilities, amenities and services to provide equitable access and benefit for all Monterey County residents.



GOAL 3 ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES

Apply an environmental justice and equity lens when identifying, prioritizing, locating, distributing and allocating resources for the provision of County facilities, amenities and services, including annual budgeting process and capital improvement planning.

Continue and expand local and regional collaboration amongst health officials, planning agencies, private and public health care and service providers, non-profit organizations, community-based and religious organizations, school districts, and residents to ensure broad access to and utilization of health services that facilitate more equitable health outcomes for all Monterey County residents.

Improve efforts and remove barriers to meeting the health and nutrition needs of all Monterey County residents by expanding services, programs and benefits access and utilization for residents of disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations, reaching those with difficulty meeting their basic needs.

Reduce distances that residents in disadvantaged communities travel for services that provide affordable, linguistically and culturally appropriate healthcare, urgent care, and emergency care by expanding access to and readiness of health facilities, practitioners and delivery systems.

Increase access to and utilization of public transit in disadvantaged communities by supporting and expanding equitable distribution, availability, affordability and level of service of public transit to reduce travel time for commuters and connect riders to priority areas such as job centers, shopping centers, schools, and parks and recreation facilities.



GOAL 4 ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

Existing Conditions Assessment

- Grocery stores
- Fast Food

Community Survey Concerns

- Stores/markets with healthy options
- Affordable produce/food purchase assistance
- Community gardens



Provide consistent access to healthy and affordable food options to improve nutritional status and provide food security for all individuals, regardless of economic status.



GOAL 4 ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

Improve and expand the food systems and food distribution networks in Monterey County to ensure all residents have reliable access to healthy food options that provide sufficient energy and nutrient intake.

Identify and implement new sources of healthy food supplies in economic development efforts that increase options for procuring nutrient-rich food, especially in areas of the County where convenient access is more than a half mile from residential areas, through application of an equity lens in planning decisions.

Strengthen access to food assistance programs and services to reduce/remove the cost of healthy food options by supporting outreach efforts that bring awareness of the availability and eligibility for these programs and services to those in low-resource areas of the County.



GOAL 5 RECREATION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MOBILITY

Existing Conditions Assessment

- Walkability
- Vehicle Collisions
- Access to parks
- Bike routes

Community Survey Concerns

- Less crime/safer neighborhoods
- More sidewalks, crosswalks, and walking paths
- More safe bicycle lanes and routes



Create, expand and maintain safe and equitable access to opportunities and places for recreation, physical activity and mobility to improve health, emotional and social wellbeing, and connectivity for all members of the community.



GOAL 5 RECREATION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MOBILITY

Increase the provision of safe, low stress, interesting, and convenient environments for walking and bicycling, including inviting and adequately lit streetscapes, networks of trails, paths, parks, and open spaces that connect residences with key destinations and community gathering spaces, and encourage regular exercise and the reduction of vehicular emissions.

In community planning efforts and development project review, adequately plan and provide for neighborhood and public amenities that meet the cultural, socioeconomic, mobility, and accessibility needs of the community while expanding green space, tree canopy, and utilization of dual-purpose nature-based solutions and green infrastructure.

Support collaboration with and between government, regional and local partnering entities such as parks districts, community based organizations, schools, religious institutions, non-profit organizations, and businesses to promote diverse forms of mobility and activity that contribute to health and well-being and originates from the community for the benefit of that community.

Increase the availability of resources to initiate and implement Active Transportation Projects, Safe Routes to Schools, Bus Rapid Transit, and Transportation Demand Management that open options for mobility and engagement in transportation alternatives with lower contribution to air pollution for residents in disadvantaged communities.

Support and expand promotional and educational campaigns that are community-informed, culturally and linguistically appropriate, and designed to encourage and motivate participation in safe, easy, and fun activities that make a positive contribution to quality of life and support a healthy lifestyle for individuals, families, and the community.



GOAL 6 HOUSING



Existing Conditions Assessment

Housing burden: low-income and high housing costs

Children's Lead Risk from Housing

Community Survey Concerns

Available/affordable insurance

Available/affordable AC/heating

Lead-based paint

Affordable housing



Increase the availability of and access to affordable, safe, sanitary, healthy and stable housing for all residents of Monterey County, especially households that have high housing cost-burden or those currently, or at risk of, being unhoused.



GOAL 6 HOUSING



Ensure community health and well-being by supporting programs and projects that allow residents to live in safe and healthy housing.

Reduce housing overcrowding in disadvantaged communities and reduce the percentage of cost-burdened households in Monterey County by planning for adequate housing growth with a variety of housing sizes and types and by promoting the development of accessory dwelling units.

Advance a range of housing types for all income groups with the goal of reversing trends of concentrated poverty, affluence, or racial segregation.



GOAL 7 UNIQUE, CUMULATIVE HEALTH RISKS



Existing Conditions Assessment

- Wildfire
- Extreme heat
- Extreme precipitation and flooding
- Drought/water shortage

Community Survey Concerns

- Wildfire
- Drought/water supply
- Extreme weather events



Improve community resilience and preparedness for wildfires, flooding, drought, extreme heat, and sea level rise by implementing coordinated risk reduction measures to avoid disproportionate adverse health and economic impacts.



GOAL 7 UNIQUE, CUMULATIVE HEALTH RISKS



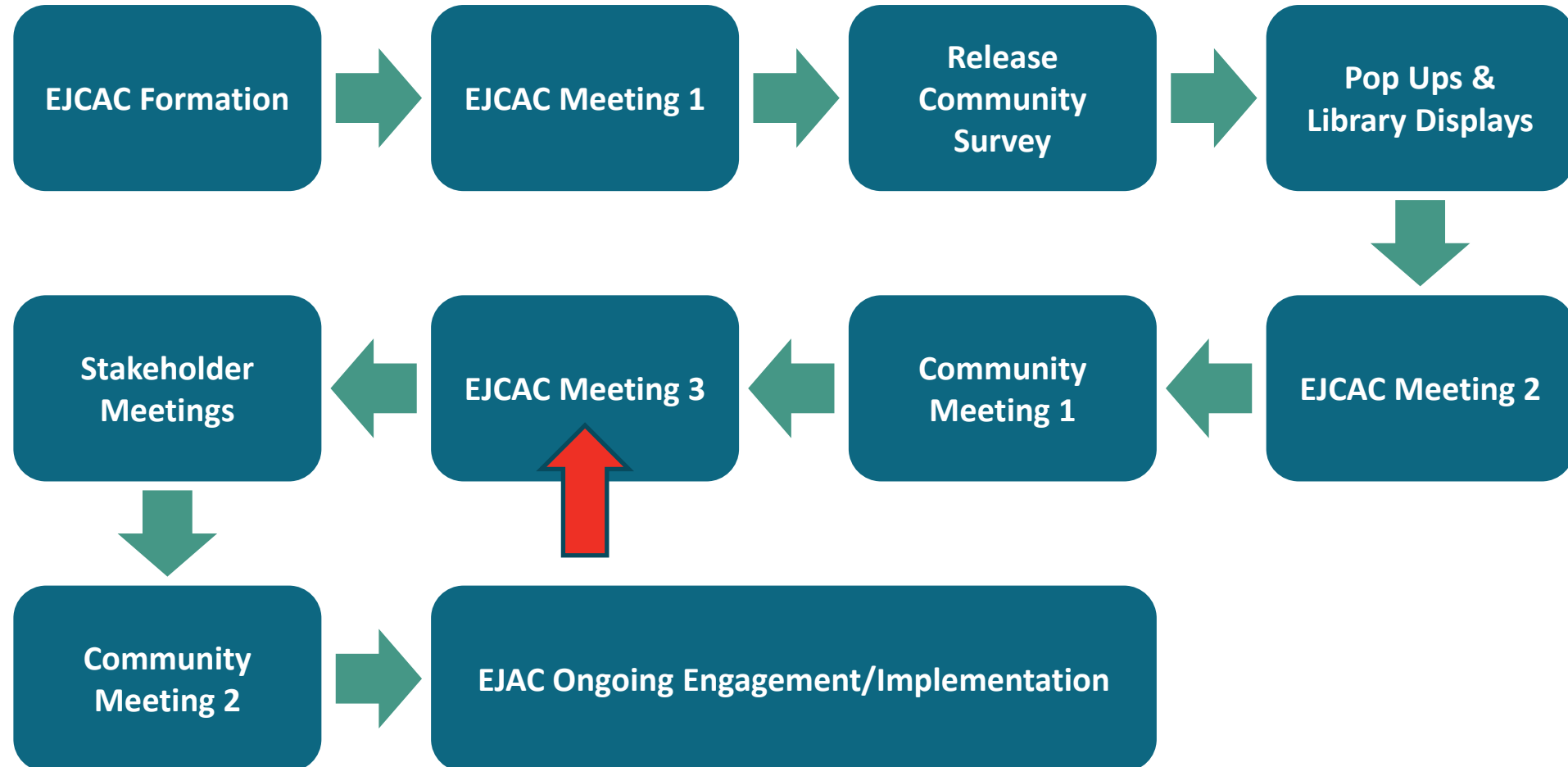
Support and expand initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase renewable energy, and promote energy efficiency through implementation of the Community Climate Action Plan & Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, prioritizing programs that bring renewable energy resources and energy efficiency upgrades to low-income households and facilities and that minimize risk to communities most impacted by natural hazards.

Enhance and support climate preparedness education programs and resources to build capacity for underserved communities to prepare for and respond to emergencies, ensuring the educational resources are accessible, culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate.

Improve and increase the resilience of infrastructure and critical facilities, prioritizing upgrades in areas with limited resources that are the most vulnerable to adverse outcomes from natural hazards, reducing the risk to lives, property, public health and the local economy.



NEXT STEPS





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- Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP)
- Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program

Housing Programs

- Housing Related Reports & Studies
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- Inclusionary Housing Waitlist Sign up



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