

## **Criteria for Adding or Removing Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities and Amending EJ Community Boundaries**

1. The EJ Element will be updated every 8 years with the Housing Element.
2. Changing Status of EJ Community from EJ Community to non-EJ Area
  - a. CalEnviroscreen no longer identifies Disadvantaged Communities (Census Tracts) within the EJ Community
3. Changing Boundaries of EJ Communities
  - a. Remove census tract from EJ Community
    - i. No longer is identified by CalEnviroscreen as a Disadvantaged Community
  - b. Add census tract to EJ Communities (if contiguous to existing EJ Community)
    - i. Identified by CalEnviroscreen as a Disadvantaged Community
    - ii. Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) staff decides to add the census tract to an existing EJ Community rather than create a new EJ Community
4. New EJ Community
  - a. Census tract not in an existing EJ Community and is determined to be Disadvantaged Community by CalEnviroscreen
  - b. PER staff decides to create a new EJ Community
  - c. PER staff uses CalEnviroscreen's Disadvantaged Communities and MTP/SCS's low income/high minority areas to create a new EJ Community with cohesive boundaries
5. Factors That Lead Staff to Create a New EJ Community
  - a. The newly designated Disadvantaged Community or Communities (census tracts) are in a different County community than the other existing EJ Communities.
  - b. Two or more designated Disadvantaged Communities (census tracts) are adjacent to each other and are separated from existing EJ Communities.