



Land Use Services

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOCUS AREAS

A DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT



Proposal

DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT

Adopt additional public outreach requirements for development projects located in EJFAs.

- Additional outreach meetings
- On-site Sign Posting
- Notices provided to owners and occupants
- Notices provided in predominant language

SB 1000 (2016) – Planning for Healthy Communities Act

Requires jurisdictions with disadvantaged communities to incorporate Environmental Justice into their General Plan.

- Identify Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- Promote civic engagement
- Address EJ concerns including but not limited to:
 1. Air Quality
 2. Community health and well-being
 3. Public facilities and infrastructure

Our Approach

COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN

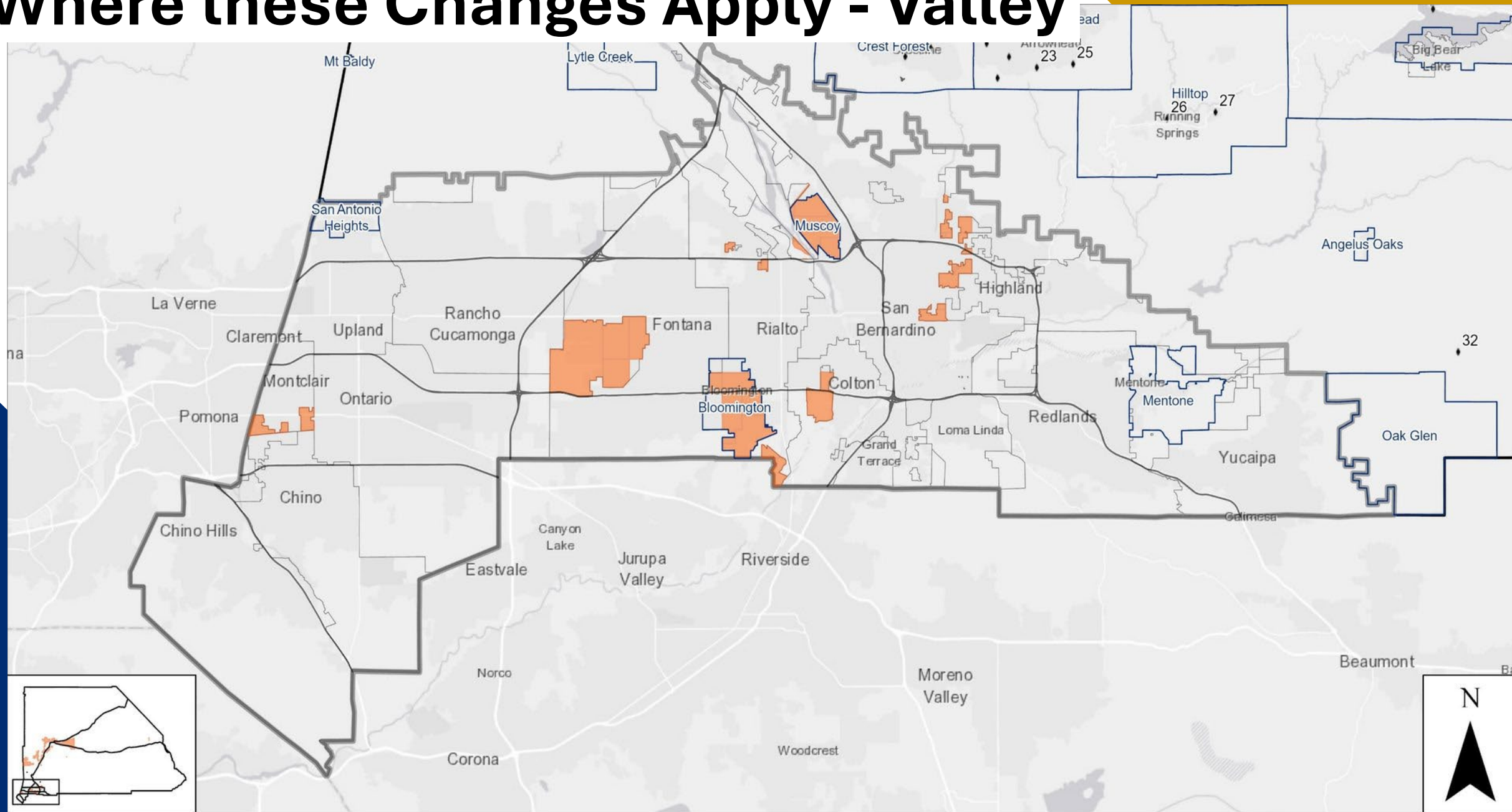
Countywide Policy Plan Goal HZ-3 Environmental Justice.

- ✓ Established Policies to safeguard EJFAs
- ✓ Identified Disadvantaged Communities in online map
- ✓ Directs staff to adopt an ordinance that strengthens civic engagement
- ✓ And more



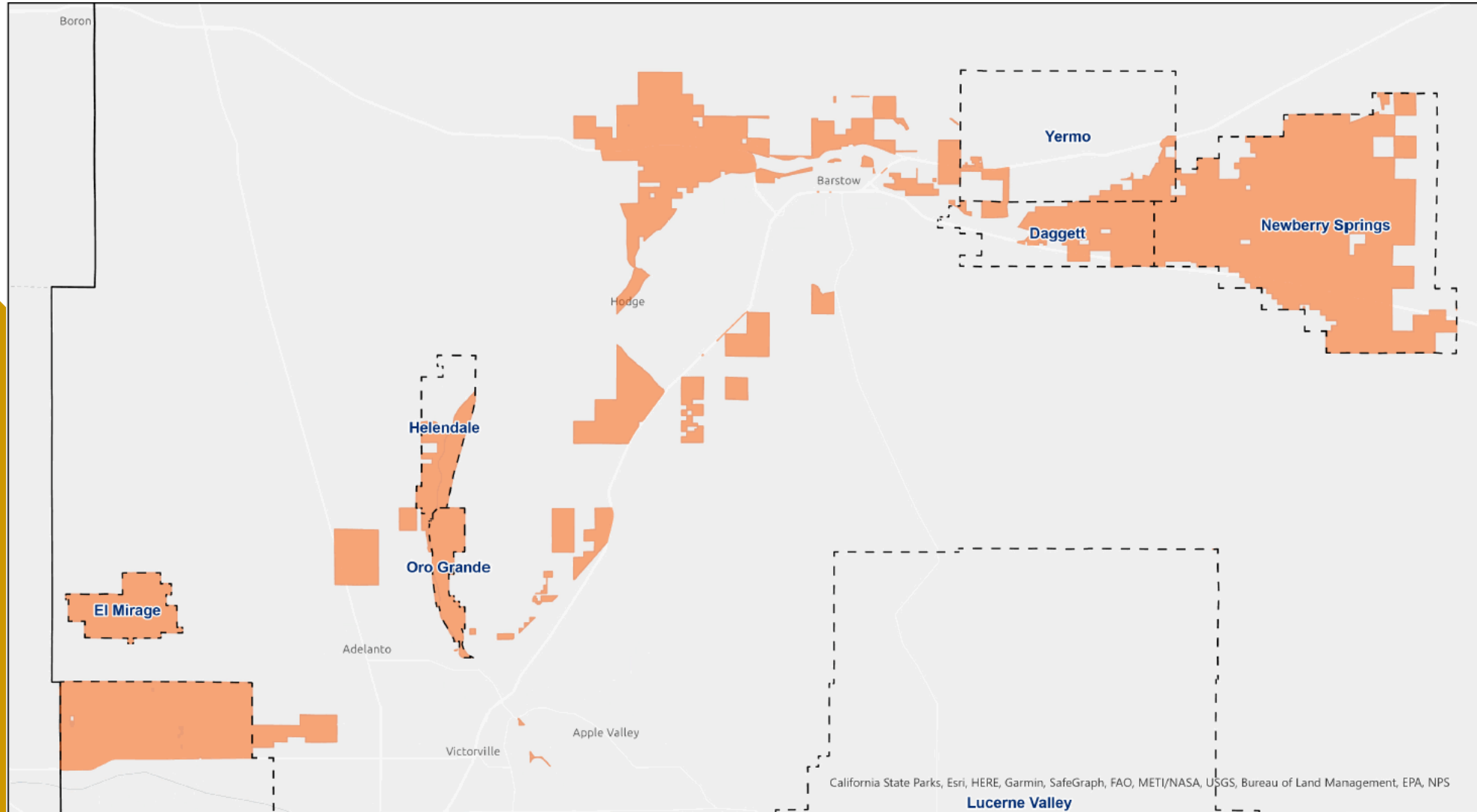
Where these Changes Apply - Valley

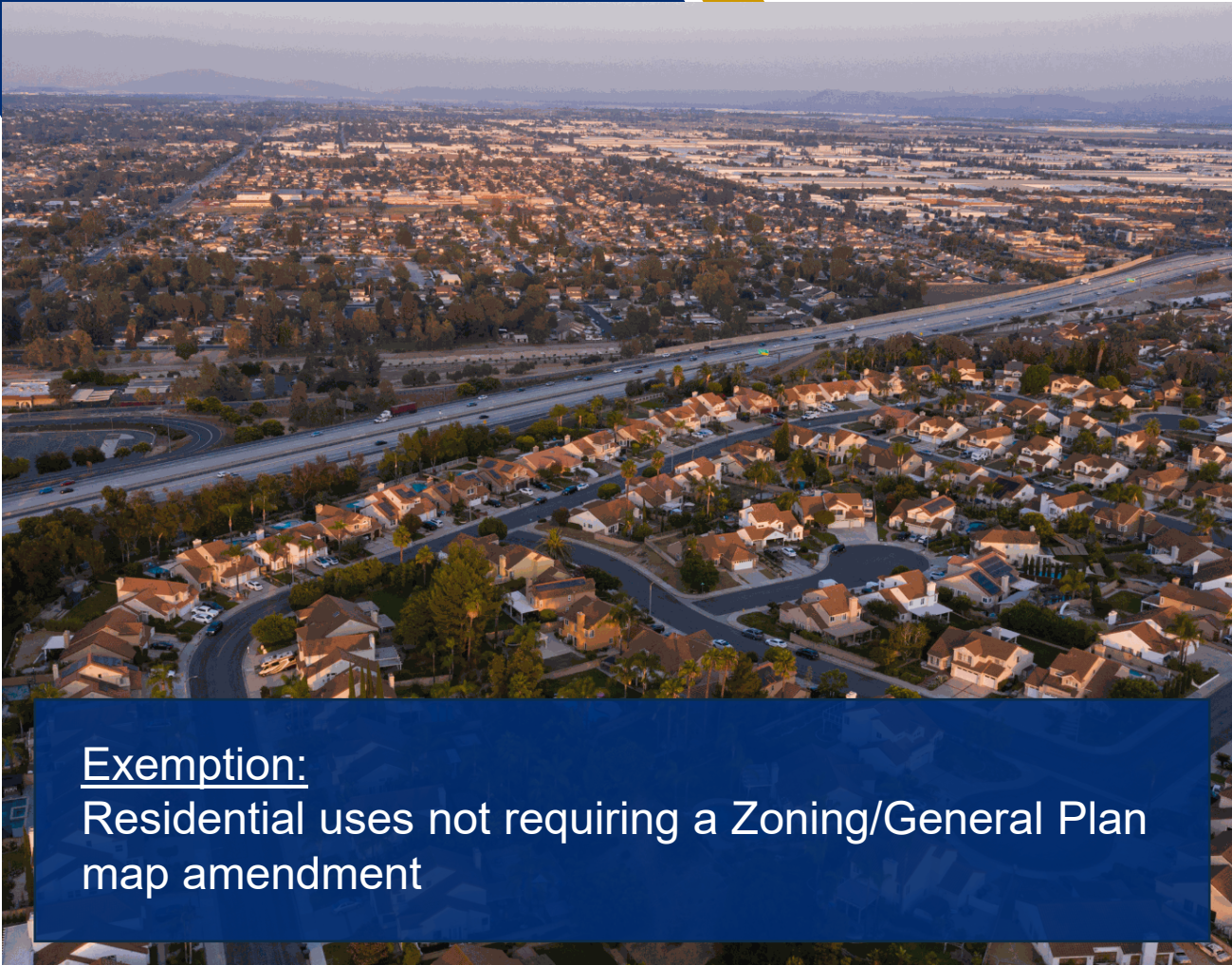
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Where these Changes Apply - Desert

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Exemption:

Residential uses not requiring a Zoning/General Plan map amendment

Applicability

Any Development Project that is in or within 1,000 feet of an EJFA, subject to:

- Conditional Use Permit
- Policy Plan Amendment
- Specific Plan
- Specific Plan Amendment
- Zoning District Amendment
- Planned Development Permit

Requirements	Current	Proposed
Notice Radius	20 acres or less: 300'	20 acres or less: 300'; minimum 30 properties
	20.1 to 160 acres: 700'	20.1 to 160 acres: 700'; minimum 100 properties
	More than 160 acres: 1,300'	More than 160 acres: 1,300'; minimum 300 properties
Notice Language	English	English + predominant EJFA language
Recipients	Owners	Owners + Occupants
On-Site Sign	None	4' × 8' sign required
Outreach Meetings	None	Projects involving a General Plan or Zoning Amendment: 2 meetings All other non-residential projects: 1 meeting



Made of laminated,
weatherproof
materials

Posted on each lot
frontage visible to
the Right of Way

Posted within 10
days of an
application being
deemed Complete
for processing

Removed from site
within 30 days of
final action or
withdrawal

Outreach Plan

REQUIRED CONTENT



Project Location



Community Engagement



Public Notification

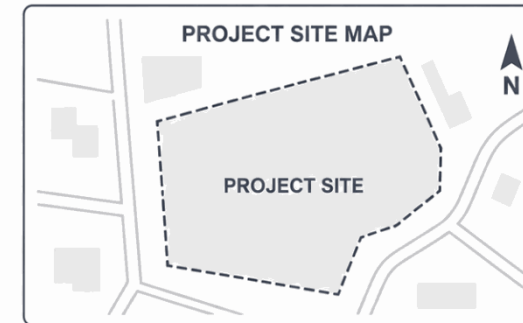


Multiple Languages



Environmental Justice Benefits

Example Outreach Plan



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Environmental Justice Focus Areas

Environmental Justice Requirements

The Legislature adopted the Planning for Communities Act, also known as Senate Bill 1000. Cities and counties with disadvantaged communities include environmental justice policies in their local plans. To meet these requirements, San Bernardino County has identified Environmental Justice Focus Areas, or EJFAs, which are communities that face increased pollution burdens and economic or health-related vulnerabilities. EJFA policies are applied directly within these areas.

How the County Applies these Requirements

San Bernardino County incorporated its environmental justice policies into the Countywide Plan, adopted in 2020. The Countywide Plan is a set of tools that guide future decisions, investments and improvements throughout the county. As part of this plan, the County identified where EJFAs are located and outlined how they should be addressed in local planning and development review.

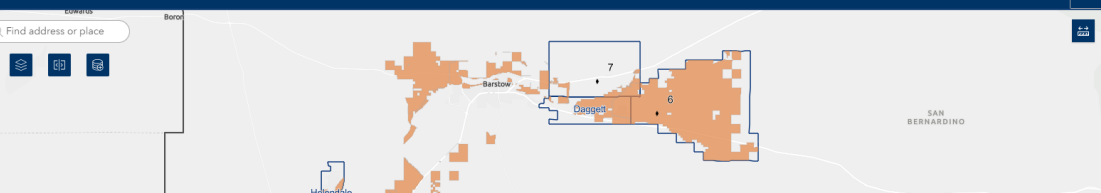
To further support this effort, the County is proposing a Development Code amendment that would require additional public outreach and notification for certain projects within or near an EJFA.

Where are Environmental Justice Focus Areas located

EJFAs are areas more affected by pollution and other environmental hazards that can impact health or the environment. The County identified these areas using CalEnviroScreen, a tool developed by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, along with local planning data and community characteristics.

This interactive map shows all EJFAs identified in the Countywide Plan. The map can be used to look up a property, see whether it is within or near an EJFA, and explore environmental justice information across unincorporated San Bernardino County.

10 Envir. Justice & Legacy Communities Policy Map - (as of October 2022)



New Webpage



Explore EJFA Map



Stay Informed



Find Resources

Community Engagement

September 2nd

Ayala Park Community Center
17909 Marygold Ave,
Bloomington, CA 92316

EJFA Outreach 1

Fall 2026

Jerry Lewis High Desert Government Center
15900 Smoke Tree St.
Suite 131
Hesperia, CA 92345

EJFA Outreach 2

Winter 2026

San Bernardino County Government Center
385 N. Arrowhead Ave.
First Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415

PC Hearing

Spring 2027

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BOS Hearing

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