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Before the Planning Commission in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

COUNTY OF MONTEREY (REF220021) RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution by the Monterey County Planning
Commission to:

- 1) Establish an Environmental Justice
Community Advisory Committee;
- 2) Consider a list of community-based
organizations and groups for invitation to
participate on the Environmental Justice
Community Advisory Committee; and
- 3) Appoint up to twenty total members to the
Environmental Justice Community Advisory
Committee.

[REF220021, County of Monterey General Plan
Environmental Justice Element, Countywide]

The appointment of an Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee came before the Planning Commission at a duly noticed public hearing on March 29, 2023. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, oral testimony and other evidence presented, the Planning Commission takes action with reference to the following facts:

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1000 was passed by California lawmakers to integrate environmental justice principles into the planning process and improve public participation;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65302(h) establishes the requirements of an Environmental Justice Element as part of the General Plan;

WHEREAS, a local government is required to prepare an Environmental Justice Element upon identification of a “disadvantaged community” within its jurisdiction for the purpose of decreasing pollution exposure, increasing community assets, and improving overall health;

WHEREAS, a “disadvantaged community” is defined in Government Code Section 65302, subd. (h)(4)(A) as an area identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code or an area that is a low-income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation;

WHEREAS, Housing and Community Development Planning Division staff began the process of developing an Environmental Justice Element in accordance with statutory requirements in

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Government Code Section 65040.12(d) for incorporating environmental justice considerations into the General Plan, and 65302(h) for preparing an Environmental Justice Element;

WHEREAS, a required component of the Environmental Justice Element (Government Code Section 65302(h)(1)(A)) is to promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process in disadvantaged communities;

WHEREAS, one aspect of the County’s civic engagement process is establishing an Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee (EJCAC) composed of community-based organizations or other groups with a history of underrepresentation in civic proceedings, who would have local or experienced knowledge of the environmental burdens, concerns, and needs specific to each disadvantaged community identified within the County jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, each member organization or group of the EJCAC is expected to send not more than one delegate to engage in each of three separate meetings, provide informed feedback from the community being served, relay a clear understanding of the environmental justice issues specific to each particular disadvantaged community’s struggles and concerns, and share targeted preliminary input for key information used to develop the Environmental Justice Element;

WHEREAS, a maximum of twenty groups would support manageability of the EJCAC while capturing a comprehensive cross-section of perspectives throughout the community, both geographically and distributed across populations;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered a list of ninety groups and organizations, narrowed the list to twenty, and directed the Housing and Community Development Director to issue a memorandum to gauge interest from the invited groups in commitment to serve on the EJCAC in an advisory capacity to staff for the development of the Environmental Justice Element;

WHEREAS, establishment and appointment of the EJCAC constitute early planning activity that is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act;

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission does hereby:

1. Establish an Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee;
2. Consider a list of community-based organizations and groups for invitation to participate on the Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee; and
3. Appoint members to the Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th of **March 2023** upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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ABSTAIN:

Craig Spencer, Secretary to the Planning Commission

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