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To: Local Enforcement Agencies

CalEPA October 2021 Public (Online) Workshops on Identification of Disadvantaged Communities

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is holding two virtual public workshops to discuss the draft proposed update to its designation of disadvantaged communities. Senate Bill (SB) 535 directs CalEPA to identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of targeting a portion of investments within the California Climate Investments program, which is funded by Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds.

CalEPA, with support from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), is hosting the following two identical workshops to receive feedback on how disadvantaged communities should be identified in California. The workshops will begin with a welcome and brief presentation on CalEPA's proposal and CalEnviroScreen 4.0, then staff from State agencies will convene multiple breakout rooms for participants to provide input and ask questions. The workshops will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. Please use the hyperlinks in the workshop listings below to register for either event:

Discussion Document: During the week of October 18, 2021, CalEPA will post a document for discussion at the virtual workshops and for written public comment. The discussion document on identifying disadvantaged communities under SB 535 for use in programs funded beginning in the 2022-23 budget year will be available at: <https://calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/ghginvest/>. Written comments on the proposed designation of disadvantaged communities may be submitted from October 18, 2021 to November 16, 2021, at 5pm PST, via email to: comments@calepa.ca.gov.

Notices for Future Meetings and Materials: If you would like to receive notices of future meetings and the availability of materials on these subjects, please sign up for both the list serves at: <https://calepa.ca.gov/calepa-listservs/> and http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=auctionproceeds.

Questions: If you have any questions on the logistics of the workshops, please contact Brenna Sheldon at brenna.sheldon@calepa.ca.gov or (916) 384-8901.

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