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GOALS and OBJECTIVES for CBDA Program Elements  
EJ Subcommittee meeting  
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## GOALS

### **OVERALL**

Ensure Implementation Principle for Environmental Justice is integrated and met by all program elements. *Implementation Principle states, CBDA will seek fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes. CBDA program, policies and action shall not cause any segment of the population to bear disproportionately high or adverse health, environmental, social or economic impact. CBDA agree to be responsible for ensuring this is carried out across all Project Elements through the development of environmental justice goals and objectives*

### **FUNDING**

Ensure that each Program Element provides funding support for portion of EJ Activity plans and programs that will provide direct and quantifiable benefit to each Program.

### **SCIENCE**

As a well-established CBDA cross-cutting Program Element, ensure that Science includes EJ concepts and concern in its Adaptive Management approach to CBDA actions.

Ensure communication of science-based analyses and assessments presented to and generally understood in EJ communities (communities of color, non-English speaking communities, and other potentially affected communities).

Ensure that EJ Activity and stakeholders have ample opportunity to provide input in Science panels and workshops. Promote and encourage production of white papers on issues of concern to EJ Activity and communities to make certain that good science becomes part of EJ analysis and provides sound technical basis of EJ recommendations and proposed actions.

Include meaningful role for EJ in annual Science conference, State of the Estuary Conference (and Journal), and Pacific Climate Conference.

### **WATERSHED**

Ensure continuation of watershed education, programs, funding, and technical assistance in all communities that have EJ characteristics and/or concerns,

Continuation of consensus based and collaborative PSP process to include workshops, trainings and technical assistance in communities of color and underserved communities seeking watershed funding. This must include focused effort to create broad-based PSP selection panels that understand EJ and Tribal communities. Improve PSP advertisement and dissemination through outreach and consultation with EJ Subcommittee.

Completion of watershed mapping focused on EJ communities in order to promote better watershed understanding, knowledge and identification.

Support for recently initiated watershed efforts such as the California Watershed Council.

### **ENVIROMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT**

Promote inclusion of tribal, subsistence fishing, and other EJ communities in deliberative process to assess and recommend actions on future of EWA to better ensure wider community concern, knowledge and history of fish and species protection can contribute to the EWA process.

### **WATER USE EFFICIENCY {WUE}**

Ensure that cost-effective water conservation, recycling, desalination and other innovative practices include EJ communities, concerns and input. This requires more deliberate and comprehensive technical assistance, outreach, and capacity building in selected communities.

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### **CONVEYANCE**

Ensure water supply reliability, flood control/protection, and drinking water quality benefits are shared equally among Delta and other affected communities by a process that incorporates members/representatives from potentially affected communities in workshops and other public participation efforts in conjunction with the EJ subcommittee.

### **STORAGE**

Ensure quantification of direct economic and socioeconomic impacts to residents of communities in proposed project areas are analyzed and considered in planning and implementation process. Surveys and other methods of public participation/involvement must be undertaken with community-based input and support. Impacts on habitat, water quality, and water supply must be balanced with other societal impacts as part of an overall decision-making strategy.

### **WATER TRANSFERS**

Ensure that as water transfer market develops, it occurs through balanced, broad-based, and community-driven processes that include members and representative from potentially affected communities in both sellers and buyers regions. Process must include analysis of all conceivable impacts to both regions and consider a broad range of mitigation and other alternatives.

Socioeconomic impacts and effects to disadvantaged communities must be addressed particularly the effects of crop/land idling, short and long term transfers, and impacts on social services and facilities that serve those needs.

### **LEVEES**

Ensure that the development and implementation of base level protection, levee subsidence control, and emergency management and response programs and plans include adequate participation and broad-based representation from potentially affected communities in the decision-making process.

Ensure that funding is earmarked as a part of each plan to include outreach, education and capacity-building in potentially affected communities to allow effective participation in decision-making process.

### **OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION**

Complete integration of EJ Goals and Objectives in each Program Element and across the eight (8) Oversight and Coordination commitments (Public Affairs & Involvement, EJ, Program Performance & Tracking, Regional Coordination, BDPAC, Financial Plan, Tribal Relations, and Water Management Strategy).

Develop a recurring /annual EJ analysis for each Program Element as a meaningful tool to better understand potential benefits and burdens of each CBDA Program and related actions.

### **DRINKING WATER**

Ensure that DW framework, based on the concept of Equivalent Level of Public Health Protection (ELPH), includes planning and funding to include broad-based representation of all vulnerable sub-populations in outreach, education, and decision-making process on source improvement, conveyance operations and storage programs. Efforts must be undertaken to provide adequate technical assistance and capacity building to potentially affected communities so that options can be generated that incorporate concerns of potentially affected communities with regard to source water exchanges, non-point source of pollution and delivered water quality.

Particular attention and directed actions should address, through broad-based community outreach and participation processes the impacts and mitigation of arsenic, MTBE, mercury, perchlorate, selenium, bromide and other contaminants of concern.

### **ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**

Ensure that as efforts continue to restore habitat and at-risk species, rehabilitate ecological processes, and to improve water and sediment quality that meaningful participation and involvement that includes cultural and historic education from potentially affected communities has an integral part of the decision-making and implementation process.

Based on widespread and dedicated interest from Tribal and other subsistence fishing communities located in the headwaters and throughout the Bay-Delta, ensure meaningful participation of those affected communities in the final analysis, adoption and implementation of CBDA' mercury strategy. This must include thorough understanding of

the impacts and sources of mercury contamination, and consider both traditional and cultural practices of affected communities that contribute to mercury contamination and dissemination, particularly among vulnerable population groups.

Earmark specific and sufficient funding to support ongoing efforts, begun in Lake County to convene agencies, communities and others in action-oriented dialogue and processes to remediate mercury pollution and provide education, training and technical assistance to support mitigation efforts in and among affected communities.

## OBJECTIVES

1. EJSC, CBDA program staff, and BDPAC Subcommittees develop program-wide environmental justice goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measures and integrate them into CBDA Program Plans.
2. Develop annual EJ Work Plan. The EJSC shall assist programs with implementation of program-wide goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measures.
3. Ensure meaningful and substantive participation of *CBDA Agencies*, community-based organizations and environmental justice interest groups in CBDA program planning, program implementation, and decision-making, including BDPAC Subcommittee and regional workgroups.
4. Develop and implement a CBDA program-wide environmental justice education and technical assistance program.
5. Develop tools and capacity of CBDA agencies and staff to identify, evaluate, and avoid/mitigate environmental *injustices*.
6. Address priority environmental justice issues in each CBDA program. Identify priority issues using notes from regional EJ workshops.