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**LAFCO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP
SPECIAL MEETING**

Chairperson: Rosemary Kamei ▪ Vice Chairperson: Yoriko Kishimoto

San Jose City Hall, 17th Floor, City Manager’s Conference Room (#T-1734)
200 East Santa Clara St., San Jose

APRIL 20, 2026 ▪ 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

AGENDA

1. WELCOME & ROLL CALL **Chair Kamei**

2. WORKSHOP OVERVIEW **Facilitator**

The workshop is open to the public and designed as a working session for commissioners.

No action will be taken at this workshop, instead input will be obtained on developing a vision and guiding principles for integrating an environmental justice lens in LAFCO’s work, which will be presented to the Commission for their consideration at a future regular LAFCO meeting.

3. LAFCO LAW AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE **Counsel/Staff**

4. PRESENTATION ON PLAN BAY AREA 2050+ **Dave Vautin,
MTC-ABAG**

Overview of MTC-ABAG’s Plan Bay Area 2050+, including the equity component of the Plan and how the Plan overlaps with LAFCO’s mission to curb sprawl, preserve agricultural and open space, and encourage efficient delivery of services.

5. PRESENTATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: LESSONS FROM THE FIELD	Dr. Khalid Osman, Stanford University
A look at the roots of environmental justice issues in water/sanitation systems and highlighting lessons learned from his work in disadvantaged communities.	
6. DEFINING DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES	Facilitator
There are different definitions for disadvantaged communities. Discussion on which elements of these different definitions are important for Santa Clara LAFCO.	
7. BREAK & LUNCH (15 minutes)	
8. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SCAN OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY	Facilitator
The nature and extent of environmental justice issues in Santa Clara County.	
9. LAFCO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES	Facilitator/ Commissioners
Exercises and discussion to create a rough draft vision and guiding principles for LAFCO's role in environmental justice, based on LAFCO authority and work.	
10. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS	Facilitator/Staff
11. ADJOURN	Chair Kamei

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