

6: Economic/Environmental Benefits and Impacts to Disadvantaged Communities

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In 2012, the Legislature passed SB 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012) and directed that, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, 25 percent of the monies allocated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund also must go to projects that provide a benefit to disadvantaged communities and 10 percent to projects located in disadvantaged communities. The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) was given the responsibility for identifying disadvantaged communities for purposes of this legislation. After reviewing the *California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool* (CalEnviroScreen) prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, CalEPA has decided on a designation of disadvantaged communities as required by SB 535. These areas are identified by census tract and scored at or above the 75th percentile using the methodology in CalEnviroScreen for ranking communities burdened by environmental and socioeconomic issues. More information and maps detailing this information can be found at [the California Air Resources Board Disadvantaged Community Investment Guidance and Maps](http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/535investments.htm) webpage:

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Explain how the project will benefit and/or impact disadvantaged communities as defined in The Air Resources Board Disadvantaged Community Investment Guidance and Maps webpage:

Please provide names of which disadvantaged community(ies) will benefit (use table provided below) and explain environmental, economic and social benefits that will be provided to these communities. If the project will create construction and/or permanent jobs in disadvantaged communities, indicate how many jobs, what types, approximate salaries and benefits and how long these jobs will last. Also explain expected air and water quality as well as other environmental benefits that will accrue to the community.

Directions: Complete each column below for any community with direct economic and/or environmental impacts from the project. Use the online tools found at [CalEnviroScreen](http://oehha.ca.gov/ej/ces2.html):

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On this page, scroll down and click **ALL MAPS**. On the new webpage on the left column, scroll down to **CalEnviroScreen 2.0 scores**. To use the map, zoom to or type a location (street address) into the search bar. Clicking on a census tract on the map shows a popup window with the individual results for each of the 19 indicators that make up its CalEnviroScreen score.

Provide the census tract number, score and percentile ranking for each census tract directly impacted by the project in the table below.

Community/City Name is the common name for the area impacted; CalEnviroScreen does not supply this. Estimate the **percentage of benefits apportioned** to each impacted community on the far right; the total for all communities should add up to 100 percent.

Please include explanations of benefits in additional sheets. If additional rows are needed in table below, include the completed table with explanation of benefits.

Project Name: _____

Street Address	Community /City Name	CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Score	Percentage of benefits apportioned to this Community	Project Census Tract Number
(Example) 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento CA 95833	Sacramento	46-50%	10%	6067007010

View interactive maps with depicting census tracts identified as disadvantaged communities by the California Air Resources Board on the [Disadvantaged Community Map - Top 25% webpage](#):

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/535top25map.htm>