

COLONIAS AND OTHER DISADVANTAGED UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES STAKEHOLDERS MEETING & ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS WEBINAR

AGENDA

Meeting Location: Westmorland Community Presbyterian Church
285 East 3rd Street. Westmorland, CA 92281
May 8-9, 2024

Goal 1: Deepen our collective understanding of the challenges faced by Colonias and other disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Goal 2: Build bridges for enhanced collaboration among stakeholders.

Goal 3: Identify potential opportunities for solutions to identified needs.

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss the challenges, barriers and needs of limited services in Colonias and other disadvantaged unincorporated communities.
- Connect needs to existing resources – highlighting the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants.
- Better understand how to unlock access to resources through collaboration.
- Create a path for a cooperative strategy that addresses environmental and health risks faced by these communities.
- Connect stakeholders to USEPA Region 9 community work.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Federal Partners Community Site Visits <i>Meeting Location:</i> Westmorland Community Presbyterian Church 285 East 3rd Street, Westmorland, CA 92281	
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM PST	Introductions and Overview of Day Welcome Martha Guzmán , Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 9
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM PST	Federal Partners Community Site Visits <i>Objective of the community site visits:</i> To provide federal partners with an on-the-ground view of the challenges experienced by residents of in the communities/colonias located in the Salton Sea frontline of the Imperial Valley. Lunch Break at Westmorland Community Presbyterian Church (285 East 3rd Street, Westmorland, CA) ***Please bring your lunch, snacks, and drinks***

Thursday, May 9, 2024

**Colonias and Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities
Stakeholders In-Person Meeting**

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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM PST	Registration
	Overview of Day Welcome Martha Guzmán , Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 9 (Virtual) Laura Ebbert , Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, Office of Environmental Justice, and External Civil Rights, U. S. EPA
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM PST	Introductions
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM PST	Stakeholders Meeting Group Discussion About Community Needs and Barriers <i>Participants share their experiences and collaboratively identify needs and barriers.</i>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM PST	Understanding of Stakeholder Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">- USEPA Region 9, US-Mexico Border 2025 and Environmental Justice Programs- Overview of the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM PST	A glimpse of the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants and interconnection of grant components Alex Gallo , Special Advisor, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U. S. EPA
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM PST	Break
10:45 AM – 1:00 PM PST	Federal & Non-Government Organizations Resources (Time will be divided between the organizations who sign up to present)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM PST	Network Lunch – Get to Know the Resource Providers <i>Visit with resource providers during the lunch break.</i> ***Please bring your lunch, snacks, and drinks.
2:00 PM- 2:45 PM PST	Building a Space for Further Discussion <i>Smaller workgroups discuss priorities identified, potential strategies</i>

for collaboration, and ideas for moving forward.

Thursday, May 9, 2024
Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants
Hybrid Webinar (In-Person & Virtual)

Open to the Public

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM PST

**Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants
Hybrid Webinar**

Zoom link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608512427>

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4:00 PM PST

Closing Remarks – Where Do We Go from Here