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Hello,

We are the Surfrider Foundation, Isla Vista Club. We are an organization of students at UCSB, who all live in Isla Vista, dedicating to protecting the oceans, waves, and beaches for all people.

Before approving the Environmental Justice Element, please:

- Include binding and trackable objectives and implementation actions that require the county to take action to reduce the environmental burdens in environmental justice communities instead of maintaining the status quo;
- Add objectives and implementation actions to reduce the groundwater contamination that disproportionately impacts many of the County's disadvantaged communities;
- Identify in the Element which County policies, rules, and regulations already promote environmental justice in the County;
- Conduct more community engagement with residents of the environmental justice communities that the Element is designed to benefit. This includes mailing surveys and holding multiple workshops accessible to all of the County's Environmental Justice Communities.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Best,
Surfrider Foundation, Isla Vista Club