Alameda County
EJ Element

ACHCC EJ Bucket Meeting #10

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Welcome & Agenda Review

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# Agenda

1. Welcome & Agenda Review
    - Small-group icebreaker
2. Guidelines and Tools for EJ Implementation
3. Discussion: EJ Implementation Structure
4. Next Steps/Announcements/Adjourn

Guidelines and Tools for EJ Implementation

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An achievable EJ Element Implementation Plan is vital to translating the County's EJ Element into action.
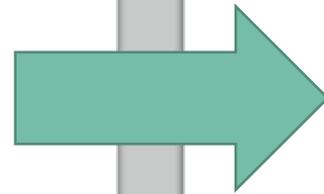
Draft EJ Element will include specific policies and programs. (anticipated release: Dec 2022)

Focus of today's meeting: Discussing ideas for an EJ Element <u>implementation structure</u> that sets us up for success

EJ Element Implementation is a collaborative effort
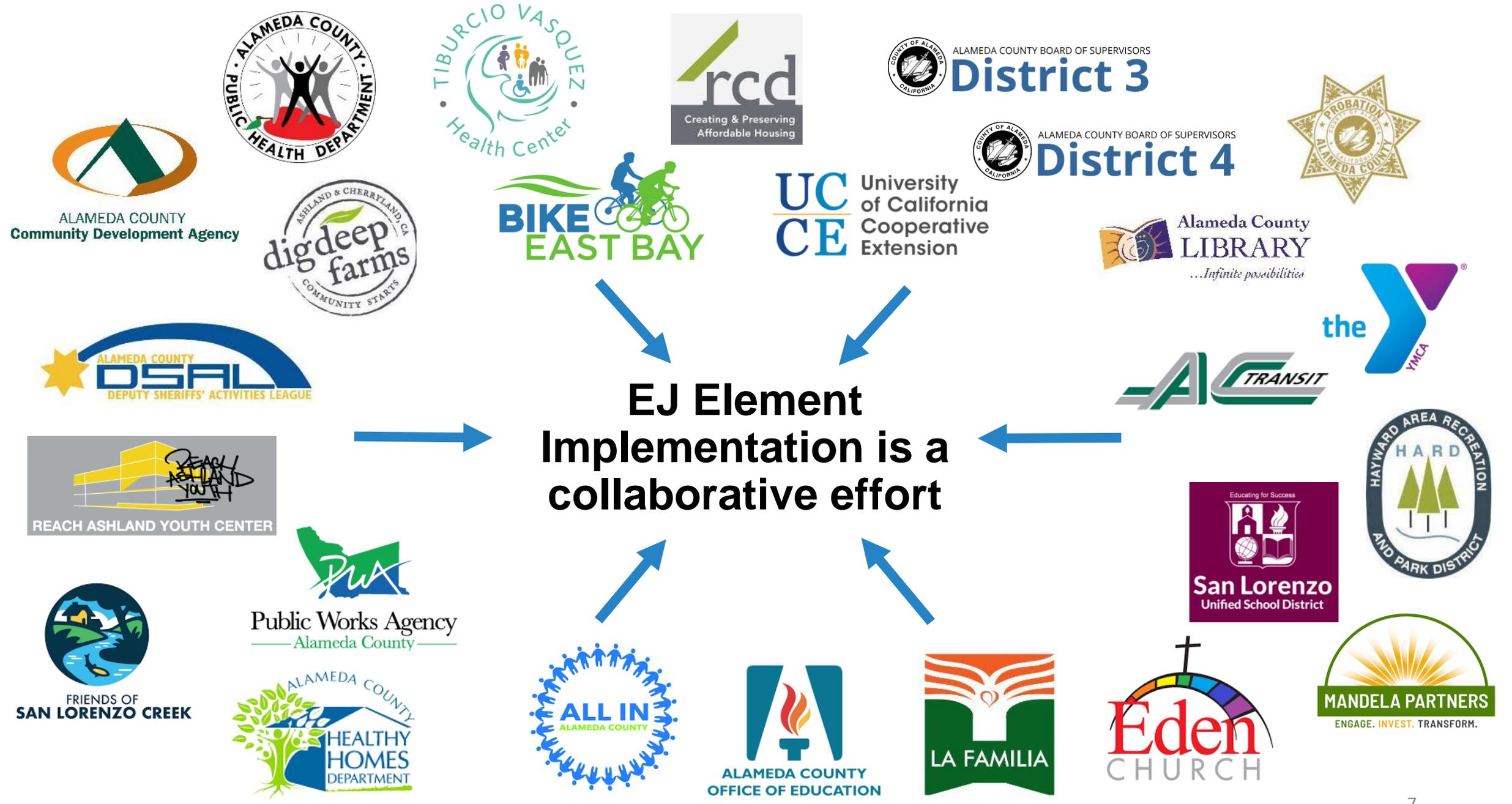
State guidelines for EJ implementation:

- Identify **actors responsible**

- Specify **timelines**

- Include **implementation programs** that are **responsive to and prioritize the needs of priority communities**

- Identify **mechanisms for monitoring** (metrics, performance indicators)

- Incorporate transparent **communication and reporting strategies** to convey implementation status to stakeholders

- Establish systems to continue to **involve and engage priority communities in implementation** activities

Governor's Office of Planning and *Research General Plan Guidelines, Chapter 4: Environmental Justice Element*, June 2020

Tools available for implementation?

Tools will depend on specific measures. Examples include:

- Ordinance or zoning amendments
- Adoption of subsequent policies consistent with EJ Element
- Investment in Capital Improvement Projects
- Grant funding to develop new programs
- Building EJ policies/programs into workplan and budgets
- Collaboration with non-county agencies and special districts
- Community-initiated action and activism

EJ Implementation Plan will include:

- **Specific measures** (policies and actions), with **responsible actors**, **timelines**, and **prioritization** of measures based on community/stakeholder input and feasibility (including cost)

- **Monitoring mechanisms**

- **Communication and reporting strategies**, including regular EJ implementation updates to BOS subcommittees, Planning Commission, and MACs

- Strategies for **ongoing engagement of/accountability to Priority Communities** in implementation

- A **proposed structure** for a collaborative body to guide EJ implementation

**Discussion:
EJ Implementation
Structure**

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The Challenge:

Develop a stable, sustainable structure or body
# for EJ implementation

Example: ACHCC EJ Bucket could transition to an EJ Implementation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Work of the EJ Implementation body could include:

- Supporting lead implementing agencies through ongoing coordination and exchange of ideas

- Monitoring and communicating progress to stakeholders

- Ensuring accountability for ongoing engagement of Priority Communities in Implementation

- More?

Prompts for group discussion:

- What ideas do you have for the structure of the implementation body?
- Who is involved?
- How often does body meet?
- Who organizes and facilitates meetings? (lead: Planning)
- What encourages accountability of various actors, agencies, departments?
- How are County actors encouraged to participate? How are non-County actors encouraged to participate? What would make this body worthwhile for you and your agency?
- How is community involved, engaged, and informed?
- Is there a website? Social media? Who manages them? (lead: Planning)
- Are there regular report outs to MACs, Unincorporated Service, Planning Commission, BOS? What's the timeline? (lead: Planning)
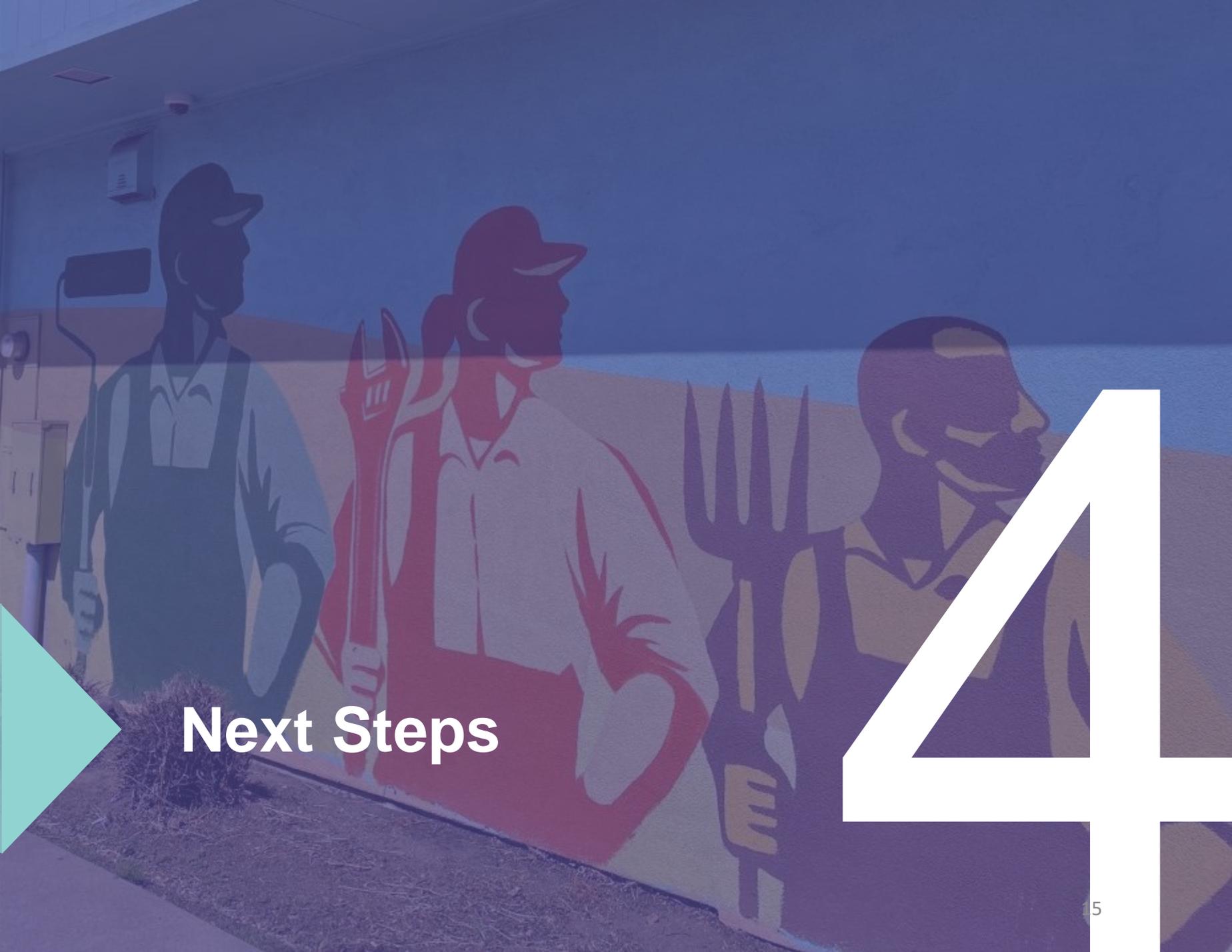
Next Steps

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Next Steps

- ACHCC Meeting #11, Housing Element – November 17

- Public Review Draft EJ Element – ~December

- Community Workshop #3 – Winter 2023

ACHCC EJ Bucket

Nov/Dec –

Housing Element intro

Check-ins with EJ "actor" agencies

Public draft – available ~December for review

Community Engagement

Winter 2023 – Workshop #3 (Review Draft Plan)

Ongoing– Website updates to include engagement materials

Plan Development

Dec – Public Review Draft EJ Element

Feb 2023 – Final Draft EJ Element

April 2023– Plan Approval

Please note:

*No ACHCC EJ Bucket meeting
on December 15*

Member announcements?