

# **ECOS Spring Meeting**

## **Deepening Engagement with Disadvantaged Communities**

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# Overview

- Colorado Environmental Justice Act
  - Colorado EnviroScreen
- MOU with EPA Region 8 re: EJ in Enforcement



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# Colorado Definition of Environmental Justice

*“Environmental justice recognizes that all people have a right to breathe clean air, drink clean water, participate freely in decisions that affect their environment, live free of dangerous levels of toxic pollution, experience equal protection of environmental policies, and share the benefits of a prosperous and vibrant pollution-free economy.”*

Environmental Justice Act (HB21-1266), § 2(1)(a)(I)



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# Environmental Justice Action Task Force



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Appointment vacancies:

- Southern Ute Tribe
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- House Minority Leader
- Senate Minority Leader (x2)



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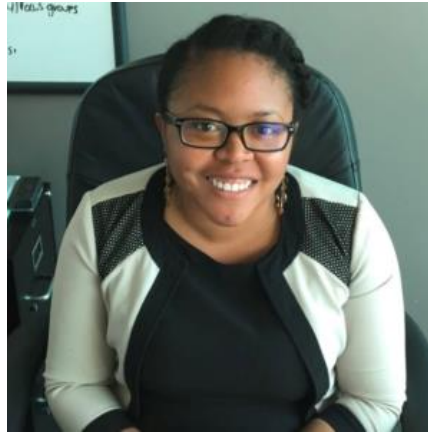
# Environmental Justice Advisory Board Members



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# Environmental Justice Ombudsperson

## Marcus Howell

- Advocate for & liaison to DI Communities
- Processing environmental justice complaints
- Advising state agencies on DI Community engagement
- Improving flow of information to DI Communities
- Improving relationship with DI Communities



# Colorado EnviroScreen



Aug / Sept 2021	Fall 2021 & Spring 2022	February to April 2022	June 2022
<b>Kick Off &amp; Engagement</b>  Interviews, focus groups, public meeting	<b>Tool Development</b>  Develop mapping tool, methodology, and visualization.	<b>Beta Testing</b>  Gather feedback on preliminary tool in focus groups and public meeting.	<b>Launch v1.0</b>  CO EnviroScreen v1.0 goes live!

Visit our website to learn more and to sign up for beta testing!

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/enviroscreen>



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# Air Quality Control Commission Enhanced Outreach Best Practices of Community Engagement

- *Methods for receiving public input* - written & oral; virtual & in-person
- *Time* - weekend, weekday evening, weekday morning
- *Outreach materials* - Plain language; in English & Spanish
- *Notice* - at least 30 days in advance
- *Locations* - in DI communities





# Memorandum of Understanding CDPHE & EPA Region 8 Environmental Justice in Enforcement & Compliance

- Prioritizes disproportionately impacted communities through:
  - Strategic targeting of inspections;
  - Collaborative enforcement actions; and
  - Community engagement



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## Questions?

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