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## Calaveras Council of Governments Environmental Justice Summary

The Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) is committed to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related regulations and directives. Environmental justice refers to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all communities, particularly minority and low-income communities, in decisions that affect their environment. In 1994 Presidential Executive Order directed every Federal agency to make Environmental Justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing the effects of all programs, policies and activities on "minority populations and low-income populations." In order to comply with this order the CCOG, under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), must appropriately address the concerns of individuals potentially affected by our activities.

Those individuals must appropriately be involved in the development of projects that fit harmoniously within their communities without sacrificing safety or mobility.

Two fundamental principles of Environmental Justice include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process
- Avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects on communities comprised of persons protected under Title VI

For additional information on CCOG Environmental Justice obligations, please contact:

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