



CALEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

2014 Distribution Report

CalEPA administers the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account Grant Program as authorized by Penal Code sections 14300-14315 and California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10014-10016. This grant program provides financial assistance for environmental enforcement, investigation, education, and training to enhance statewide enforcement of environmental laws. The grant program is a key component of the state's efforts to support coordinated and uniform environmental enforcement by providing funding to ensure effective prosecution of environmental laws in all regions of California, including rural areas. While funding may come from public and private sources, most funding for the program comes from judgments in local, state, and federal environmental law enforcement actions, often referred to as Supplemental Environmental Projects or SEPs. For more information on SEPs, please see CalEPA's website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Policy/SEPGuide.pdf>.

The funds are allocated according to the formula outlined in Penal Code section 14314:

- 25% to the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project run by California District Attorneys Association (CDAA);
- 25% to CDAA to provide environmental enforcement training to prosecutors, investigators, and regulators;
- 25% to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) up to \$100,000, but POST may decline all or part of the funds allocated, with any funds so declined going to CalEPA for reallocation through discretionary grants for the environmental training of peace officers; and
- The remaining for discretionary grants to be awarded to public agencies or private nonprofit organizations for the purposes of (1) supporting statewide environmental enforcement education and training programs for peace officers, investigators, state and local environmental regulators, and public prosecutors or (2) the enhancement of local environmental enforcement efforts.

2014 Distributions

CalEPA distributed a total of \$300,774 as follows:

Mandatory Disbursements

The statutorily-required disbursements were made as follows:

- \$72,697.81 to CDAA's environmental enforcement training project;
- \$72,697.81 to CDAA's Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project; and
- \$72,697.81 to POST, which intends to use the funds to develop an Institute of Criminal Investigation Certification for environmental crime for peace officers.

Discretionary Disbursements

CalEPA received seven applications for discretionary grants and awarded five grants, as follows:

- \$16,605 to **DTSC** for a three-day search warrant entry training course for environmental case investigators.
- \$5,657 to **Environmental Justice Coalition for Water** for a one-day training for enforcement staff from environmental regulatory agencies in Sacramento and Yolo Counties on environmental justice issues, including a bus tour focused on water issues.
- \$6,421 to **Tulare County District Attorney's Office** for a two-day Environmental Crimes Summit to train inspectors, first responders, and law enforcement personnel how to recognize and react to hazardous situations.
- \$24,500 to **San Bernardino City Fire Department** to fund necessary equipment and training for its Hazardous Materials Investigation Unit.
- \$19,500 to **CDA**A for its second Environmental Justice Symposium, this time in Northern California, and for continued operational support of the Environmental Circuit Prosecutors Project.

One of last year's grant recipients returned \$10,000 of POST-declined funds from the 2013 grant cycle. CalEPA awarded this additional \$10,000 to **CDA**A to fund peace officer scholarships to its annual environmental law enforcement seminar.

Summary of 2014 Disbursements

Mandatory Distributions	Amount
CDAA Training Project	\$72,697
CDAA Environmental Prosecutor Project	\$72,697
POST	\$72,697
Discretionary Distributions	Amount
DTSC	\$16,605
EJCW	\$5,657
Tulare County District Attorney	\$6,421
San Bernardino City Fire	\$24,500
CDAA	\$19,500
2013 POST-Declined Funds Redistribution	Amount
CDAA	\$10,000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$300,774

2014 CIRCUIT PROSECUTOR PROJECT STATISTICS

In 2014, an additional Circuit Prosecutor was hired to increase the capability of the Circuit Prosecutor Project to provide environmental prosecutor support to California's rural counties. With this addition, the Project had two Circuit Prosecutors handling localized environmental cases and one Statewide Circuit Prosecutor, who handled multi-jurisdictional cases involving one or more rural county. This additional support was reflected in the prosecution statistics for the year. The Circuit Prosecutors opened 19 criminal cases and closed 25 in 2014, resulting in \$10,800 in criminal fines, 590 hours of community service, and 42.5 years of probation. In addition, restitution in the amount of \$2,835 was obtained, and \$10,500 in cost recovery for the California Highway Patrol and a local Certified Unified Program Agency. Civilly, the local Circuit Prosecutors opened 8 cases and closed 12 cases, resulting in \$2,400 in civil penalties and cost recovery in addition to injunctive relief. The Statewide Circuit Prosecutor opened 7 multi-county cases and closed 7 cases, resulting in over \$23,562,500 in civil penalties, cost recovery, and SEPs benefitting both urban and rural counties.

Environmental Training Project 2014 Statistics

In 2014, 14300 Account funds were used by the CDAA to sponsor, co-sponsor, or participate in the following training activities:

- Environmental Enforcement Symposium for Deputy District Attorneys and District Attorney Investigators
- Science for Prosecutors
- Environmental Justice Symposium in Los Angeles
- Advanced Topics in Environmental Enforcement
- Environmental Protection Committee meetings at CDAA's winter and summer conferences
- Management of Environmental Prosecutors' Brief Bank
- Worker Safety