Towards Equitable Adaptation: Key Concepts & Recommendations

Agenda

- Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG)
- Climate Justice and Equity in Adaptation
- CJWG Principles and Recommendations
- Equity in Action Case Studies
- Next Steps
- D Q & A

Climate Justice Working Group Members

- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment
- Central Coast Alliance for a Sustainable Economy
- Community Alliance for Agroecology
- Communities for a Better Environment
- Greenlining Institute

- Incredible Edible Community Garden
- Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
- Physicians for Social Responsibility
- PolicyLink
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE)
- Western Center on Law & Poverty









Climate Adaptation and Resiliency

How can we ensure communities can respond to climate change impacts and thrive?

- Storms and flooding
- ▷ Extreme heat
- ▶ Wildfire
- Air pollution
- Public health impacts



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Climate justice requires California leaders to ensure that the people and the communities who are least culpable in the warming of the planet, and most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, do not suffer disproportionately as a result of historical injustice and disinvestment.

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Climate justice requires California leaders to acknowledge that frontline communities are experts in creating solutions, despite their historical exclusion from decision-making and from public resources and services.

Advancing Climate Justice in California GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Actively engage frontline communities
- Identify vulnerabilities to climate change
- Increase resilience of essential facilities

- Employment and economic development
- Avoid negative consequences
- Transparency and accountability
- Identify funding sources

Advancing Climate Justice In California

POLICY/FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Complete Regional Cross-Sector
 Vulnerability Assessments (2020)
- Establish Regional goals, targets, implementation strategies (2020)
- Identify, raise, invest at least \$1 billion (2020) and \$10 billion (2025)
 - Community engagement
 - Regional emergency preparedness plans
 - Critical infrastructure / public service improvements
 - Affordable housing
 - Support just transition



Case Studies

Adaptation in an Extractive Economy

- ► Major Oil Refining about 2 million barrels/day, 20 refineries
- ▶Third Largest Oil Field in US LA
- Dozens of Natural Gas Power Plants about 45,000 MWs
- Heavy Diesel Trucking
- **Major Car Emissions**











Climate Justice in practice?







Next Steps

Track Comment Share

Track Development
of Strategic Growth
Council's Climate
Change Research
Program and provide
input

Submit Comments to SGC's Climate Change Research Program
Draft Investment Plan
Public Comments
Due 12/15/2017

Climate Justice
Working Group
Upcoming
Equity Webinar in
Spring 2018



Thanks! Questions?

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