Environmental & Social Justice Action Plan
June 2020 Status Update

California Public Utilities Commission

Low Income Oversight Board

June 12, 2020

About the ESJ Action Plan

- Formally adopted by the Commission in February 2019
- Outlines a comprehensive mission and operating framework with which the CPUC should address ESJ issues
- Commission received this update on May 7, 2020

Nine ESJ Goals

1. Consistently **integrate equity and access considerations** throughout CPUC proceedings and other efforts.
2. **Increase investment in clean energy resources** to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.
3. Strive to **improve access to high-quality water, communications, and transportation services** for ESJ communities.
4. Increase **climate resiliency** in ESJ communities.
5. **Enhance outreach and public participation** opportunities for ESJ communities to meaningfully participate in the CPUC's decision-making process and benefit from CPUC programs.
6. **Enhance enforcement** to ensure safety and consumer protection for ESJ communities.
7. **Promote economic and workforce development** opportunities in ESJ communities.
8. **Improve training and staff development** related to ESJ issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction.
9. **Monitor the CPUC's ESJ efforts** to evaluate how they are achieving their objectives.

95 ESJ Action Items

- Discrete action items spread across the entire Commission
- Progress on all action items being systematically tracked
- Status Report available online with matrix of action items at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/ESJActionPlan/

Implementation Structure

- Core Team
  - News & Outreach Office, Executive Division
  - Lead Commissioners Advisors

- ESJ Liaisons
  - Represent each Division at the CPUC
  - Tasked with tracking status of action items and serving as “ambassador” in Division for ESJ issues
  - First meeting of ESJ Liaisons in January 2020

ESJ Action Plan – Highlights Thus Far

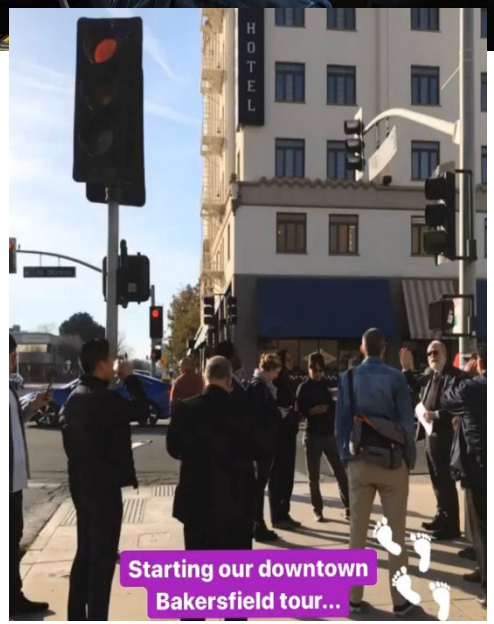
- Key Proceedings Further ESJ Priorities
  - Wildfire Mitigation Plans (R1810007)
  - Climate Adaptation (R1804019)
  - Affordability (R1807006)
  - Mobilehome Park Utility Upgrade Program (R1804018)

ESJ Action Plan – Highlights Thus Far

- Incorporating ESJ Impacts into Decisions and Resolutions
  - Working on guidance for how ALJs and Commissioners can ensure ESJ issues are addressed in proceeding and advice letter processes
  - Pilot Proceedings – CARE/ESA & Rail Crossing

ESJ Action Plan – Highlights Thus Far

- Increasing Participation of ESJ Stakeholders in CPUC Processes
  - Public Comment on Docket Card
  - CBO Outreach
  - Tours/Meetings at Off Site Voting Meetings
  - Collateral Materials
  - Website



ESJ Action Plan – Highlights Thus Far

- Training and Staff Development
  - State Agency Community Engagement & Outreach Training
  - Cal Enviro Screen with OEHHA
  - Government Alliance for Race & Equity (GARE)

ESJ Action Plan – Challenges & Opportunities

- Internal Awareness of ESJ Action Plan
  - Make staff aware of the Plan
  - Build knowledge on ESJ definitions and best practices

- Metrics & Data
  - Work to get more concrete measurements on program/policy impact and reach in ESJ context
  - Work to be able to assess program/policy impact across Divisions and Commission

Timeline & Next Steps

- Summary Status Report to DACAG – April 17, 2020
- Full Status Report & Presentation to Commissioners – May 7, 2020
- ESJ Liaison Working Group Meetings – Monthly
- ESJ Action Plan Workshop on 2021 Update- November 2020
- Updated ESJ Action Plan with New Action Items – February 2021

Thank You!