

# CPUC Environmental & Social Justice Action Plan

## Upcoming Release of Draft Version 2.0

Low Income Oversight Board

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# About the ESJ Action Plan

- Serves as both a commitment to furthering principles of environmental and social justice, as well as an operating framework with which to integrate ESJ considerations throughout the agency's work.
- Version 1.0 was adopted in February 2019.
- Consists of nine overarching goals, clear objectives, and 95 concrete action items to ensure agency-wide collaboration, accountability, and forward movement in meeting ESJ principles.



# 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.

# Implementation Structure

- Core Team & ESJ Liaisons
  - Represent each Division at the CPUC and tasked with tracking status of action items and serving as “ambassador” in Division for ESJ issues.



# ESJ Action Plan – Quick Highlights

- **GOAL 1:** Incorporating ESJ Impacts into Proceedings



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- **GOAL 7:** Promote Workforce Development Opportunities
  - MOU with the CA Workforce Development Board (CWDB)
  - Provide expertise and recommendations for programs
- **GOAL 8:** Training and Staff Development
  - ESJ Session at New Employee Orientation



# Update Process

- In preparation for the update to the ESJ Action Plan, a workshop was held in February 2021 to collect feedback from stakeholders. Materials and recordings from these sessions can be found at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan)
- Additional feedback that has informed the forthcoming update has been sourced from various proceedings and ongoing engagement with stakeholders.

# Changes in Version 2.0

- **All Action Items have been updated to reflect present-day priorities and efforts. These will be found in Appendix A.**
- The nine Goals of the ESJ Action Plan will remain the same, though some may be reworded.
- The Objectives, which underpin each of the nine Goals and which the Action Items are nested under, have been updated.
- Action Items are more equitably distributed across all Divisions of the CPUC.
- Appendices include resource documents to assist CPUC staff and stakeholders in incorporating ESJ issues into their work. These include examples of ESJ in proceedings and programs, a guide of definitions and terminology related to ESJ concepts, and key documents for use in implementing the ESJ Action Plan.

# Tentative Timeline & Next Steps

<b>Post Draft Version 2.0 for Public Comment</b>	Week of October 11
<b><i>Presentation to Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG)</i></b>	<i>Friday October 15</i>
<b><i>Outreach Webinar</i></b>	<i>Wednesday November 3</i>
<b>Public Comment Deadline</b>	Week of November 1
<b>Post Final Version</b>	Week of November 15
<b>Commissioner Voting Meeting for Adoption</b>	Thursday December 2

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