

AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)
Initial Recommendations for Discussion Draft Version of 2030 Target Scoping Plan Update
August 26, 2016

California Climate Investments	
Long-Term Vision	
1	Emphasize regulations that force the advancement of clean technologies. Ensure that near-term technologies do not adversely impact communities and long-term investments moves towards zero emissions.
Equity	
2	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund projects must be transformative for disadvantaged communities, in ways defined by each community themselves. California climate investments must take a place-based, regional approach focused on the unique needs of the people of each region, and prioritize projects that boost regional capabilities and economies. The state must support the ability of communities to use technology to communicate progress to the state. These projects must never result in displacement.
3	Within SB 535, further prioritize attention and funding for disadvantaged communities that experience increased greenhouse gas emissions despite implementation of AB 32 programs.
4	Create a formula for funding allocations that ensures investments are equally distributed across DACs in California.
5	To ensure adequate and continued funding of programs, EJ communities must have access to additional funding beyond Cap-and-Trade and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.
6	No funding must be given to fossil fuel-based industries or any regulated entities under AB 32.
7	Increase accountability of all grantees with regard to reductions claimed for their Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funded activities. Provide tools and training so communities can monitor progress based on data.
Economic Opportunity	
8	Spend Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRFs) to incentivize local economic development so people can get well-paying local jobs closer to their homes and avoid displacement. Also incentivize local contracting to substantially involved community-based organizations so communities can build capacity at the local level. Community-based organizations must be required to demonstrate community support before receiving funds. Create a system that allows nonprofit organizations to earn points or access to the funds for providing improvements in Environmental Justice communities. For example, larger projects could include nonprofits as part of their proposals, or nonprofits could tap into Cap-and-Trade funds to help supplement their grants.
Partnership with Environmental Justice Communities	
9	The EJAC must help with outreach, accountability, and helping agencies prioritize investments. We must also inform the funding guidelines and investment plan.
10	The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) program staff representatives must attend EJAC meetings to provide information and gather input from EJAC members. ARB climate investment staff must identify ways to provide information to EJAC communities and gather community feedback in response. Insure community outreach and engagement is empowered to hold agencies accountable to help them prioritize activities and continually inform guidelines as they relate to ay investment plan.
11	Innovation must come from both the communities involved and ARB. ARB must support K-12 and local college educational programs that educate students about climate change and teach them how to use tools to address it (e.g., students wearing technology that shows the air quality). ARB must work with schools and local colleges to support environmental

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	literacy and sponsor multigenerational understanding of climate change and its impacts on the larger community. Funds gathered through polluter violation fees must be used to pay for educational programs in the affected communities.
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