

Severe weather

I've been learning about global warming and one of the effects is severe weather. Severe weather is extreme weather some examples of extreme weather are tornadoes, thunderstorms, heat waves

The effects of severe weather are when people and animals lose their homes. The people and animals might die over that. It may destroy the houses of people. Animals houses will be destroyed too like birds and monkeys live on trees and the lightning will zap the tree in half and the bird will have to move to another tree and build its nest.

# AB32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Recommendations for 2030 Target Scoping Plan

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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES:

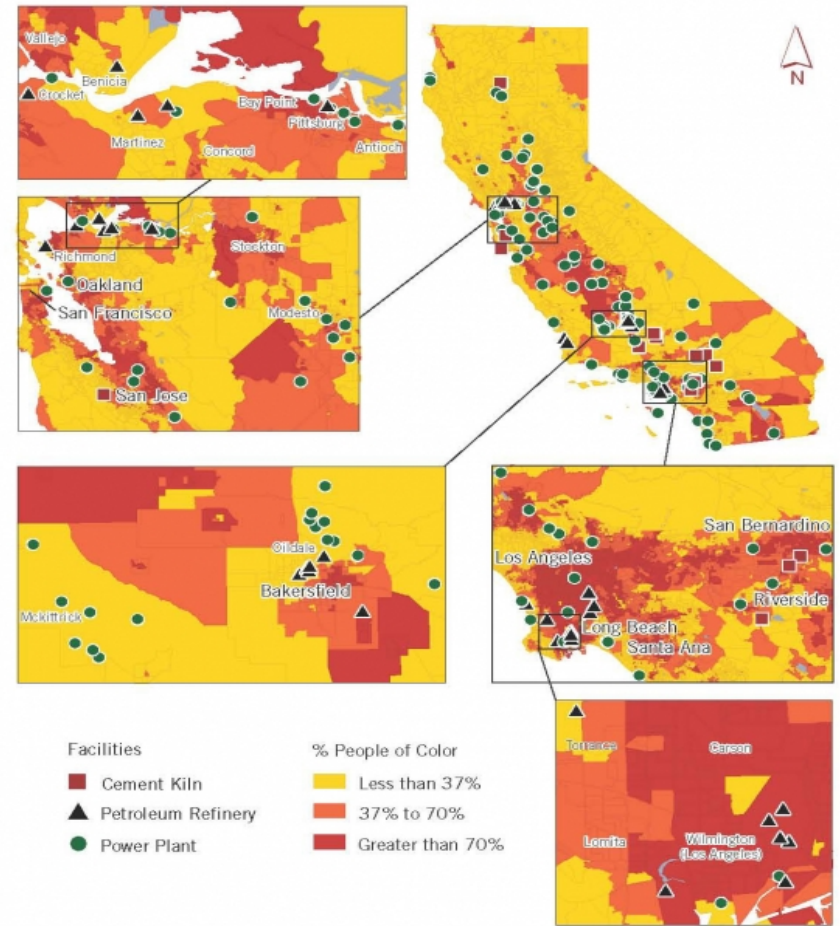
disproportionately burdened by pollution and poverty

# CLIMATE GAP:

low income people of color are hit first and worst by climate change

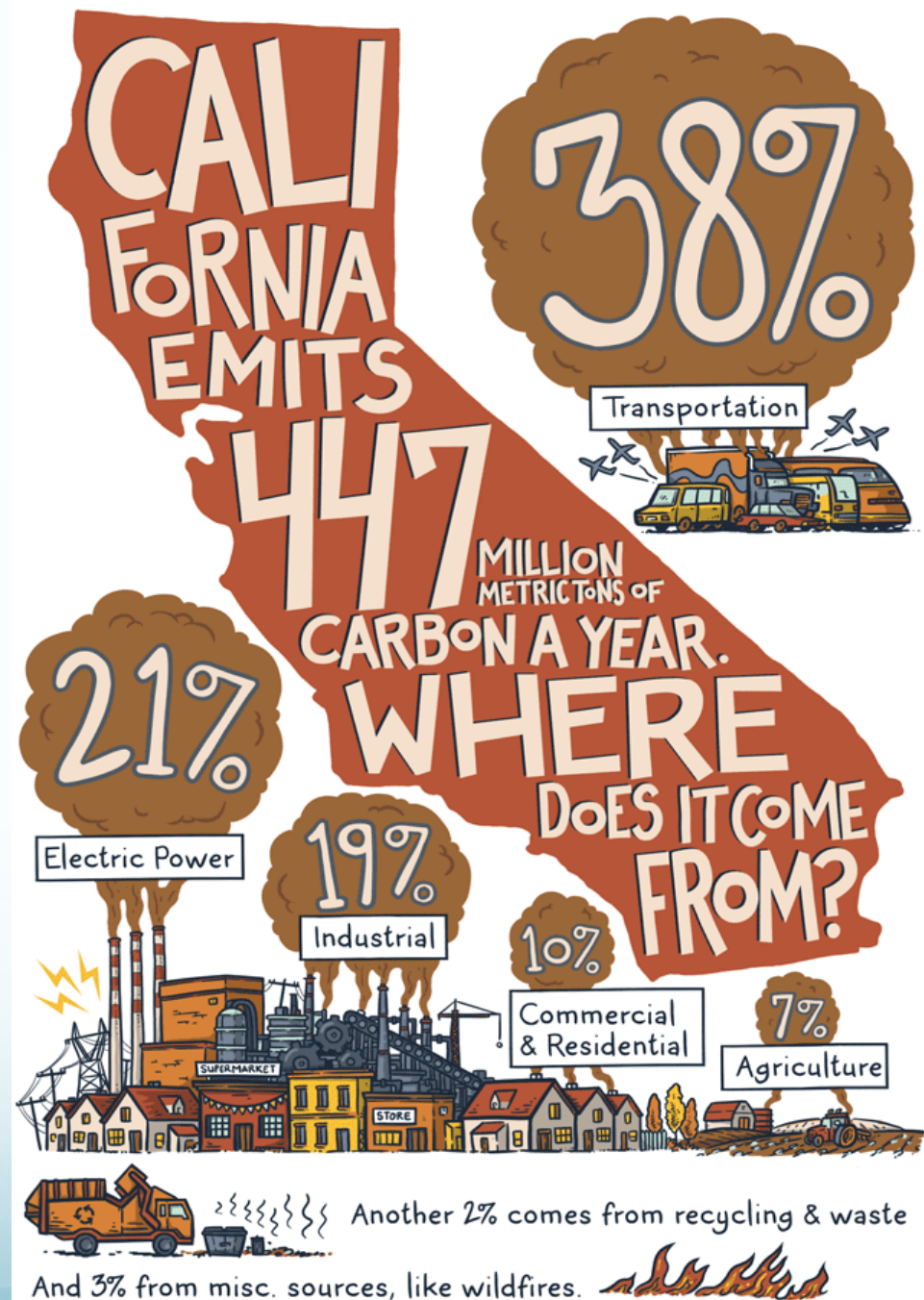
And we have solutions!

Figure 1: Major GHG-Emitting Facilities in California



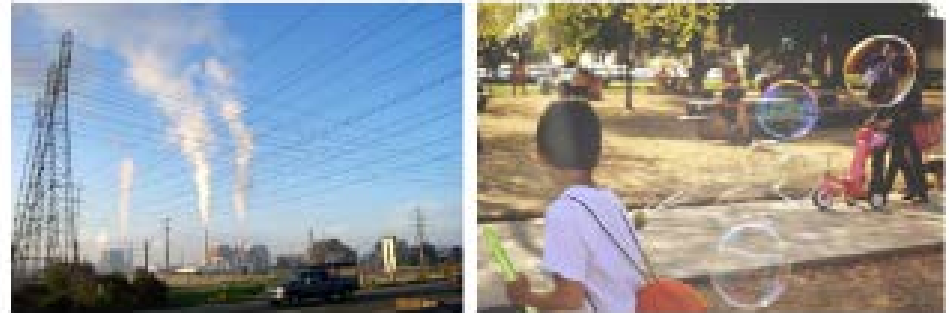
# AB 32 Global Warming Solutions Act & Environmental Justice

- Convene an environmental justice advisory committee
- Ensure that activities undertaken to comply with the regulations do not disproportionately impact low-income communities
- Consider the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative emission impacts from these mechanisms, including localized impacts in communities that are already adversely impacted by air pollution
- Maximizes additional environmental and economic co-benefits for California, and complements the state's efforts to improve air quality
- Direct public and private investment toward the most disadvantaged communities in California



# 2016 EJ Assessment of Cap & Trade

- **Environmental racism:** neighborhoods within 2.5 miles of the 66 largest greenhouse gas and PM10 emitters have a 16% higher proportion of residents of color
- **Emissions are increasing in nearly all sectors:** cement, in-state electricity generation, oil & gas, and hydrogen plant sectors have increased GHGs over the baseline period (2011-2012)
- **CA is exporting climate benefits:** offset credits exceed the reduction in allowable GHGs (the “cap”) between 2013 and 2014 and were mostly linked to projects outside of CA



## A PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM

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# EJAC Recommendations - Approach

- Partnership with environmental justice communities
- Equity
- Coordination
- Economic opportunity
- Long-term vision



# EJAC Recommendations: Industry

## Problem:

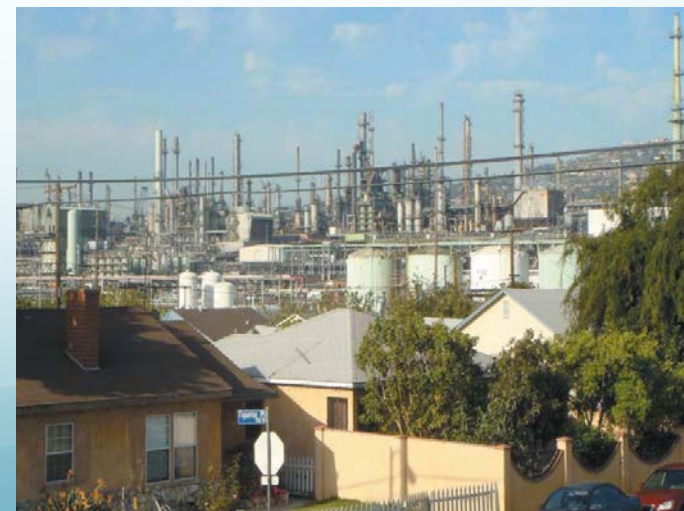
- Industrial pollution from stationary sources (oil wells, gas fields, oil refineries, power plants, manufacturing plants, shipyards) as well as the transportation of goods, emit toxic air pollution and GHGs.
- California had 6 out of the top 10 most air-polluted cities last year – most from burning fossil fuels in transportation and industry.

## Key EJAC Recommendations:

- Results in direct emissions reductions from polluters in EJ communities
- End Cap and Trade
- Eliminate offsets, free allowances to industry, carbon capture & sequestration

## Key policies:

- AB 32, SB 32 GHG reduction targets
- AB 197 direct emissions reductions from largest sources



# EJAC Recommendations: Energy

## Problem:

- Fossil fuels (crude oil, natural gas, coal) currently supply more than 95 percent of our electrical energy needs.
- Many power plants are located in EJ communities

## Key EJAC Recommendations:

- Aggressively aim to achieve 100% renewable energy
- Clean energy economy expansion and access in disadvantaged communities

## Key policies:

- SB 350 50% renewables by 2030
- AB 693 \$1B solar for affordable housing



# EJAC Recommendations: Transportation

## Problem:

- Mobile sources of pollution from cars, trucks, buses, rail, etc, are the biggest sources of pollution in California.
- People living next to freeways and ports, and especially communities of color, are more likely to have increased exposure and health risks including heart & lung problems, asthma, and increased death rates.

## Key EJAC Recommendations:

- Expand clean transportation options and access for disadvantaged communities: public transit, electric vehicles (cars, trucks), etc
- Community-friendly land use; restrict sprawl

## Key policies:

- Governor's climate pillar to reduce petroleum use by 50%
- SB 1275, SB 1204 electrify cars & trucks
- SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Sustainable Freight Strategy





# EJAC Recommendations: Natural & Working Lands, Ag, Waste

## Problem:

- Industrial agriculture and pesticide poisoning
- Short-lived climate pollutants are 10-100s of times more powerful of a climate forcer than CO<sub>2</sub>. Methane sources are 60% from agriculture (cow/livestock, manure), 20% from landfills; mostly sited in EJ communities.

## Key EJAC Recommendations:

- Divert waste, build biomass (compost) not burn it (restrict waste-to-energy projects); healthy soils
- Expand urban forestry especially in EJ communities

## Key policies:

- SB 605, Short Lived Climate Pollutants Strategy



# EJAC Recommendations: Investments

## Problem:

- Historic economic and racial disinvestment in low income communities
- Polluting facilities mostly sited in low income communities of color, and has negative health impacts

## Key EJAC Recommendations:

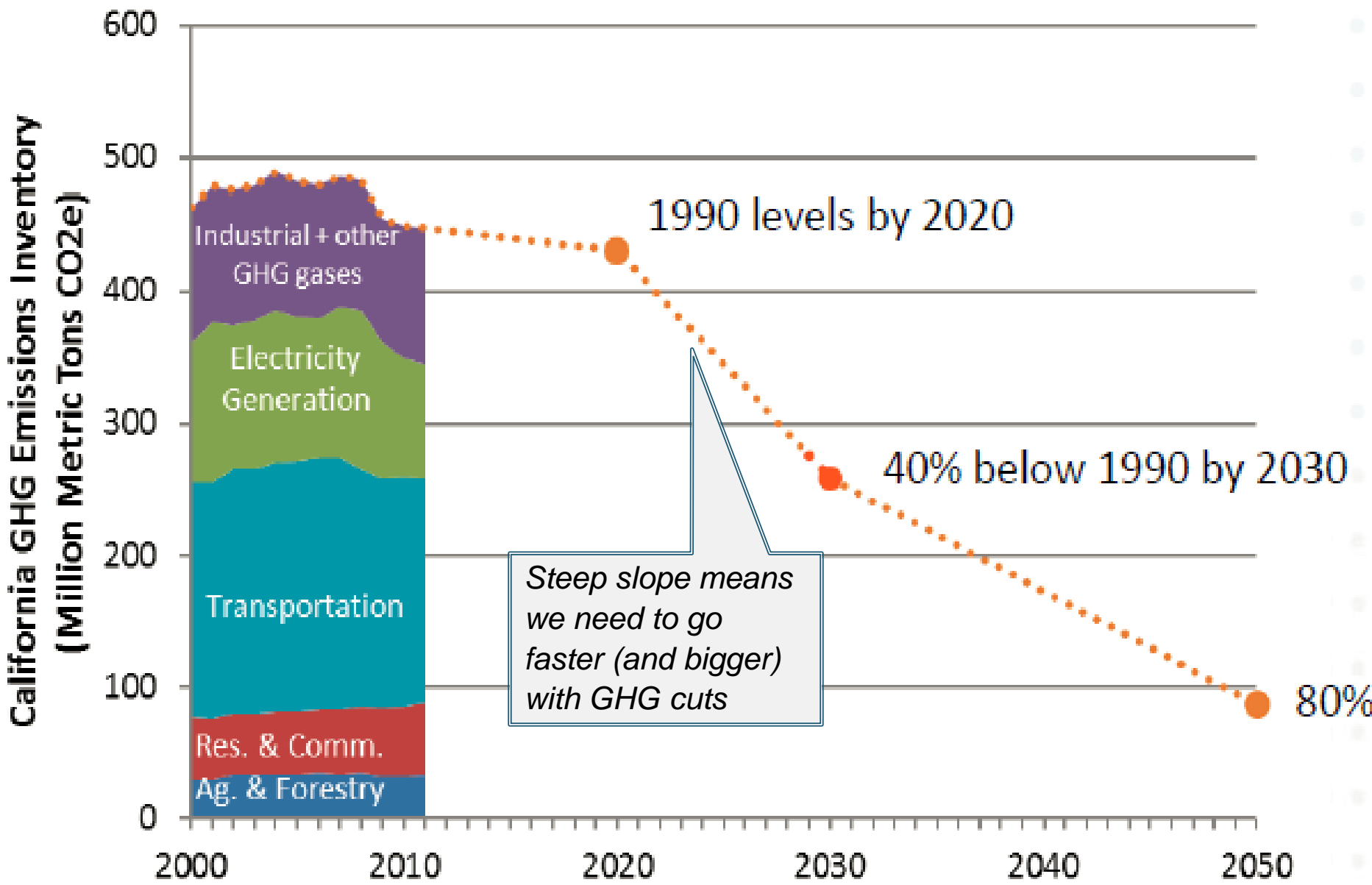
- Direct additional emissions reductions through climate investments in the clean energy economy with co-benefits
- Expand investment sources for EJ communities
- Eliminate subsidies for polluting industries

## Key policies:

- SB 535 Climate Community Investments
- Transformative Climate Communities
- Supplemental Environmental Projects for EJ



# California greenhouse gas emissions by sector and GHG goals (MMT<sub>CO2e</sub>)



# Path to 2030 and 2050

- Path to 2030 is steep, even steeper to 2050, but we need deep cuts in emissions. Big behavioral changes needed.
- Just transition in climate programs for EJ communities: move away from dirty extractive economy, and lead us to local clean energy economy that includes low income communities of color.
- EJAC & EJ communities excited and ready for climate action in partnership with ARB, all levels of government and allies.

