



Environmental Justice Working Group Opposes Scoping Plan

"Cut Greenhouse Gases, Don't Trade It"

Need Regulation, Not Pollution Trading

"The Scoping Plan won't achieve emission goals mandated by the legislation because it relies heavily on a cap and trade program. Pollution trading programs in the U.S and Europe have been failures. In the Cap and Trade program called RECLAIM in Los Angeles and the European Union's version, both increased pollution and consumers paid higher prices for energy. Evidence shows that direct regulations have achieved the greatest reductions in emissions. This plan needs strengthening. As it is right now, it would be a disaster."

-Bill Gallegos, Executive Director of Communities for a Better Environment (Oakland and Los Angeles)

Need Substantial Greenhouse Gas Reduction in Goods Movement Industry

"The Proposed Scoping Plan is the latest "little blue pill" offered up to the deal with the impotence of State leaders to effectively combat the deadly levels of pollution and greenhouse gases choking our families and destroying our communities," said Penny Newman, with the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice. "While the movement of freight and transportation (trains, ships, off-road equipment and trucks) comprise the major sources of greenhouse gases in California (84% of the Nitrogen oxides and 50% of the VOCs), the plan offers no substantial reduction. With the proposed 3-5 fold increase in expansion of the Goods Movement Industry over the next few years it is impossible to achieve any meaningful results. The plan offers communities under the heaviest pollution burden nothing but a deadly shell game of promises, expectations, and data manipulation. We deserve and demand better."

-Penny Newman, Executive Director, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice

Prioritize Use of Local Renewables

"While the goals for renewable energy and energy efficiency in the Scoping Plan provide a good start for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we need the state to mandate emission reductions from local governments the same as the state government and prioritize the use of local renewables and local infrastructure".

-Diane Takvorian, Executive Director Environmental Health Coalition (San Diego)

The Environmental Justice Working Group along with other Environmental Justice Advocates asks that all concerned residents of California join us in saying to CARB:

- Do not adopt this plan
- Get rid of the cap and trade program
- Adopt the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee's 3-pronged approach -
 1. Standards and regulations
 2. Incentives
 3. Put a price on carbon via a carbon fee

The Environmental Justice Working Group (EJWG) is a statewide coalition of organizations representing communities that are at ground zero of the environmental crisis facing California. EJWG consists of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (Riverside, San Bernardino, & Indio), Communities for a Better Environment (Los Angeles & Oakland), Environmental Health Coalition (San Diego), and People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights (San Francisco).

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