

California Coastal Commission Environmental Justice Policy Report





WHAT DO WE DO?

- Regulatory and planning state agency

Public Resources
Code
Division 20
California
Coastal Act
(1976)



Coastal
Development
Permits

Local Coastal
Programs



WHY NOW?

AB 2616 (Burke, 2016) Amends the Coastal Act

Cross references Coastal Act with **Government Code on environmental justice and civil rights**

Allows Commission to consider environmental justice in **permit decisions**



WHY NOW?

AB 2616 (Burke)

Section 30604(h) – When acting on a coastal development permit, the issuing agency, or the commission on appeal, may consider **environmental justice**, or the equitable distribution of environmental benefits throughout the state.



Effie Turnbull Sanders
Environmental Justice Commissioner



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY

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PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

TO: Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Coastal Commission Draft Environmental Justice Policy - Public Review Draft

(NOTE: This is a discussion item only and the Coastal Commission will not be taking action on the draft Environmental Justice Policy at the August 8, 2018 meeting.)

The Coastal Commission staff has drafted an Environmental Justice (EJ) policy memo for the Commission's review, feedback and public comment. This draft EJ policy will be brought before the Commission at a future meeting for adoption.

The People of the State of California find and declare:

- "(a) That the California Coastal Zone is a distinct and valuable natural resource of vital and enduring interest to all the people and exists as a delicately balanced ecosystem.
- (b) That the permanent protection of the state's natural and scenic resources is a paramount concern to present and future residents of the state and nation.
- (c) That to promote the public safety, health, and welfare, and to protect public and private property, wildlife, marine fisheries, and other ocean resources, and the natural environment, it is necessary to protect the ecological balance of the coastal zone and prevent its deterioration and destruction."

--- Legislative findings, Proposition 20
---Coastal Act, PRC Sec. 30001
(Emphasis added.)

- August 9th – first draft released
- Staff memo and policy
- Includes background about the Commission
- Summary of stakeholder engagement
- Synthesis of feedback
- Draft policy



STAFF APPROACH





STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



- Staff team – one-on-one or group meetings, phone calls
- Met with 58 groups across the state
- Co-hosted roundtable in Oakland





FEEDBACK CATEGORIES



Agency Outreach
and Engagement



Climate Change



Tribal Concerns



Staffing and
Hiring



Barriers to Access



Policy Development



Energy



Health



Housing



Local Governments



Permitting



RESPECTING TRIBAL CONCERNS

- Tribal Consultation Policy
- Understand culturally significant practices and resources





MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT

JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL

COMISIÓN COSTERA DE CALIFORNIA

La Ley de las Costas protege el acceso público y esta agencia tiene una larga historia de promover la participación pública y equidad. En 2016 la Comisión obtuvo una nueva autoridad para que se considere específicamente la justicia ambiental a la hora de tomar decisiones sobre los permisos.

Nos encantaría escuchar a los grupos ambientalistas y otras partes interesadas acerca de lo que les gustaría ver en esta nueva póliza para ayudar a la Comisión a tomar decisiones aún mejores y más fuertes que beneficien a las comunidades desatendidas.

Para más información, visite <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/>, envíenos un correo electrónico a environmentaljustice@coastalcommission.com o llame a Noaki Schwartz, Funcionario de Información Pública, al (562) 833-5487.



CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY



PC: Alex Braud

DRAFT POLICY AND STAFF REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT:
<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/>

Purpose of the policy

The goal of the Coastal Commission's environmental justice policy is to achieve more meaningful engagement, equitable process, effective communication, and stronger coastal protection benefits for everyone. The draft policy also outlines a statement of guiding principles on topics such as respecting tribal concerns, coastal access, accountability and transparency, climate change, and habitat and public health.

Why do we want your feedback?

We want to make sure this policy is as strong as possible and we can't do this without your insight and expertise.

Please send public comments to the following:

EMAIL: environmentaljustice@coastal.ca.gov
MAIL: California Coastal Commission, 45 Fremont St. - Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94118
FAX: (415) 904-5400

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2018.



COASTAL ACCESS



Photo: Christina Simonelli



ACCESS TO PROCESS

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us

Here are 4 things you need to know

1

Pick up a meeting agenda

Meeting agendas are available in English and in Spanish.



2

Wish to speak?

Check out our speaker slip guide or ask a staff person for further instructions.



3

Agenda items

It is not possible to predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items; however, all items on each day's agenda will be heard.



4

Future Locations

The Commission meets once a month in different locations across the state. Whenever possible, agenda items are scheduled for meetings relatively close to the location most impacted by the proposed development.



Please be quiet and courteous during the meeting. If you would like to show support for an item, feel free to hold up signs or wave your hands.

Welcome!

Wish to speak?

Here's how



Fill out a 'Request to Speak' Form

There are 2 types of speaker slips: the white slip is for all non-permit items (LCPs, enforcement & general public comment) and the pink slip is for permit/appeal items.



Non-Permit Item Comments

Fill out the white speaker slip to speak on non-permit items. General public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting but may also be heard at the end of the day. The time limit is usually 3 minutes unless instructed otherwise.



Permit/Appeal Item Comments

Fill out the pink speaker slip in order to speak on a specific permit/appeal item. Your allotted speaking time will be determined by the Commission Chair.



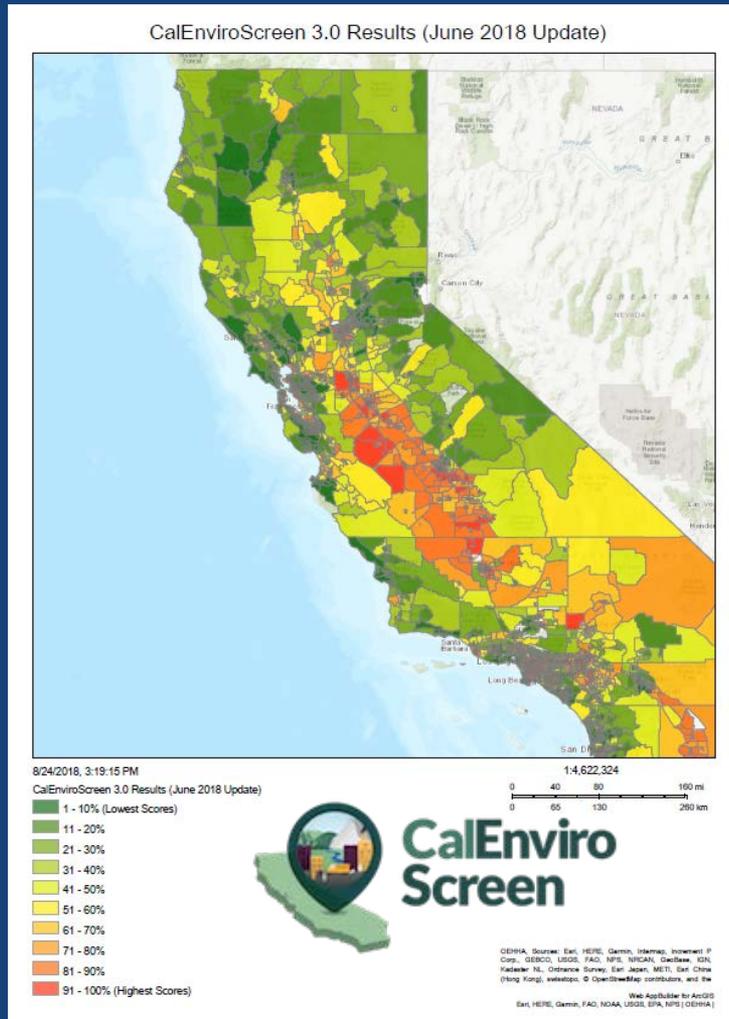
Where and how?

Turn in your speaker slips to a staff member at the welcome table BEFORE your item starts. Find a seat and listen for your name to be called. Once your name is called, approach the podium to speak.

Attention: Any PowerPoint slides must be accompanied by a USB flash drive, a memory card or a compact disc. Hard copies are recommended in case of technical difficulties. You must have at least 20 copies of any print outs. Please hand these materials to the staff person at the table before the beginning of the meeting.



ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY



- Use tools to identify at-risk communities



STAFF EFFORTS

- Inter-agency Collaboration
- Racial Equity and Environmental Justice Trainings
- Educational Webinar
- Community Meetings
- One-on-one conversations
- EJ Listserv
- EJ Webpage
- Instructional Handouts
- Dedicated email account - environmentaljustice@coastal.ca.gov



WHAT'S NEXT?

A LOT

- Adopt the EJ policy
- Strategic plan update
- Racial equity action plan
- Staff training
- Tools and guidance for implementation
- Building relationships
- Outreach
- Things we haven't even thought of
- Keeps going...

QUESTIONS?



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