

CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Action Plan

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Overview of CPUC ESJ Action Plan

Fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

- Version 2.0 adopted in April 2022
- Consists of:
 - 9 overarching goals with clear objectives
 - 94 Action Items
- 3-year timeline for action items completion

Defines ESJ Communities:

- Disadvantaged Communities located in the top 25% of communities identified by Cal EPA's CalEnviroScreen;
- All Tribal lands;
- Low-income households;
- Low-income census tracts.

CPUC ESJ Action Plan Goals:

- Goal 1: **Consistently integrate equity** and access considerations throughout CPUC regulatory activities.
- Goal 2: **Increase investment in clean energy resources** to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.
- Goal 3: Strive to improve access to high-quality water, communications, and transportation services for ESJ communities.
- Goal 4: Increase **climate resiliency** in ESJ communities.
- Goal 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.
- Goal 6: Enhance enforcement to ensure **safety and consumer protection** for all, especially for ESJ communities
- Goal 7 : Promote high road **career paths and economic opportunities** for residents of ESJ communities.
- Goal 8: Improve **training and staff development** related to environmental and social justice issues within the CPUC's jurisdiction.
- Goal 9: Monitor the CPUC's environmental and social justice efforts to **evaluate how they are achieving their objectives.**

Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)

Action Item 2.2.5 - Medium Priority in ESJ Action Plan:

Goal

Providing Research and Development Program Benefits to ESJ Communities.

Description

Ensure administrators place increasing emphasis on: early engagement with vulnerable communities, ensuring projects benefit California ratepayers, and identify creative ways of engagement and compensation.

Anticipated End Date

August 31, 2024

CPUC Proceedings and Decisions

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