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Advancing Climate Justice in California

Climate Justice Working Group



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RESOURCES LEGACY FUND
Creative Solutions. Lasting Results.



- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment
- Central Coast Alliance for a Sustainable Economy
- Community Alliance for Agroecology
- Communities for a Better Environment
- Greenlining Institute
- Incredible Edible Community Garden
- Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
- Physicians for Social Responsibility
- PolicyLink
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE)
- Western Center on Law & Poverty

What is Climate Justice?

Climate justice requires California leaders to ensure that the people and the communities who are least culpable in the warming of the planet, and most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, do not suffer disproportionately as a result of historical injustice and disinvestment

Defining *Frontline Communities*

Frontline Communities...

- **Experience continuing injustice** - including people of color, immigrants, people with lower incomes, those in rural areas, and indigenous people
- Face **legacy of systemic, largely racialized, inequity** that influences living and working places, quality of water and air, and economic opportunities
- Are **experts in creating solutions** to protect their communities despite historical exclusion from decision making
- **Require resources and services** to develop technologies, policies, services for addressing causes/impacts of climate change and healing from historical injustices

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Actively engage frontline communities
- Identify vulnerabilities to climate change
- Increase resilience of essential facilities
- Employment and economic development
- Avoid negative consequences
- Transparency and accountability
- Identify funding sources



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POLICY/FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Complete Regional Cross-Sector Vulnerability Assessments (2020)
- Establish Regional goals, targets, implementation strategies (2020)
- Identify, raise, invest at least \$1 billion (2020) and \$10 billion (2025)
 - Community engagement
 - Regional emergency preparedness plans
 - Critical infrastructure / public service improvements
 - Affordable housing
 - Support just transition

