



Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)

Agenda Item 5 | Defining Vulnerable Communities

Technical Advisory Council

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Presentation Overview

- Background and process (direction from TAC)
- Proposed definition and discussion
- Presentation of supplemental materials in “Defining vulnerable communities resources guide”



Defining Vulnerable Communities

PROCESS

September 2017 Quarterly meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted Vision and Principles, on condition that TAC define “vulnerable communities” as a next step
December 2017 Quarterly meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAC direction that definition should be “actionable” within a California context Presentation from Climate Justice Working Group
February 2018 Workgroup meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on draft definition and supplemental resources
April 2018 Quarterly meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Proposed adoption of revised definition</i>



Proposed Definition

Vulnerable Communities

Climate vulnerability describes the degree to which natural, built, and socio-economic systems are at risk of exposure to climate change impacts.

Vulnerable communities experience heightened risk and increased sensitivity to climate change, and have less adaptive capacity to cope with, adapt to, or recover from, climate impacts.

These disproportionate effects are caused by one or more physical (built and environmental), social, political, and economic factor, which are exacerbated by climate impacts.



Discussion Question

- Do adjustments need to be made prior to adoption?



Supplemental materials

Purpose

- Provide practitioners in California with an overview of publicly-accessible resources that help to make definition “actionable”
 - Highlight existing state-wide assessment tools
 - Suggestions for additional indicators that could be used on a case-by-case basis
 - List of process guides that outline a series of questions that can inform both the analytical and engagement processes when defining vulnerable communities
- **Not** intended to be an exhaustive inventory of all resources
- **Not** legal or policy guidance



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