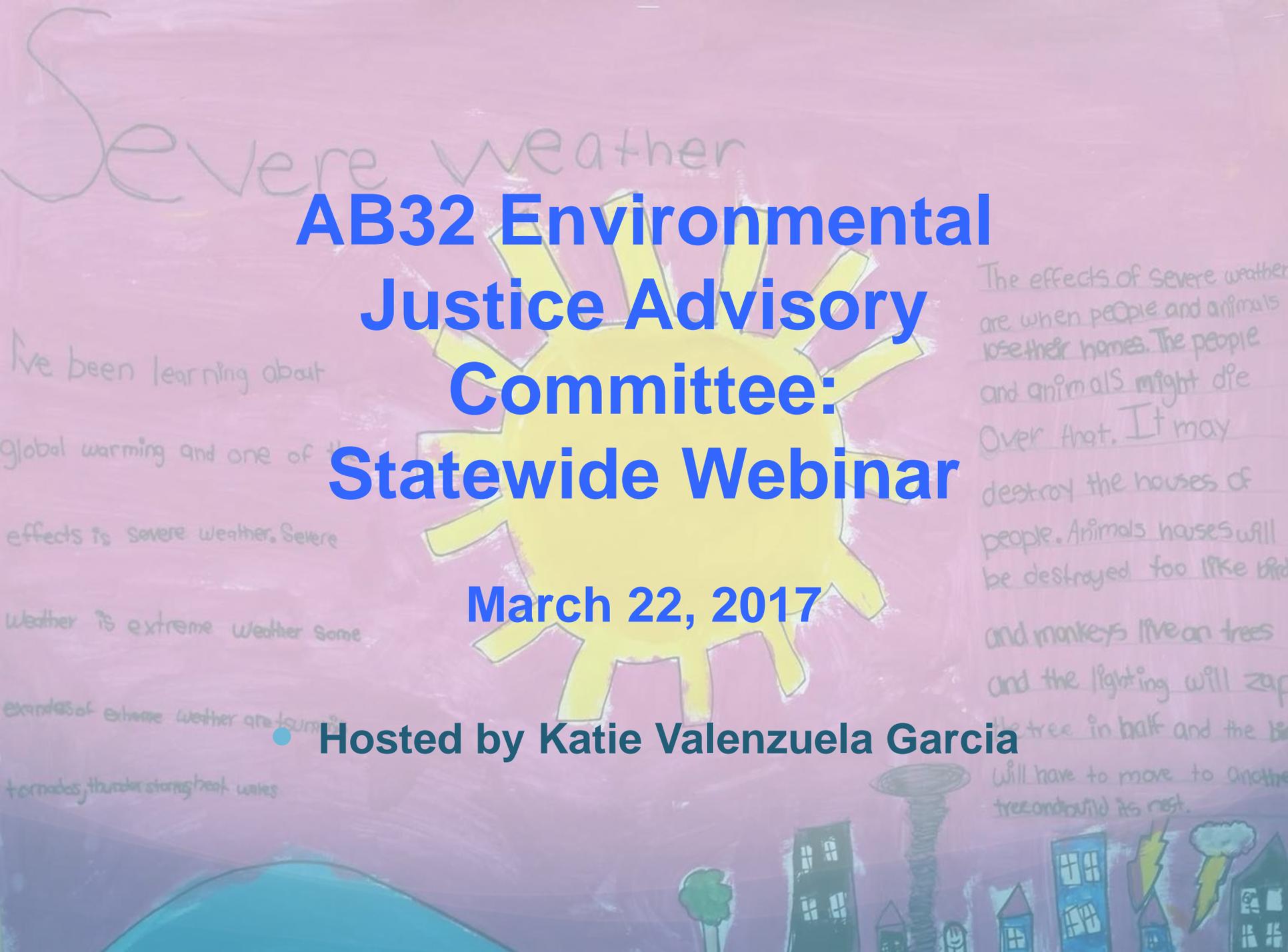


AB32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee: Statewide Webinar

March 22, 2017

- Hosted by Katie Valenzuela Garcia



Background on EJAC

- The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, (AB 32) calls for the Air Resources Board to convene an **Environmental Justice Advisory Committee** (Committee), to advise the Board in developing the Scoping Plan, and any other pertinent matter in implementing AB 32.
- It requires that the Committee be comprised of representatives from communities in the State with the most significant exposure to air pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with minority populations or low-income populations, or both.
- The EJAC adopted the Principles of Working Together – a foundational EJ document – as guiding principles for how we conduct our business.

Principles of Working Together

- The Principles of Working Together uphold the Principles of Environmental Justice and to eradicate environmental racism in our communities.
- The Principles of Working Together call for continued influence on public policy to protect and sustain Mother Earth and our communities and also honor past promises and make amends for past injustices.
- The Principles of Working Together commit us to working from the ground up, beginning with all grassroots workers, organizers and activists. We do not want to forget the struggle of the grassroots workers. This begins with all grassroots workers, organizers and activists.
- The Principles of Working Together reaffirm that as people of color we speak for ourselves. We have not chosen our struggle, we work together to overcome our common barriers, and resist our common foes.
- The Principles of Working Together demand that people from grassroots organizations should lead the environmental justice movement.
- The Principles of Working Together demand accountability to the people, responsibility to complete required work, maintain healthy partnerships with all groups.
- Full document: <http://www.ejnet.org/ej/workingtogether.pdf>

EJAC Timeline

- December 2015 – First Meeting for 2030 Target Scoping Plan (Sacramento)
- January 2016 – Second Meeting (Webinar)
- February 2016 – Third Meeting (San Bernardino)
- April 2016 – Fourth Meeting (Brawley)
- May 2016 – Fifth Meeting (Sacramento) and Sixth Meeting (El Monte)
- June 2016 – Seventh and Eighth Meeting (Webinars)
- **July 2016 – First Round of Community Workshops (San Bernardino, San Diego, Oakland, Wilmington, Los Angeles, Fresno, Modesto, Bakersfield, Sacramento)**
- August 2016 – Ninth Meeting (Huron) and Tenth Meeting (Webinar) – **EJAC Recommendations**
- **October 2016 – Community Workshop in Brawley**
- **November 2016 – Community Workshop in Orleans**
- December 2016 – Eleventh Meeting (Bakersfield) – **Revisions to EJAC Recommendations**
- January 2017 – Twelfth Meeting (Sacramento)
- February 2017 – Thirteenth Meeting (Sacramento) and Joint Meeting with ARB
- ***March 2017 – Second Round of Community Workshops and Fourteenth Meeting (Los Angeles)***

EJAC Overarching Themes

- Partnership With Environmental Justice Communities
- Equity
- Coordination
- Economic Opportunity
- Long-Term Vision



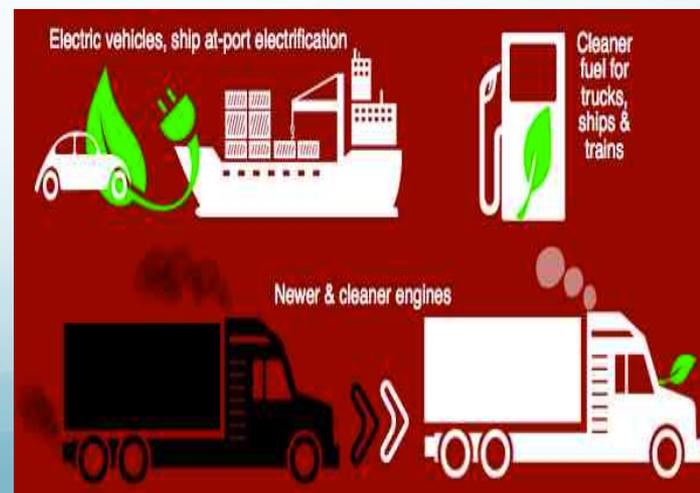
EJAC Recommendations: Overarching

- **Demonstrate neighborhood-level solutions**
- **EJ and equity analysis on the Scoping Plan and each sector**
- **Metrics and data to ensure that actions are meeting targets**
- **Maximize job and economic benefits for Californians, including a just transition fund for workers and communities**
- **Leave fossil fuels in the ground**
- **Ensure the largest proportion of GHG reductions are in EJ communities, as well as the largest proportion of investments**



EJAC Recommendations: Transportation

- Expand clean transportation options and access for disadvantaged communities through public transit, electric vehicles (cars, trucks) and community-friendly land use
- **Through robust community participation, ground-truth the actual impacts of program planning and implementation; conduct equity analyses**
- **SB 375 Sustainable Community Strategies (SCSs) must be improved to reduce VMT and prevent sprawl**
- Dedicate funds toward helping less-resourced communities and small businesses take advantage of clean transportation investment opportunities through technical assistance, ME&O, and outreach efforts
- **Do not allow local trading to offset GHG emissions**



EJAC Recommendations: Energy, Green Buildings, Water

- Prioritize the siting of renewable energy, grid storage, microgrids, and community choice aggregation projects within EJ communities
- **Avoid and mitigate any increased emissions from energy operations**
- **Climate and energy investments must serve entire disadvantaged communities, not just individual buildings**
- **Identify, implement, and standardize metrics to track energy projects and economic co-benefits; ARB needs to work with other agencies to measure these**
- **Promote the development of community-driven clean energy projects that hire from disadvantaged communities, prioritize community ownership, maximize cost savings, and prioritize anti-displacement strategies**
- Protect low-income households from energy price spikes



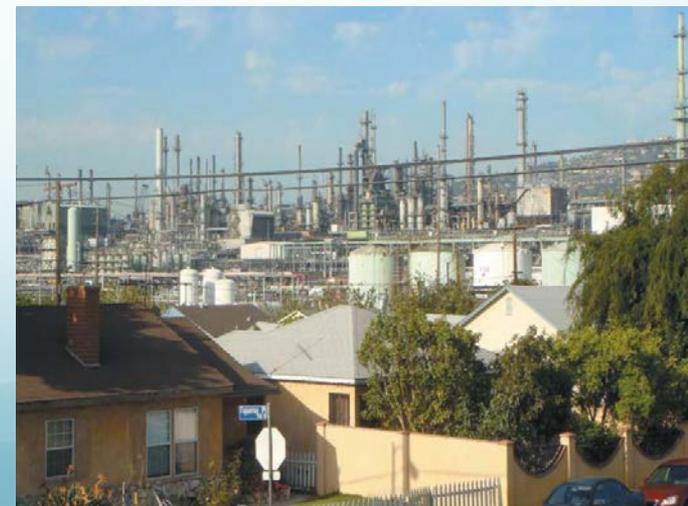
EJAC Recommendations: Natural & Working Lands, Agriculture, Waste

- **Build biomass not burn it; restrict waste-to-energy projects**
- A critical element to land and waste management is soil regeneration through Healthy Soils, which must include urban and community gardens with composting strategies
- **Quantify potential local jobs created from regenerating forests, both urban and rural**
- **Implement public outreach and education campaign on the co-benefits of urban agroforestry and urban greening in creating livable, healthy communities**



EJAC Recommendations: Industry

- Prioritize emissions reductions in EJ communities, and ensure no emissions increases happen there
- **Aggressively reduce emissions from Oil and Gas sector: 50% reduction by 2030**
- **Ensure that the Adaptive Management tool is adequate for real-time monitoring and intervention**
- **Workers and community members who live in polluted areas need to have access to economic stability and a just transition to the new clean economy**
- **Eliminate offsets; reduction measures must affect California first**
- Stop “passing the buck” from agency to agency and fix the problems; coordinate efforts among agencies
- **Create a thorough air quality monitoring system for both GHG and criteria pollutants**



EJAC Declaration on Carbon Pricing – Adopted 2.15.2017

- BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the California Environmental Justice Advisory Committee stands with communities around the world in opposition to carbon trading and offset use and the continued over reliance on fossil fuels; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Environmental Justice Advisory Committee will support conservation, regulatory, and other measures to address greenhouse gases only if they directly and significantly reduce emissions, require the shift away from use of fossil fuels and nuclear power, and do not cause or exacerbate the pollution burden of poor communities of color in California, as well as in the United States and developing nations around the world; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Environmental Justice Advisory Committee will oppose efforts by our state government to extend Cap and Trade, because this program will not reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the pace called for by the international scientific community, it will not result in a shift to clean and sustainable energy sources, it will support and enrich the state's worst polluters, it will fail to address the existing and future inequitable burden of pollution, it will deprive communities of the ability to protect and enhance their communities, and because if our state joins regional or international trading schemes it will further create incentives for carbon offset programs that harm communities in California, the region, the country, and developing nations around the world.

EJAC Recommendations: Investments

- **No Cap and Trade**
- Expand investment sources for EJ communities beyond industry payments
- **GGRF projects must be transformative for disadvantaged communities in ways defined by each community themselves and must never result in displacement**
- **Funds gathered through polluter fees must be used to pay for educational programs in the affected communities, including innovation and environmental literacy**



Discussion

- Key Questions:
 - What do you like that's in the plan? What is still missing?
 - Of all of these recommendations, which are your top priorities? Why?
- **Submit questions or comments for consideration**
 - **Please state your name, region, and affiliation**



Thanks for coming!

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