

October 19, 2021

Dear Environmental Justice Advisory Committee,

Thank you for reaching out to discuss the importance of integrating meaningful community engagement in the development of the 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan. The Governor asked me to respond to your request to extend the statutory Scoping Plan completion timeline by six months.

Open dialogue with the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC) is critical to making sure we develop a plan that is responsive to the concerns of Californians experiencing the worst impacts of climate change. As California confronts the climate emergency, we need to ensure that we move forward with our implementation strategies as quickly and as equitably as possible. The Scoping Plan is a planning document that identifies strategies needed to create new programs and adjust existing ones. Moving to the development and implementation of these strategies is critical to protecting communities, public health and achieving our climate goals. My commitment to continuing active engagement with the EJAC following adoption of the Scoping Plan presents an important opportunity for the EJAC to advise on the implementation of climate change policy which is where the benefits intersect with communities.

Governor Newsom has charged CARB with completing the plan as quickly as possible, in line with what the climate crisis demands. While CARB intends to complete the plan by the end of 2022, I commit to maintaining a robust dialogue with the EJAC and its co-chairs to ensure that CARB is providing additional resources to support the EJAC in completing its work. I recognize that EJAC members are devoting hours of time and effort into this process. I also recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed additional challenges for residents of frontline communities. CARB will work collaboratively with the EJAC to develop a path forward that will allow us to meet our deadline and allow us to urgently address the climate crisis.

I have attached the strategies prepared by CARB staff outlining a pathway for enhanced community engagement, EJAC support, and a commitment to increased transparency. At EJAC's request, I have agenda'd a discussion with the Board on October 28th to ensure that EJAC leadership has the opportunity to directly provide your perspective to the Board.

Sincerely,



Liane Randolph

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Overview of CARB Modifications for Scoping Plan Update

CARB takes very seriously its responsibility to meaningfully engage with Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC) and to comply with the statutory deadline to complete the Climate Change Scoping Plan by the December 2022 deadline. To accommodate concerns raised by the EJAC to provide more time for community engagement CARB provided the following extensions for major milestones in the schedule and has committed to providing technical assistance throughout the process:

- Extended the deadline to provide input on the first round of PATHWAYS modeling scenarios by two months – from the original date. To provide the EJAC with additional technical support, CARB has committed to scheduling a work session for the EJAC with E3, the lead contractor that will be conducting the initial PATHWAYS modeling. The initial modeling scenarios will be conducted only after receiving input from the public and EJAC members. Following the release of the Draft Scoping Plan, the EJAC and members of the public will have the opportunity to request adjustments to the scenario inputs.
- Provided additional month for EJAC to provide initial recommendations, extended the date for Board consideration of the draft Scoping Plan and the date for the Board hearing on the final draft.
- Committed to following activities while the modeling is being conducted:
 - ▶ Two standing EJAC meetings per month through the end of the Scoping Plan update process.
 - ▶ Topic Specific workshops on topics such as electricity, public health, and natural working lands with materials provided at least few days ahead of time.
 - ▶ Deep dive informational meetings for noticed EJAC meetings to provide EJAC members and stakeholders in depth information on technical information and policies related to the Scoping Plan.
- Will present preliminary results of the PATHWAYS modeling scenarios in January/February of 2022 and allow for public comment.
- CARB has also committed to supporting two community outreach periods. The first that will occur before the draft is completed and one that will occur after the draft and before the final document is prepared. CARB looks forward to working with EJAC members to build out the community outreach process and provide technical support.
- Chair Randolph has committed to holding joint Board meetings with the EJAC in 2022 to discuss the draft.

In addition to the adjustments that are described above, CARB anticipates the EJAC may identify additional needs as the Scoping Plan is developed over the next year and is committed to provide additional resources and support everywhere possible.