

December 15, 2021

Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Members
Letter to be transmitted via email to committee members

Dear Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Members,

Thank you so much for your hard work thus far—we are deeply grateful for the discussions we've had at the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC) meetings as well as the insight provided through public comment letters, meetings, and public testimony. While we intended the scenario input questions to be a way to integrate environmental justice at the very beginning of the Scoping Plan process, we hear the concerns with the schedule for developing the draft Scoping Plan. With the commitment to ongoing engagement with the EJAC as noted in [Chair Randolph's letter on October 19th](#), we hope to continue to partner with the EJAC leadership and EJAC members to learn and course correct to ensure the Scoping Plan process—and the plan—meaningfully address environmental justice.

We share the same concern around the absence of California indigenous representation on the AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. As we have shared with the EJAC at the September 22nd EJAC meeting via [memo](#), we have been working diligently to ensure indigenous representation. This includes working internally with CARB's tribal liaison and working externally with EJAC members and other agencies and organizations. Since October, we have worked with the EJAC leadership to interview potential candidate(s) to ensure indigenous representation is included on the EJAC, while also continuing to reach out to indigenous communities through various channels. In an effort to increase transparency and note CARB's continued interest on representation, we plan to provide updates at every EJAC meeting on indigenous representation. We would also greatly welcome any specific recommendations from the EJAC on how CARB can better address this important issue.

We want to express our deep gratitude for working through the process over the last few months to provide your feedback on the initial set of scenario assumptions we will use for modeling in the Scoping Plan. We want to assure you that we will work to include the EJAC responses to any specific modeling scenario assumptions and priorities to the best extent possible in the modeling effort. Next steps include:

- GHG emissions modeling by E3 where the results should be available towards the end of January.
- Air quality and economic modeling by UC Irvine and Rhodium where the results will be available in late Q1 2022.

We plan on conducting Scoping Plan workshops to walk through the results at each of these steps as well as host deep dives at noticed EJAC meetings per EJAC's request. We hope the EJAC will provide draft recommendations to CARB in February 2022 for consideration during

draft Scoping Plan development, and the first joint EJAC-CARB board meeting is scheduled in early March 2022, in advance of the release of draft Scoping Plan.

The first draft of the Scoping Plan is scheduled to be released in early May, with a Board meeting in June. At the June Board meeting, the Board will discuss the draft as well as potentially direct staff to make adjustments in response to any comments raised by the EJAC or other stakeholders. The EJAC will have an opportunity to provide recommendations in response to the draft Scoping Plan, and the second joint EJAC-CARB board meeting is scheduled for early September 2022. Staff will incorporate the Board's direction with a public hearing in late 2022 whereby the Board will consider adopting the final Scoping Plan.

We look forward to continuing with other aspects of the development of the scoping plan such as community engagement and deep dives on topics of interest to the EJAC.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

cc: See next page.

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