AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC) Workgroup Meeting Notes

This document will continue to be updated pending future EJAC Community engagement workgroup meetings throughout the development of the 2022 Scoping Plan Update.

EJAC Comments

Community Engagement

EJAC wants to hold meetings regionally & by topic; regional needs may overlap, 3 topic-specific meetings that are major concerns, e.g., fossil fuel phase out, CCS, public health. Throughout State, pockets of same issue; discuss together in a community engagement event. Four to five regional meetings, e.g., Northern, Central, Southern. Need to identify community engagement leads.

May need pandemic back-up plan, follow-up rounds of engagement in-person.

EJAC workgroups could design engagement for specific topics.

CARB needs to provide larger community engagement budget.

EJAC to work on a final community engagement proposal for both rounds of community engagement. CARB to provide community engagement guidance to EJAC.

Two topical workshops before March Joint EJAC CARB meeting.

Two separate fossil fuel topical workshops with fuel industry workgroup members leading discussion rather than community engagement workgroup members.

Regional workshops and public health will be held in summer once we have modeling results.

CARB should create a tool to convey what we're doing in the scoping plan for communities that aren't Spanish or English speakers (tool or input portal tagged by issues, translated by region, to solicit feedback on what might affect them in their specific region in the language they speak). The EJAC wants to relay higher recommendations and how they relate to community-specific level and lived experience.

Integrate community engagement across whole EJAC, not just a workgroup.

Harmonize, coordinate, and align to seek input and meet with community effectively.