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

This document will continue to be updated pending future EJAC Non-fossil fuel energy generation workgroup meetings throughout the development of the 2022 Scoping Plan Update.

EJAC Comments

Non-fossil Fuel Energy Generation

"CARB should" is implied at the start of every comment listed in the table below.

Exclude decentralized or distributed rooftop solar as eligible renewable energy source as opposed to larger scale energy projects.

Describe the GHG reduction incentive of rooftop solar from a business perspective.

Share CARB's coordination with CPUC given CPUCs jurisdiction over utilities & their involvement in rooftop solar.

Respond to whether tariffs are an option.

Increased scrutiny on utility credits and enhanced enforcement. Burning waste increases heat/efficiency of combustion but is a hazard to surrounding area, including dumping.

Recognize that centralized energy generation which is far better for GHG, air quality, health, etc. than utility scale.

Not rely on biased science.

Respond to whether conversations about geothermal & lithium GHG & Scoping Plan impacts are occurring. We are experiencing unintended consequences.

Model impacts of increased geothermal & lithium production.

Not assume that it's all clean; there's going to be some carbon from construction, no carbon-free source. Even with solar, the panel must be produced.

Eliminate fossil fuels.

Push to electrify transportation; explain how transportation relates with this topic.

Share the Scoping Plan CEQA drafts before they are final.

Groundtruth the Scoping Plan, the reality is on the ground.

Promote education.

Provide as much data as available, including full life cycle analyses.

Include truly green hydrogen powered by photovoltaic, decentralized, and used as an energy storage vehicle, that could power electric vehicles.

Not include blue or gray hydrogen which is more polluting than natural gas.

Be innovative.

Recognize the potential of microgrids.