

EJAC Charter Revisions Proposed by EJAC

**For Discussion at the
October 11, 2024, EJAC Public Meeting**

Charter Provisions for Discussion

1. Number of EJAC Meetings Per Year
2. Number of Joint CARB/EJAC Meetings Per Year
3. Number of EJAC Members
4. Length of EJAC Membership Term
5. Clarify Government Code 87104

Number of EJAC Meetings Per Year

Current Charter Language: *9(b). The EJAC will meet as a quorum minimum eight times per year (i.e., 2 times per quarter).*

Revisions: No revisions requested.

Rationale: EJAC's priority is to advise CARB Board and staff on environmental justice matters, which are ongoing, complex, and constantly evolving. It should meet as often as needed to do this important work. The "minimum" language was previously negotiated and does not need to be further constrained.

Possible Discussion: Clarify what counts as a meeting. For example, the joint CARB/EJAC does not count toward the EJAC meetings. Further, additional meetings scheduled because of circumstances beyond EJAC's control do not count.

Number of CARB/EJAC Meetings Per Year

Current Charter Language: *8(c). There will be minimum one joint EJAC / CARB meeting with a quorum of both bodies per year.*

Revisions: No revisions requested.

Rationale: EJAC's priority is to advise CARB Board and staff on environmental justice matters. More than one meeting a year may be needed with the CARB Board to provide timely input. The timing of legislation, regulation, and other factors might warrant a meeting earlier in the year. Additionally, based on the number of topics and depth of each, it is unrealistic to address everything in a single 4-hour meeting.

Possible Discussion: Increase to a minimum of two joint meetings per year. Clarify that EJAC can bring topics to CARB in regular (non-joint) meetings.

Number of EJAC Members

Current Charter Language: *9(a)(i). The EJAC will be composed of no more than 11 members appointed by the Board.*

Revisions: Increase to 13.

Rationale: EJAC represents communities throughout California with the most significant exposure to air pollution, including, but not limited to, communities with minority populations, low-income populations, or both. Given the size of California and diversity of circumstances across the state, two additional members could increase the geographic representation, the expertise, and diversity of perspectives. It can also support better distribution of the work and succession planning. EJAC believes the last number negotiated was 13, and it was an error to be noted as 11.

Extend Term From 36 to 72 Months

Current Charter Language: *9(d). Members' appointment to the EJAC will be for a term of 36 months that begins on the date the EJAC member is first appointed to the EJAC by the Board and/or the Executive Officer through Board delegation.*

Revisions: Revise from 36 to 72

Rationale: As noted, this work is complex, varied, deep, and evolving, and takes time to understand and effectively provide input. The CARB board understands this and has 72-month terms. EJAC members should be afforded the same amount of time as board members. It provides continuity, retains institutional knowledge (for issues that evolve over years), and support succession planning.

Possible Discussion: Consider staggering service so that get new members every year.

Clarify 87104 Does Not Apply to EJAC

Current Charter Language: *None.*

Revisions: Add language to clarify that 87104 does not apply to EJAC.

Rationale: Members serve as individuals, not as representatives of organizations