

Assembly Bill 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee

September 11, 2025, Joint CARB/EJAC Board Meeting

CARB Informational Update

Presentation Overview

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- Resources for EJAC
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- EJAC Input on AB 32 Programs and CARB Responses
- Acknowledgements
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Background

- EJAC advises the Board on AB 32 related program implementation
- EJAC has 11 active members
 - 3 members serve as EJAC Co-Chairs
 - 6 members have alternates who can attend meetings in their absence
- Public meetings are currently held a minimum of 8 times per year
- Joint Board meetings are held one time per year
- Current EJAC members' term limits end on March 23, 2026





EJAC Division Coordinators

Chanell Fletcher, Deputy Executive Officer

Leading Resources, Inc.

Resources for EJAC

Radhika Majhail, Air Resources Supervisor II

EJAC Support Staff

Ashley Georgiou, Air Resources Supervisor I



Ongoing EJAC Progress

- CARB has convened 9 EJAC public meetings since September 2024
- Discussion included multiple topics of mutual interest:
 - Building Decarbonization, including proposed Zero-Emission Space and Water Heating Standards
 - 5-Year Strategic Research Plan
 - Methane Satellite Data
 - Senate Bill 905
 - Low Carbon Fuel Standard
 - Cap-and-Trade Program
 - Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage
 - Natural and Working Lands
 - CARB research programs
 - Senate Bill 1137



EJAC Input on AB 32 Programs and CARB Responses

- EJAC's concerns with the proposed Zero-Emission Space and Water Heater Standards were acknowledged
 - See: <u>CARB's Response to EJAC questions</u>
- EJAC developed Building Decarbonization recommendations to the Board
 - See: <u>CARB Memo with Responses</u>
- EJAC developed Cap-and-Trade Program recommendations to the Board
- EJAC recommendations on Natural and Working Lands are in progress
- CARB incorporated EJAC feedback in the final Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Regulation
 - See: <u>EJAC Low Carbon Fuel Standard Table Recommendations and CARB Responses</u>



Acknowledgments

- Former Board Member Gideon Kracov
- A champion for ongoing EJAC provides value to CARB and EJAC
 - Allows for better communication with EJAC and the Board
 - Allows for more EJAC support





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- Leading Resources Inc. (LRI) has been on board as the EJAC facilitator and technical writer since July 2023
 - CARB has a contract in place with LRI until June 2026
- Jane Harrington and the LRI team support EJAC public meetings, minutes development, and EJAC on recommendations to the Board
- CARB staff are grateful for Jane and LRI's contributions and dedication to this process





Next Steps

Plan for an October 2025 EJAC Public Meeting. Gather feedback from current EJAC members. Develop solicitation materials. Reach out to Board Members on the solicitation to get their feedback.

Select and onboard new EJAC membership to prepare for the public process.

Early 2026

Mid-Late 2026

Late 2025

Early-Mid 2026

Release solicitation materials for new EJAC membership.

Begin public meetings with new EJAC membership.

