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Update on Equity and Environmental Justice Efforts Recommended in the *2022 IEPR Update*

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Background



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California Energy Commission

COMMISSION REPORT

Final 2022 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update

Gavin Newsom, Governor
February 2023 | CEC-100-2022-001-CMF

CHAPTER 1: Embedding Equity and Environmental Justice at the California Energy Commission

Introduction

The year 2022 marks the first year that equity is a primary focus of an IEPR proceeding. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is prioritizing equity and environmental justice in preparing for a 100 percent clean energy future. The CEC will create the energy system of the future — one that is just and ensures California's economy continues to thrive with dignity and achieve prosperity. Without this focus, we cannot achieve its energy and climate action goals.

California's clean energy transition provides an opportunity where energy challenges exist. It also allows for ensuring those who have suffered the most from disparities, racial inequities, and the current climate change tribes who have been targets of displacement and who suffered discriminatory redlining¹ practices and transformational change to the state's energy system.

This chapter summarizes the historical context of energy justice noted by peer agencies and presented by experts. It also discusses the California for All vision in the future and provides an overview of the CEC's past and present work on environmental justice and a summary of the approaches taken during the 2022 IEPR Update process to inform those efforts moving forward.

Historical Context of Inequity and Environmental Injustice

Recognizing actions of the past is vital to understanding current challenges and disparate impacts and, more importantly, developing solutions to ensure a better future. As Silvia Paz, executive director at Alianza — a community-based organization in the Salton Sea region —

CHAPTER 5: Recommendations

Chapter 1: Embedding Equity and Environmental Justice at the California Energy Commission

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is committed to continuing its work to embed equity and environmental justice. These recommendations are actions for the CEC to consider in its work to advance equity and environmental justice in a clean energy future that contributes to all Californians living with dignity and securing prosperity.

- **Open an informational proceeding on equity and environmental justice to continue formal dialogue with the public.** To continue the formal dialogue with the public initiated through this IEPR update, the CEC should establish a proceeding focused on equity and environmental justice. The proceeding would be initiated through an order instituting informational proceeding (OIIP). This proceeding would also have an associated docket to receive public comment and additional resources to support the ongoing development of the Justice Access Equity Diversity Inclusion (JAEDI) Framework and the Energy Equity Indicators tool. The OIIP should set a timeline with



Recommendations

Recommendation	Action
1. Open an informational proceeding on equity and environmental justice to continue formal dialogue with the public	JAEDI Informational Proceeding started in 2024
2. Check CEC progress through future IEPR proceedings on embedding equity and environmental justice	Today's workshop
3. Hold an annual equity and environmental justice summit	Supported CNRA's 2024 <i>Justice Rising Summit</i>
4. Provide more customized support to tribes and communities	Funding workshops & tribal consultations
5. Secure more workforce development expertise	Hired workforce development experts
6. Continue a regional approach and work more consistently with local government	Attended more local and regional events
7. Consider a supplier diversity program	Investments in Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises



JAEDI Informational Proceeding

- **September 2024:** Introduced JAEDI Proceeding and discussed JAEDI Framework
- **April 2025:** Workshop on Inclusive Pathways: Enhancing Policy and Programs
- **September 2025:** Workshop on Equity in Action: Tools and Strategies for Inclusive Policy and Program Implementation



Source: CEC



Funding Workshops

Funding Workshops

Learn about the California Energy Commission's upcoming workshops on solicitations that provide applicants with the opportunity to ask questions, network, and meet potential project partners.

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JUN
16

Pre-Application Workshop - GFO-25-308
- Distributed Clean Hydrogen Production with Onsite End Use (H2ONSITE)

June 16, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Remote Access Only

CEC staff will hold one Pre-Application Workshop to discuss this solicitation with potential applicants. Participation is optional but encouraged. The Pre-Application Workshop will be held remotely.

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Pre-Application Workshop - GFO-25-608
- Electric Vehicle Hub, Outreach, Messaging, and Equipment (EV HOME)

June 1, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Remote Access Only

There will be one Pre-Application Workshop; participation in this meeting is optional but encouraged. The Pre-Application Workshop will be held remotely through Zoom at the date, time and location listed.

FUNDING

Solicitations

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Supplier Diversity Investments

Small Businesses

	2023	2024	2025
Number of contractors	48	45	60
\$ in contracts	\$2.6M	\$24.8M	\$26M

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises

	2023	2024	2025
Number of contractors	21	12	20
\$ in contracts	\$281,000	\$3M	\$2M



**Empower
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Connections**
(as of June 2026)

- 5,500 members
- 1,500 diverse organizations



Next Steps

- Continue the following actions across the CEC:
 - Fulfill the goals of the JAEDI Informational Proceeding
 - Update the JAEDI Framework; start the development of the JAEDI Action Plan
 - Funding workshops
 - Enhance CEC staff's knowledge of workforce development
 - Work with local government
 - Investments in diverse suppliers
- Identify ways to strengthen the 2022 recommendations
- Identify new recommendations, where feasible

