



# California Public Utilities Commission



## CPUC ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION PLAN

2021 UPDATE WORKSHOP | FEBRUARY 3 & 4 | 10:00 – 3:00 PM

### AGENDA

#### WebEx Log In Information, Webcast, & Spanish Interpretation

##### WebEx

- By logging on via WebEx, attendees will be able to make comments and ask questions during the workshop, as well as submit written comments through the chat function.

Wednesday February 3	
WebEx Link: <a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e779dcf0cbb5a122e8faf33ab67cbd7cb">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e779dcf0cbb5a122e8faf33ab67cbd7cb</a>	
Event number: 146 609 8125 Event password: 2021	
Phone: 855-282-6330; Passcode: 146 609 8125	
Breakout Sessions 1:00 – 2:00 PM	
<b>Wildfire Safety</b>	<a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m7d1d9681fee09e4eb6109040b90667da">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m7d1d9681fee09e4eb6109040b90667da</a> Breakout number: 146 764 1577 Breakout password: ESJ_Wildfire
<b>Transportation &amp; Rail</b>	<a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=mefb0567f75ef890ccad68b3e70665ffb">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=mefb0567f75ef890ccad68b3e70665ffb</a> Breakout number: 146 789 6571 Breakout password: ESJ_TranspoRail
<b>Telecommunications</b>	<a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=md0142371ad3698005b01a1ea51dbcdcb3">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=md0142371ad3698005b01a1ea51dbcdcb3</a> Breakout number: 146 525 0569 Breakout password: ESJ_Telco

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<b>Thursday February 4</b>	
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Event number: 146 887 6466 Event password: 2021	
Phone: 855-282-6330; Passcode: 146 887 6466	
<b>Breakout Sessions 1:00 – 2:00 PM</b>	
<b>Energy</b>	<a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m10625ef0ad82b11e089f4609f95abd5d">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m10625ef0ad82b11e089f4609f95abd5d</a> Breakout number: 146 1233368 Breakout password: ESJ_Energy
<b>Water</b>	<a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m3bb894b0037e7385d2eba663f5ded1c3">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m3bb894b0037e7385d2eba663f5ded1c3</a> Breakout number: 146 045 9542 Breakout password: ESJ_Water
<b>Safety &amp; Enforcement</b>	<a href="https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=md907336d7deb0586f0fbef2f431c9dd3">https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=md907336d7deb0586f0fbef2f431c9dd3</a> Breakout number: 146 581 5729 Breakout password: ESJ_Safety

## Webcast

- A live webcast will be available with English and Spanish closed captions (it will also be recorded and archived for future viewing) at: [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc).
- Participants have audio and video but will not be able to make comments or ask questions. To make comments or ask questions, please join via WebEx.
- For captions, after clicking on the name of the workshop, click the green button below the video for captions. Then select captions by clicking on the white icon next to the word “live” at the bottom of the video.

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- Teléfono: 800-857-1917, código de acceso: 5180519
- Presione \* 1 si desea hacer un comentario.
- Lo sentimos que interpretación en español no estará disponible para las sesiones “breakout” a las 1:00.
- Los subtítulos en español también estarán disponibles en tiempo real en el webcast:  
[www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc).

## Submitting Written Comments

Participants may submit comments on the ESJ Action Plan to the CPUC at any time by emailing [ESJActionPlan@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ESJActionPlan@cpuc.ca.gov).

## Additional Accommodations

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as additional non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three days in advance of the workshop.

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## Workshop Agenda

Wednesday February 3, 2021

TIME	SESSION DESCRIPTION
10:00-10:20	<b>Welcome &amp; Thanks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opening Remarks from Executive Director Rachel Peterson and CPUC President Marybel Batjer</li></ul>
10:20-10:55	<b>ESJ Action Plan Overview &amp; Workshop Details</b>
10:55-11:00	<i>5 Minute Break/Transition to 1<sup>st</sup> Discussion</i>
11:00-12:00	<b>Defining ESJ: Understanding Definitions and Terms for CPUC Programs and Policies</b> <p>The ESJ Action Plan establishes a broad definition for “ESJ communities” that captures a variety of priority populations. However, dozens of other definitions and criteria are used across the Commission to define “vulnerable” “hard to reach” and a number of other definitions. This session will highlight some of the key definitions used across the Commission and how they are being utilized in practice. The discussion will brainstorm how definitions as presented could be streamlined and aligned to allow for more mutual eligibility and accessibility, as well as how to ensure CPUC staff and stakeholders are aware of different definition options for future programs and policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kathleen Yip, Energy Division, CPUC</li><li>Amee Raval, Asian Pacific Environmental Network</li></ul>
12:00-1:00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>

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1:00-1:55	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ESJ in CPUC Industry Divisions</b></p> <p>In these concurrent sessions, we will examine how each industry area can further the goals of the ESJ Plan. Discussions will focus on what emerging opportunities can be incorporated into action items in the updated ESJ Plan.</p> <p><b>1) Transportation &amp; Rail</b> <i>Issues discussed in this session may include transportation networking companies (Uber, Lyft, etc), accessibility, disproportionate impact related to emissions, and impacts to disadvantaged communities in rail network planning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terra Curtis, Consumer Protection &amp; Enforcement Division, CPUC</li><li>• Matt Bond, Rail Safety Division, CPUC</li></ul> <p><b>2) Telecommunications</b> <i>Issues discussed in this session may include access to broadband, low-income programs, affordability of rates, and understanding geographic distribution of program impacts.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wylen Lai, Communications Division, CPUC</li><li>• Michael Minkus, Communications Division, CPUC</li></ul> <p><b>3) Wildfire Safety</b> <i>Issues discussed in this session may include workforce development opportunities in the vegetation management industry, as well as how to incorporate ESJ considerations into future iterations of the CPUC Fire Threat maps.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Koko Tomassian, Wildfire Safety Division, CPUC</li><li>• Shrayas Jatkar, California Workforce Development Board</li></ul>
1:55-2:00	<i>5 Minute Break/Transition to Next Session</i>
2:00-2:45	<p><b>Systematizing ESJ Considerations: Incorporating ESJ Issues in to CPUC Proceedings and Processes</b></p> <p>The Commission is making strides to scope ESJ considerations into relevant proceedings. Staff and leadership are being encouraged to mention the goals of the ESJ Action Plan and weave issues and potential impacts to ESJ communities into the proceeding process. This session will describe how this is being undertaken internally at the CPUC, brainstorm how parties and other stakeholders can help support these efforts, and identify what other CPUC venues should ensure ESJ considerations are taken into account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ava Tran, Administrative Law Judge Division, CPUC</li><li>• Mad Stano, Greenlining Institute</li></ul>
2:45-3:00	<p><b>Peek into Tomorrow and Commissioner Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing Remarks from Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves</li></ul>

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Thursday February 4, 2021

TIME	SESSION DESCRIPTION
10:00-10:20	<b>Commissioner Welcome, Thanks, and Summary of Day 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opening Remarks from Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma</li></ul>
10:20-11:30	<b>Tracking and Measuring: Data Collection to Better Understand CPUC Impact in ESJ Communities</b> <p>While the Commission collects a myriad of information and data from regulated utilities, it remains challenging to measure and thoroughly analyze impact in ESJ communities. Data may come in different scales and format, and systematic analysis with an ESJ lens is not always conducted. This panel and subsequent discussion will dive into opportunities to have an equity and transparency driven approach to data collection, strategies for aligning what data is collected related to ESJ issues, and how cross-agency efforts to understand impacts in ESJ communities can be furthered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saul Gomez, Office of the Commission, CPUC</li><li>Jamario Jackson, Transform</li><li>Kathleen Yip, Energy Division, CPUC</li><li>Iain Fisher, Public Advocates Office, CPUC</li></ul>
11:30-12:00	<b>Public Comment Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allison Brown, Public Advisor, CPUC</li></ul>
12:00-1:00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
1:00-1:55	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ESJ in CPUC Industry Divisions</b> <p>In these concurrent sessions, we will examine how each industry area can further the goals of the ESJ Plan. Discussions will focus on what emerging opportunities can be incorporated into action items in the updated ESJ Plan.</p> <p><b>1) Energy</b> <i>Issues discussed in this session may include low income and energy equity programs and how to involve ESJ communities in division proceedings.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amy Mesrobian, Energy Division, CPUC</li><li>Alison LaBonte, Energy Division, CPUC</li></ul>

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	<p><b>2) Water</b> <i>Issues discussed in this session may include affordability metrics related to water rates, the Human Right to Water, and impacts to ESJ communities in water agency consolidations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephen St. Marie, Water Division, CPUC</li><li>• Jefferson Hancock, Water Division, CPUC</li></ul> <p><b>3) Safety &amp; Enforcement</b> <i>Issues discussed in this session may include how to consider safety violations from an ESJ perspective.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liz Podolinsky, Safety &amp; Enforcement Division, CPUC</li></ul>
1:55-2:00	<i>5 Minute Break/Transition to Next Session</i>
2:00-2:45	<p><b>Making the Most of Marketing, Education &amp; Outreach (ME&amp;O): Maximizing Impact and Aligning Strategies</b></p> <p>Utilities implement dozens of ME&amp;O plans across a wide variety of programs and incentives, with significant resources being invested to inform the public about a number of policies and programs. These efforts are of particular importance for ESJ communities to ensure they are aware of dedicated programs and other important opportunities. However, it is unclear how successful investments in ME&amp;O have been in reaching ESJ communities. This discussion will dive into what components are typically involved in ME&amp;O plans and what work can be done to leverage strategies across programs to better meet CPUC, utility, and community-oriented goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whitney Richardson, Energy Division, CPUC</li><li>• Alex Garibay, Southern California Edison</li></ul>
2:45-3:00	<p><b>Commissioner Closing Remarks, Thank You, and Close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing Remarks from Commissioner Cliff Rechtschaffen</li></ul>

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