California Coastal Commission
Environmental Justice Policy Report
PROPOSITION 20
OUR MISSION

Protecting & Enhancing California's Coast for Present and Future Generations
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Met with 58 groups across the state
- Co-hosted an environmental justice roundtable
AB 2616 (Burke)

Section 30604(h) – When acting on a coastal development permit, the issuing agency, or the commission on appeal, may consider environmental justice, or the equitable distribution of environmental benefits throughout the state.
STAFF EFFORTS

- Inter-agency Collaboration
- Racial Equity and Environmental Justice Trainings
- Educational Webinar
- Community Meetings
- One-on-one conversations
- EJ Listserv
- EJ Webpage
- Instructional Handouts
- Dedicated email account: environmentaljustice@coastal.ca.gov
A Coast For All

Environmental justice groups have a long history of marginalization and frustration with government agencies in their long struggle for basic rights like clean water, clean air and safe schools. All too often, government inaction or worse, adverse action on these issues has led to a mistrust of public agencies and officials, contributing to a vicious cycle of exclusion.

By implementing an environmental justice policy, the California Coastal Commission demonstrates its commitment to diversity and protecting coastal natural resources for the benefit of all Californians regardless of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, or place of residence.

The California Coastal Commission

The California Coastal Commission is a state agency that regulates development along the coast of California by implementing policies found in the Coastal Act of 1976. These policies seek to protect and expand public coastal access, restore and maintain sensitive habitats, protect scenic landscapes, and guide development with adequate services for the public.

Our Environmental Justice Policy Draft

The policy draft contains two sections: a staff memo regarding the development of the draft policy and the actual draft policy, which starts on page 12. The policy calls on the Commission to consider environmental justice principles consistent with Coastal Act policies during the planning, decision-making and implementation of agency actions, programs, policies and activities. The policy is organized around a statement of principles that once adopted, will inform the Commission’s implementation of the law.

The public comment period for this policy will be open until November 7, 2018. For more information on how you can be a part of this process, go to our Public Comment section.

Where We Work

The Commission’s jurisdiction covers the entire California coast, with the exception of the San Francisco Bay. Given its size, the Commission has broken the 1,500-mile long coastline into 6 different coastal districts. The map on the right shows each district and its associated local office.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

- COASTAL ACCESS
- MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT
- RESPECT TRIBAL CONCERNS
- ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY
- HABITAT & PUBLIC HEALTH
- ACCESS TO PROCESS
- CLIMATE CHANGE
TYPES OF FEEDBACK

- Agency Outreach and Engagement
- Tribal Concerns
- Barriers to Access
- Energy
- Housing
- Permitting
- Climate Change
- Staffing and Hiring
- Policy Development
- Health
- Local Governments
STAFF APPROACH

Environmental Justice Policy

Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE)

Five Year Strategic Plan
• Staff memo explains purpose of policy

• Policy and Statement of Principles on Page 12
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
RESPECTING TRIBAL CONCERNS

- Tribal Consultation Policy
- Understand culturally significant practices and resources
MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT

JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL
COMISIÓN COSTERA DE CALIFORNIA

La Ley de las Costas protege el acceso público y esta agencia tiene una larga historia de promover la participación pública y equidad. En 2016 la Comisión obtuvo una nueva autoridad para que se considere específicamente la justicia ambiental a la hora de tomar decisiones sobre los permisos.

Nos encantaría escuchar a los grupos ambientalistas y otras partes interesadas acerca de lo que les gustaría ver en esta nueva póliza para ayudar a la Comisión a tomar decisiones aún mejores y más fuertes que beneficien a las comunidades desatendidas.

Para más información, visite https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/, envíenos un correo electrónico a environmentaljustice@coastalcommission.com o llame a Noaki Schwartz, Funcionario de Información Pública, al (562) 833-5487.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY

DRAFT POLICY AND STAFF REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT:
https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/

Purpose of the policy
The goal of the Coastal Commission’s environmental justice policy is to achieve more meaningful engagement, equitable process, effective communication, and stronger coastal protection benefits for everyone. The draft policy also outlines a statement of guiding principles on topics such as respecting tribal concerns, coastal access, accountability and transparency, climate change, and habitat and public health.

Why do we want your feedback?
We want to make sure this policy is as strong as possible and we can’t do this without your insight and expertise.

Please send public comments to the following:
EMAIL: environmentaljustice@coastal.ca.gov
MAIL: California Coastal Commission, 45 Fromont St. Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94118
FAX: (415) 904-5400

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2018.
COASTAL ACCESS
Welcome!

Thank you for joining us
Here are 4 things you need to know

1. Pick up a meeting agenda
   Meeting agendas are available in English and in Spanish.

2. Wish to speak?
   Check out our speaker slip guide or ask a staff person for further instructions.

3. Agenda items
   It is not possible to predict how quickly the Commission will complete agenda items; however, all items on each day’s agenda will be heard.

4. Future Locations
   The Commission meets once a month in different locations across the state. Whenever possible, agenda items are scheduled for meetings relatively close to the location most impacted by the proposed development.

Please be quiet and courteous during the meeting. If you would like to show support for an item, feel free to hold up signs or wave your hands.

Welcome!

Wish to speak?
Here’s how

1. Fill out a ‘Request to Speak’ Form
   There are 2 types of speaker slips: the white slip is for all non-permit items (LCPs, enforcement & general public comment) and the pink slip is for permit/appeal items.

2. Non-Permit Item Comments
   Fill out the white speaker slip to speak on non-permit items. General public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting but may also be heard at the end of the day. The time limit is usually 3 minutes unless instructed otherwise.

3. Permit/Appeal Item Comments
   Fill out the pink speaker slip in order to speak on a specific permit/appeal item. Your allotted speaking time will be determined by the Commission Chair.

4. Where and how?
   Turn in your speaker slips to a staff member at the welcome table BEFORE your item starts. Find a seat and listen for your name to be called. Once your name is called, approach the podium to speak.

Attention: Any PowerPoint slides must be accompanied by a USB flash drive, a memory card or a compact disc. Hard copies are recommended in case of technical difficulties. You must have at least 20 copies of any print outs. Please hand these materials to the staff person at the table before the beginning of the meeting.
¡Bienvenidos!

Gracias por venir
Para participar en esta reunión, por favor tenga en cuenta los siguientes puntos.

1. Recoja una agenda de la reunión
La agenda está disponible en inglés y en español.

2. ¿Desea hacer un comentario?
Consulte nuestro guía de comentarios o contacte uno de nuestros empleados para obtener más instrucciones.

3. Puntos de la agenda
No es posible predecir que tan rápido la Comisión completará los puntos de la agenda, sin embargo, se escucharán todos los puntos de la agenda de cada día.

4. Ubicaciones Futuras
La Comisión se reúne una vez al mes en diferentes partes del estado. Cuando sea posible, las reuniones de la Comisión serán programadas relativamente cerca de las zonas que son más impactadas por el desarrollo propuesto.

Si desea apoyar uno de los puntos de la agenda, por favor hágalo a través de carteles o levante y mueva las manos.

¡Bienvenidos!

Desea hacer un comentario?
Por favor siga los siguientes pasos

Complete la forma titulada “Solicitud para hacer un comentario”
Hay dos tipos de solicitudes: la solicitud blanca es para hacer comentarios no relacionados con permisos de desarrollo y la solicitud rosada es para hacer comentarios relacionados con permisos o apelaciones.

Comentarios Generales
Complete la forma blanca para hacer un comentario general no relacionado con un permiso. Los comentarios generales ocurren al inicio de la reunión o al final del día. El límite de tiempo suele ser de aproximadamente 3 minutos a menos que se indique lo contrario.

Comentarios para Permisos/Apelaciones
Complete la forma rosada para comentar sobre un permiso o apelación. Su límite de tiempo será determinado por el presidente de la Comisión.

Entregue sus formas
Entregue su(s) forma(s) a un miembro del personal en la mesa de bienvenida. Encuentre un asiento y espere a que su nombre sea llamado. Una vez usted escuche su nombre, acérquese al podio para hablar.

Atención: Las presentaciones de PowerPoint deben ser entregadas a través de un USB, tarjeta de memoria o disco compacto. Se recomienda tener copias impresas en caso de dificultades técnicas. Debe tener al menos 20 copias. Por favor entregue sus materiales al miembro del personal en la mesa de bienvenida antes del comienzo de la reunión.
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- Use tools to identify at-risk communities
HABITAT AND PUBLIC HEALTH

PC: John Loomis

PC: Devan Gann

PC: Bill Bouton
PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT

TO: Coastal Commission and Interested Persons

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Coastal Commission Environmental Justice Team


(NOTE: This is a discussion item only and the Coastal Commission will not be taking action on the draft Environmental Justice Policy at the August 8, 2018 meeting.)

The Coastal Commission staff has drafted an Environmental Justice (EJ) policy memo for the Commission’s review, feedback and public comment. This draft EJ policy will be brought before the Commission at a future meeting for adoption.

The People of the State of California find and declare:

“(a) That the California Coastal Zone is a distinct and valuable natural resource of vital and enduring interest to all the people and exists as a delicately balanced ecosystem.

(b) That the permanent protection of the state’s natural and scenic resources is a paramount concern to present and future residents of the state and nation.

(c) That to promote the public safety, health, and welfare, and to protect public and private property, wildlife, marine fisheries, and other ocean resources, and the natural environment, it is necessary to protect the ecological balance of the coastal zone and prevent its deterioration and destruction.”

--- Legislative findings, Proposition 20
---Coastal Act, PRC Sec. 30001
(Emphasis added.)

Public Comment ends Nov. 7, 2018
QUESTIONS?

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