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# Coastal Commission Draft Environmental Justice Policy Public Engagement Strategy and Timeline

# Introduction

The Coastal Commission released a new draft environmental justice policy for public review in August 2018. The report is based on initial feedback from stakeholder meetings held throughout the state, and is available for review (<u>https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/</u>). The Commission will take public testimony on the draft policy for 90 days with a goal of revising and adopting the final policy by the end of the year.

#### Goals

Public feedback on the draft environmental justice policy is critical for creating a strong final policy. To ensure the Commission's policy reflects the values and priorities of environmental justice stakeholders across California, staff is implementing the following public engagement strategy.

# Audience

Staff plans to do targeted outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities and stakeholders throughout the state. As staff time and capacity permits, there will be significant effort made to receive input from a diverse stakeholder base and community members from urban and rural areas in both coastal and inland regions of the state. Efforts will be made to reach individuals who may not live in coastal areas but come to the coast for recreation and/or work.

# Draft policy public engagement timeline for 2018

Commission staff will take public comment, engage with stakeholders and release updated draft policies from August to November. During that time, staff will also attend local events, have one-on-one meetings to review the draft policy, and work with stakeholders to co-host local meetings and listening sessions as staff capacity permits. Staff will also conduct webinars to explain the draft policy and public comment process, and host another roundtable with State Lands Commission in Southern California. The goal is to adopt a final policy at the Commission's December meeting.

# Public comment opportunities and informational resources

Table 1 summarizes public comment opportunities staff will utilize for soliciting public input on the draft policy. Table 2 lists the informational resources staff will create about the draft policy and use to share updates regarding the progress of the draft policy.

Public comment opportunities	Description	Logistics (Date, location, if applicable)
Commission Meeting	Public comment at Commission Monthly meeting	September 12-14, 2018 - Fort Bragg, CA
		October 10-12, 2018 - San Diego, CA
		November 7-9, 2018 - San Francisco, CA
One-on-one or group meetings with staff	Meet with staff to discuss draft policy in-person or over the phone	Schedule meetings by emailing <u>environmental.justice@coastal.ca.gov</u> Spanish language speakers available.
Local listening session or roundtable	Commission staff co-host a local listening session with local stakeholders or other state or local agencies	Fall 2018 - Long Beach Roundtable with State Lands Commission
		Future sessions will be announced. To schedule a session or roundtable in your community, please email <u>environmental.justice@coastal.ca.gov</u>
Email	Email public comments	Email address: environmentaljustice@coastal.ca.gov
Mail	Send physical letters directly to Commission staff	Mailing address: California Coastal Commission Environmental Justice Team 45 Fremont, Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105- 2219
Phone	Call staff to provide verbal comments or ask questions	Staff contact information: Noaki Schwartz - 562-833-5487 Erik Martinez - 415-904-5502 Sumi Selvaraj – 415-904-5294

Table 1. Public Comment Opportunities

Informational resources	Description	How to access
Environmental Justice Email List	Announcements about policy sent via email and a biweekly newsletters	https://www.coastal.ca.gov/signup/
Webinar and recording	Staff webinar about the draft policy. Recording posted online for future viewers.	Under "Resources" or "Events" on https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/
Staff presentations at local events	Staff present about Coastal Commission and draft policy when invited to local event	To request staff to speak at your event email <u>environmentaljustice@coastal.ca.gov</u>
Handouts	Informational handouts about draft policy and public comment deadline	Under "Resources" on https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/
Story Map	Story Map about Coastal Commission programs and environmental justice	Will be posted under "Resources" on https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/ when completed
Frequently Asked Question Sheet	Informational sheet with answers to frequently asked questions received during public comment	Will be posted under "Resources" on https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/ when completed
Website	Updates on agency's environmental justice webpage about draft policy and upcoming events	https://www.coastal.ca.gov/env-justice/
Facebook	Updates on agency's Facebook page through posts and Facebook events related to draft policy	https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaCoas talCommission
YouTube	Recordings of staff presentations and webinars posted to agency's YouTube channel	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL pv0upQwMENWWnu5nbvHaobSID_ec4Cqv
Twitter	Updates posted on agency's Twitter	https://twitter.com/thecacoast
Instagram	Updates posted on agency's Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/thecaliforniac oast/