Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper



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Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper Objectives



Build a network of community leaders and organizations to inform and support the Council's EJ work;



Identify environmental justice issues impacting communities in and around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and



Identify options to address those issues.

EJ Issue Paper Development Timeline

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Background Research

Council staff review agency precedents, meet with agency, NGO, and EJ organization staff, and conduct a literature review.

EJ Brown Bags

The Council hosts a 4-part virtual brown bag series with presentations by EJ scholars.

EJ Expert Group

EJ Expert Group is formed and begins meeting monthly.

Public Comment Analysis

Public comment analysis is completed.

EJ Interviews

Council staff conduct 22 interviews with community EJ advocates and present results to the Council.

Public Outreach & Engagement

Council staff attend various community events and hear from community members about EJ issues impacting them.

Paper Drafting

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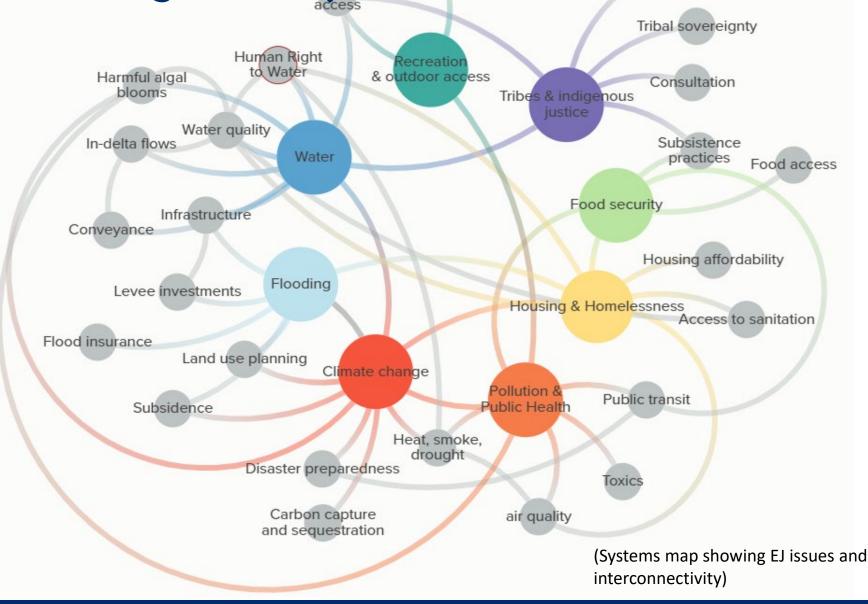
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ENVIRONMENTAL (IN)JUSTICE IN THE DELTA

EJ issues are wide-reaching and very interrelated

"Everything is
connected. When you
change one thing, it will
change another. We
must use that
intersection to build
[broader] community
with groups that are
not explicitly focused
on the issue at
hand."



Feelings of Safety and

Belonging

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lands

Issue Paper Content

Executive Summary	What is Tribal and Environmental Justice
Introduction	History and Context
Recommendations	Current Environmental Justice Issues in the Delta

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Expert Group and Tribal Preview Draft Review

Solicit feedback from Expert Group and Tribal partners on preview draft, prior to release of public draft.

Public Review

Mid-June release of public review draft. 60 day public review period. April Council presentation and May workshop to hear public comments.

Release Final Paper

The Council considers resolution adopting the Environmental and Tribal Justice Issue Paper and directing staff to develop implementation plan.

Implementation and Integration

Council staff develops implementation plan to better integrate environmental and tribal justice into the Council's work.

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