Environmental Justice
Issue Paper
Environmental Justice (EJ)

- The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. (Gov. Code, § 65040.12, subd. (e)).
Purpose

• The Council's 2019 Five-Year Review of the Delta Plan:

• Identified EJ as a key emerging issue.

• Recommended that staff prepare an issue paper "to investigate the potential need for additional strategies or responses within the Delta Plan to address disadvantaged communities and EJ."
Objectives

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

Identify environmental justice issues within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Delta watershed, and areas that use Delta water; and

Identify options to address those issues.
Progress to Date

1. Public comment analysis

2. Interviews
   • Interview data collection process developed, peer-reviewed by EJ scholars, EJ expert group, and Institutional Review Board

3. Expert Group
   • Formed and contracts put in place
   • Held first two Expert Group meetings held (and the third was held earlier this week)

4. Issue Paper
   • Began drafting an EJ history for the Delta
   • Conducted literature review

5. EJ Seminar Series

6. Public engagement process
Expert Group Participants

• Barbara Barrigan-Parilla, Restore the Delta

• Bob Erlenbusch, Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness

• Matt Holmes, Little Manila Rising

• Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance

• Michael Rodriguez, The Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe
## Next Steps and Timeline

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<td>• Begin interviews with interested parties</td>
<td>• Public review draft of issue paper</td>
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<td>• Weave lit review into historical context and background</td>
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