

DISCUSSION: EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



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Equity Advisory Roundtable - February 3, 2021

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Background



- In June 2020, the California Transportation Commission outlined its intention to form an Equity Advisory Roundtable to, in part, inform the consideration of a standing Equity Advisory Committee
- In January 2021, the Commission adopted its equity statement highlighting the Commission's goal to "empower the Commission's Equity Advisory Roundtable and future related efforts to help inform transportation decision making"
- As interagency coordination efforts are increasing between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), and the Commission to implement this goal, each agency seeks to gain insight on the development of equity advisory committees from other government agencies

State and Regional Agency Structures



- Several state agencies and regional transportation agencies have updated their policies and processes to center equity. This includes establishing internal and external equity advisory committees and developing equity platforms that make it easier to operationalize equity initiatives.
- California Energy Commission Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District Community Health Protection Program
- Oregon Department of Transportation Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments Race, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group
- San Diego Association of Governments Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group
- South Coast Air Quality Management District Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Advisory Panel
- California Air Resources Board Environmental Justice Advisory Committee

State and Regional Agency Structures: California Energy Commission Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee



- Required by Senate Bill 350 (De León), the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015
- 11-member group meets monthly, in public meetings subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
- Review California Energy Commission and California Public Utility Commission clean energy programs and policies to ensure that disadvantaged communities, including tribal and rural communities, benefit from proposed clean energy and pollution reduction programs
- Advisory Group members are either from or represent disadvantaged communities

State and Regional Agency Structures: California Energy Commission Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee



- Guiding Principles
 1. Increase access to clean energy technologies for disadvantaged communities.
 2. Maintain or enhance affordability of energy service in disadvantaged communities by considering potential utility rate impacts of any proposed program.
 3. Increase the benefits of clean energy programs in disadvantaged communities by supporting growth in local employment and small business development, as well as other non-energy benefits including reducing pollutants and health risks

State and Regional Agency Structures: California Energy Commission Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee



- Advisory Group members and agency staff have continued to amend the charter in order to improve the functionality and administrative efficiency of the group
 - This includes staggering the terms of members to maintain continuity of the group
 - Clarifications to appointment process
 - Qualifications of members
 - Resignation and removal processes; and the duties and responsibilities of the members.
 - A per diem was added for any publicly noticed Advisory Group meeting

State and Regional Agency Structures: Bay Area Air Quality Management District



- Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy and Equity with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Provides leadership on the District's community engagement, diversity, equity and inclusion program and policy development.

Bay Area Air Quality Management District Selection Process & Seating of Formal Committees



Public
solicitation

Ongoing advice
from Board
during the
process

Screening

- Community members
- Sister agency staff

Interviews

- By board
- At board meetings or privately

Board
Committee
develops slate

Board approval

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Other Considerations



Stipends

- Stipend Policy
- Gift Cards

Setting Expectations

- Partnership agreements
- Charters

Partnership & Power Sharing

- Joint meetings with board
- Liaison to board
- Regular reports

Bay Area Air Quality Management District Informal and Ad Hoc Groups



Focus Groups



Design Teams



Working Groups



Resource Teams

Discussion



- What is your capacity for supporting an Interagency Equity Advisory Committee (or Committees)?
- Are there any structural or procedural elements from these presentations that you think we should propose for the EAC?’
- Other questions?