



Assembly Bill 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)

September 12, 2024, CARB/EJAC Joint Meeting
CARB Informational Update

EJAC Overview

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- EJAC Charter Revisions
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 - Revision Progress
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Ongoing EJAC Progress

- Convened 10 EJAC public meetings since September 2023 joint discussion
- Executed a contract in July 2024 with Leading Resources Inc. for EJAC facilitation and technical writing
- Convene EJAC public meeting in October to close out 2024

EJAC Charter Background

- Board adopted the Charter alongside the approval of the ongoing EJAC in March 2023
- Board directed for *one-time* Charter revision after 18 months
- Incorporate lessons learned and provide clarification where needed

EJAC Charter Update Progress

- CARB, an EJAC workgroup, and the contracted technical writer had informal discussions on potential revisions
- CARB documented key takeaways and desired changes to allow for future discussion and collaboration with EJAC

CARB Priorities for EJAC Charter Revision

- Clarify language for membership and meeting attendance
- Provide consideration for time and workload of Co-Chairs
- Include language to allow for a more even distribution of EJAC workload
- Clarify expectations for EJAC public and joint meetings
- Provide specific language and links on relevant statutes, including Senate Bill 544 and Government Code 87104

Charter Statutory Limitations

- Statutory language in the following sections cannot be changed:
 - Sections 3 (Definitions), 4 (Disclaimers), 5 (AB 32 Statutory Language), 6 (EJAC Mission Statement), and 7 (EJAC Goals) as they relate specifically to AB 32).
 - Section 9 (Membership) references to the Health and Safety Code.
 - Section 8 (EJAC Meetings), 10 (Roles and Responsibilities), and 11 (Decision-Making) references the Bagley-Keene Act.
 - Section 11c (defining the legal relationship between EJAC and the Board)
 - Section 11c due to explanation of the legal relationship between EJAC and the Board.
 - Section 12 (Transparency Requirements) and Section 13 (Records) since they draw from state statute.

EJAC Charter Path Forward

- Finalize Charter revision language and priorities through:
 - Workgroup discussion
 - EJAC Public Meeting process
- Facilitate a public comment period on Charter revisions
- Provide the revised Charter at a future Board meeting via a consent item on the calendar
- Have the revised Charter in place by early 2025

Next Steps

- Complete the 2024 EJAC public process
- Finalize EJAC Charter revisions
- Strategize for the 2025 work and EJAC public process

Ideas for Future EJAC Engagement

- **Senate Bill 44**

- 2025 Mobile Source Strategy - a framework that identifies the levels of cleaner and zero-emission technologies necessary to meet California's criteria pollutant, greenhouse gas, and toxic air contaminant reductions goals.

- **Senate Bill 375**

- Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 375) supports the State's climate goals by helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions through coordinated transportation, housing, and land use planning.

- **Assembly Bill 2446 Embodied Carbon Emissions: Construction Materials**

- Requires CARB, by July 1, 2025, to develop a framework for measuring and then reducing the carbon intensity of the building materials used in the construction of new buildings, including those for residential uses.