



California Public Utility Commission's  
Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Action Plan  
Draft Version 2.0.

# Version 1.0 of the CPUC's ESJ Action Plan was adopted in February 2019



a commitment to furthering  
principles of environmental  
and social justice



operating framework with  
which to integrate ESJ  
considerations throughout  
the CPUC's work





The CPUC seeks to achieve environmental and social justice goals by strategically targeting investment, engagement, and enforcement efforts in ESJ communities.

The ESJ Action Plan consists of nine overarching goals and 95 concrete action items to ensure agency-wide collaboration, accountability, and forward movement in meeting ESJ principles.

## Draft Version 2.0 of the ESJ Action Plan

The updated ESJ Action Plan charts a path forward over a three-year time horizon to further strengthen the CPUC's commitment to ESJ principles.

The CPUC invites stakeholders and the public to submit public comment on the draft of Version 2.0 Comments via email to [ESJActionPlan@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ESJActionPlan@cpuc.ca.gov). The deadline to provide comments is Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

# In the ESJ Action Plan, the CPUC recognizes:

SB 350 the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 requires the CPUC to prioritize disadvantaged communities in its integrated energy resources planning processes.

Executive Order (EO) N-19-19 signed by Governor Newsom in September 2019 to further California's commitment to mitigate the impacts of climate change and to build a sustainable and inclusive economy.

EO N-79-20 signed by Governor Newsom in September specifically directs the CPUC and other state agencies to accelerate the deployment of affordable fueling and charging infrastructure for ESJ Communities.

**SB 1383?**



**The ESJ Action Plan Goal 2** is to increase investment in clean energy resources to benefit ESJ communities, especially to improve local air quality and public health.



The CPUC actions will require utilities to procure renewable electricity to reduce GHG emissions and to improve ESJ Communities access to electric vehicle charging.

SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to procure biomethane produced from the processing of organic waste to produce RNG, electricity, or hydrogen.

## The CPUC's Goal 4 is to Increase climate resiliency in ESJ communities.



The CPUC is conducting sector-specific study of the air quality impacts of transportation, electrification, building energy, and the distribution of energy resources.



Organic waste management projects generate carbon negative biomethane that can be used to replace fossil-based energy sources including diesel.



Thus, the CPUC should consider the renewable energy from processing organic waste and how ESJ communities benefit from both waste reduction and utilization of clean energy.



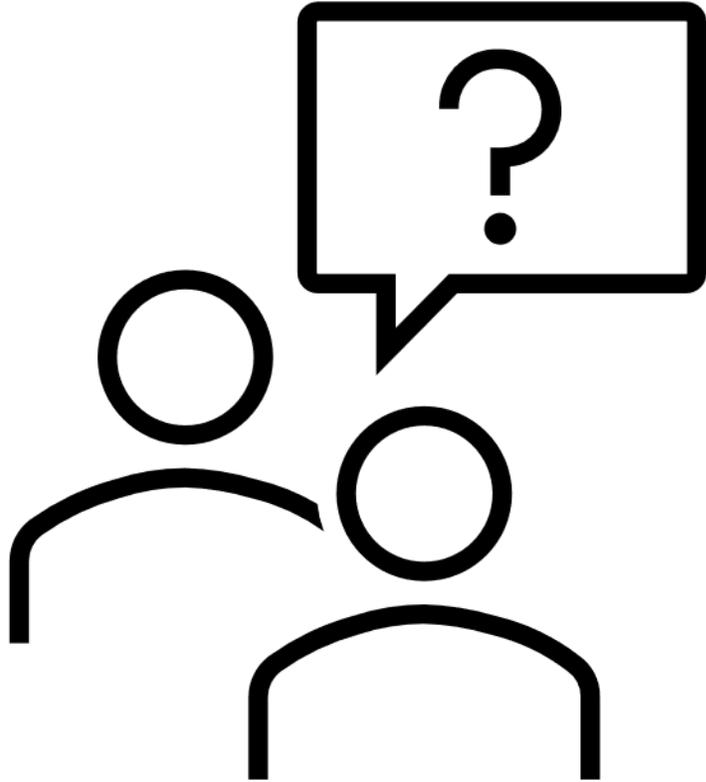
# Goal 7 economic and workforce development opportunities

Help properly manage organic waste and use the biomethane produced to generate clean fuels and electricity that can replace fossil sources

Support technologies that immediately reduce emissions of methane and pollution in disadvantage communities

Create new clean energy jobs





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