

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE EQUITY COALITION FACT SHEET

FIGHTING POVERTY AND POLLUTION IN CALIFORNIA

For more than a decade, California has led the way in the fight against climate change. Over the years, we've improved and expanded these policies to make sure they help clean our air and bring real benefits to neighborhoods that have been hurt first and worst by poverty and pollution.

HOW DOES CLIMATE POLICY ADVANCE EQUITY IN CA?

California's groundbreaking Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) charges polluters for their GHG emissions, and the money goes into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). In 2012 CCEC supported SB 535 (De Leon), which requires that at least 25% of these funds go to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. **AB 1550 (Gomez, 2016) expands on the promise of SB 535. Now, 25% of fees paid by polluters must go to projects located in disadvantaged communities and an additional 10% must benefit low-income Californians, including low-income residents who live outside of communities considered disadvantaged by the state.**

This means hundreds of millions of dollars in investments that promote clean air, jobs, transportation and energy efficiency, all targeted to benefit the communities hit first and worst by climate change.

HOW CAN YOUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

Communities throughout California started receiving investments from the GGRF starting in 2015. GGRF funds must be allocated (a) only to projects that reduce greenhouse gases and provide maximum feasible co-benefits while (b) ensuring that climate equity mandates are met.

HOW ARE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IDENTIFIED?

The California Environmental Protection Agency developed CalEnviroScreen to identify the communities most impacted by poverty and pollution. CalEnviroScreen ranks census tracts in California based on potential exposures to pollutants, adverse environmental conditions, socioeconomic factors and prevalence of certain health conditions. For more information visit:

<http://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30>

This fact sheet was created by the California Climate Equity Coalition. We work to ensure that California's climate policies bring opportunities and investments to California's underserved communities.

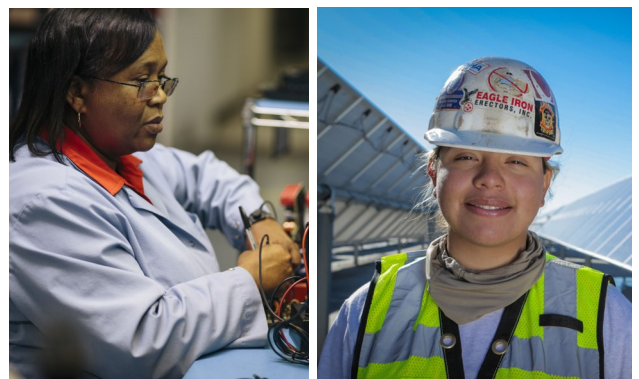
CLIMATE INVESTMENT CASE STUDY REPORT

Something amazing is happening in California: We're charging polluters for the damage they cause and using that money to clean the air, save families money and bring investments and jobs to communities that need them.

To evaluate initial success of the GGRF in assisting underserved communities, The Greenlining Institute examined 10 projects. These 10 projects alone will:

- ◆ Provide over 2,000 solar power systems for low-income families generating nearly six megawatts of clean power
- ◆ plant 2,250 trees in disadvantaged communities
- ◆ provide 252 homes permanently-affordable to lower income households
- ◆ create over 400 jobs
- ◆ replace 600 old, highly polluting cars and trucks with clean electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles

To download the report visit www.greenlining.org



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENT FACTS

\$3.4

BILLION HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED TO PROJECTS THAT FIGHT POLLUTION IN CALIFORNIA THROUGH NOVEMBER 2016

34%

OF ALL IMPLEMENTED DOLLARS **ARE LOCATED** IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES*

50%

OF ALL IMPLEMENTED DOLLARS **BENEFIT** DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES*

Over their lifetime, the awarded projects are expected to reduce GHG emissions by over

15 MILLION metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.*

*Based on funding implemented through November 2016, excluding the High-Speed Rail (HSR) project.

CA CLIMATE EQUITY COALITION (CCEC) PRIORITY GGRF PROGRAMS

FUNDING¹

Low Carbon Transportation	Accelerating the transition to low carbon freight and passenger transportation. www.arb.ca.gov	\$695 Million
Clean Energy	Installing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. www.csd.ca.gov	\$174 Million
Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities	Building affordable housing near transit stations that reduces the number of vehicle miles traveled. www.sgc.ca.gov	\$570 Million
Urban Forestry & Greening	Planting, cultivating, and maintaining trees and related vegetation in urban areas. www.calfire.ca.gov	\$113 Million
Transit	Supporting new or expanded bus and rail transit service, and transit bus and rail capital improvements. www.calsta.ca.gov	\$516 Million

IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS BY REGION²

REGION	TOTAL FUNDING IN REGION	% BENEFITING DACS
Bay Area	\$197,806,308	22.54%
San Joaquin Valley	\$63,223,212 ³	12.31%
LA/Inland Empire	\$239,006,425	43.64%
San Diego/Imperial	\$67,024,135	12.11%
Other Regions	\$88,509,991	9.40%

1. Appropriated funding through November 2016.

2. Information based on data available for funding implemented through December 2015.

3. Excludes \$259,000,000 for the High-Speed Rail (HSR) project.

We encourage you to stay up-to-date on climate equity developments by tracking its implementation and joining our listserv. You can do so by emailing Amee Raval at amee@apen4ej.org. Make sure to visit www.upliftca.org for more information.

