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AGENDA ITEM #3

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Mapping Tool Intent and Use Cases

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I. Identify Environmental Justice Communities

HB 4077: "Identify environmental justice communities [affected by agency programs]"

<u>Description</u>	<u>Examples</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the mapping tool EJ index, users could designate communities above/below a certain threshold as areas for concentrated environmental, public health, and/or social action or activism. Designating certain geographic areas could guide agencies, CBOs, community members, and other stakeholders to direct attention to those communities and identify what interventions are taking place and/or where gaps exist. The tool could be used to identify environmental, human health, and/or social burdens, as well as highlight community resiliency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CalEnviroScreen</u>: CalEPA designated the top 25% of census tracts in CalEnviroScreen as 'disadvantaged' communities for the purpose of investing cap-and-trade proceeds (SB 535). <u>Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map</u>: The WA Department of Health uses their mapping tool to identify 'highly impacted' communities if they meet one or both of two criteria: 1) the area ranks a 9 or 10 on the mapping tool's index score; 2) the area is covered or partially covered by 'Indian Country' as defined in and designated by statute.

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2. Prioritize Funding/Resource Allocation

HB 4077: "Prioritize [agency] funding to help address identified impacts on environmental justice communities."

Description

- The mapping tool could be used to ensure that resources are invested in the areas where they are needed most.
- This could be done by specifying designated EJ communities to receive funding, by scaling a resource investment proportional to an EJ index score, or through other strategies based on the mapping tool data and/or index/indices.

Examples

- Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map: Washington's Climate Commitment Act uses their mapping tool to identify 'overburdened' communities to receive at least 35% of the investments in the clean energy transition, clean transportation, and climate resiliency projects.
- California Healthy Places Index: Public health leaders used the HPI tool to direct resources to communities experiencing the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19.

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3. Bolster Community Engagement and Advocacy

HB 4077: "Conduct outreach and engagement activities with environmental justice communities to inform: the development, adoption, implementation AND/OR enforcement of environmental laws, administrative rules AND/OR agency policies."

Description

- The tool could be used in the initial stages of community engagement to build demographic and community context and ensure outreach is accessible and accurately reflects community concerns.
- Mapping tool data could support and validate community testimony to address environmental justice concerns in their area.
- The tool could be used to target improved community engagement in geographic areas designated as environmental justice communities, including prioritizing areas for agency outreach related to permitting and rulemaking.

Examples

- CalEnviroScreen: A community organization in California reached out to CalEPA to collaborate on collecting water quality data to improve the CalEnviroScreen data for their community.
- CalEnviroScreen: CalEPA enhances existing environmental justice efforts related to compliance and enforcement initiatives in disproportionately impacted areas identified using CalEnviroScreen. The tool is used to prioritize community consultations, inspections, and enforcement coupled with compliance assistance.

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4. Inform Policy and Program Development

HB 4077: "Establish measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities [within agency programs]"; "...inform the development, adoption, implementation **AND/OR** enforcement of environmental laws, administrative rules **AND/OR** agency policies."

Description

- The mapping tool could be used to inform data-driven decision-making related to agency, CBO, and other stakeholder policy and program development.
- The tool could be used to assess how designated environmental justice communities may be positively and/or negatively affected by a proposed policy, program, project, or activity.

Examples

- **Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map:** The Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act recommends state agencies use the EHD map to conduct environmental justice assessments for decisions that impact 'overburdened' communities and vulnerable populations.
- **CalEnviroScreen:** SB 1000 requires jurisdictions that have one or more disadvantaged community, designated using CalEnviroScreen, to integrate environmental justice goals, objectives, and policies into their General Plans.
- **New Jersey EJ Mapping, Assessment and Protection Tool:** New Jersey's Environmental Justice Law mandates the state's Department of Environmental Protection to reject certain permits for developments relating to gas-fired power plants, sewage plants, and recycling facilities if they have a disproportionate negative impact on 'overburdened communities' identified by the mapping tool.


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Intent	Description
1) Identify EJ Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 4077: "Identify EJ communities [affected by agency programs]". • designate communities above/below a certain index score as areas for concentrated action. • Designating certain areas could guide agencies, CBOs, communities, and other stakeholders to direct attention and identify what interventions are taking place and/or where gaps exist. • Tool could be used to identify burdens, as well as highlight community resiliency.
2) Prioritize Resource Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 4077: "Prioritize [agency] funding to help address identified impacts on EJ communities" • Users could ensure resources are invested in areas where they are needed most, by specifying designated EJ communities to receive funding, scaling proportional to EJ index score, etc.
3) Bolster Community Engagement & Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 4077: "Conduct outreach with EJ communities to inform development, adoption, implementation OR enforcement of environmental laws, rules OR policies." • Inform planning of community engagement to build demographic and environmental context to ensure outreach reflects community concerns. • Support and validate community testimony to address EJ concerns in their area. • Target engagement in areas designated as EJ communities, including prioritizing areas for outreach related to permitting and rulemaking.
4) Inform Policy & Program Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 4077: "Establish measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities"; "...inform development, adoption, implementation OR enforcement of environmental laws, rules OR policies." • Inform data-driven decision-making related to agency, CBO, and other stakeholder policy and program development. • Assess how EJ communities may be positively and/or negatively impacted by a proposed policy, program, project, or activity.

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Regions

Valley North Coast

- North Coast Region
- Mid-Valley Region
- South Valley/Mid Coast Region

Southern Oregon

- South Coast Region
- Southern Oregon Region

Metro

- Metro Region

Central Oregon

- Central Region
- North Central Region
- South Central Region

Eastern Oregon

- Greater Eastern Oregon Region
- Northeast Oregon Region

★ Regional Solutions Center

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Partnership Needs

State Funded

- Staff in kind support
- Use of community engagement tools
- Use of public state facilities
- Travel for state staff

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Partnership Needs

Unfunded State and Foundation

- Community Advisor Compensation
- Participation Compensation (Gift Cards)
- Facilitator Compensation
- Refreshments
- Facility Costs
- Environmental Justice Council Travel

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Unfunded Needs

State

- Environmental Justice Council Lodging
- Environmental Justice Council Per Diem
- Environmental Justice Council Mileage
- Facility Costs

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Unfunded Needs


Foundation

- Refreshments
- Participation Compensation (Gift Cards)
- Community Advisor Compensation
- Facilitator Compensation

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Submit public comment requests through Q&A on Zoom
Verbal public commenters will be promoted to panelists on Zoom during this portion of the meeting

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