

# **California Natural Resources Agency:**

# **Justice Rising Environmental Justice and Equity Summit**

# **Breaking Barriers and Connecting Communities**

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

**CNRA Headquarters, 715 P Street, Sacramento CA**

**Registration begins at 9 am and programming from 10:00 – 4:30 pm**

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Convening statewide EJ advocates, tribal members and state leadership to discuss the state of environmental justice and equity in California’s natural resource management. The Summit will be a space to build relationships, mutual understanding and inform a new EJ and equity policy across the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA).

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**Agenda**

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| 9 am – 10 am | **Registration**  Coffee and breakfast reception |
| 10:00 am -10:15 am  Auditorium | **Opening Remarks**  CNRA Secretary Wade Crowfoot |
| 10:15 am -10:30 am  Auditorium | **Agenda Review and Icebreaker** |
| 10:30 am -10:50 am  Auditorium | **Keynote: Why Should We Strive for Equity with California’s Natural Resources?**  Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan, Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources |
| 10:50 am –  12:00 pm | **Re-envisioning Our Approach to Resource Management Through an Environmental Justice and Equity Lens**  **Morning Breakout: Discussions and Listening Sessions on Key Equity Topics**  Each attendee selects one panel discussion to join. Options:   1. **How to improve meaningful engagement 2nd Floor, ROOM: 221-A**   **Moderator**: Department of Conservation Chief Outreach and Engagement Advisor Sarah Rubin  **Panelists**: State Parks Director Armando Quintero, Executive Director of Comite Civico del Valle Luis Olmedo, Active San Gabriel Valley Executive Director David Diaz, and State Lands Commission EJ and Tribal Liaison Yessica Ramirez   1. **The importance of including and integrating EJ and tribal sections in and throughout policy documents 2nd Floor, ROOM: 201**   **Moderator**: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Program and Policy Advisor Nicole Cropper  **Panelists**: Azul Director Marce Gutierrez-Graudins, Department of Water Resources Tribal Policy Advisor Anecita Agustinez, Coastal Commission Executive Director Kate Huckelbridge, Executive Director Save California Salmon Regina Chichizola and Resources Legacy Fund Vice President for Equity and Justice Veronica Eady   1. **Facilitating equitable grantmaking processes to benefit underserved communities 2nd Floor, ROOM: 221-C**   **Moderator**: Assistant Deputy Director for Administration and Finance Amanda Martin  **Panelists**: Deputy Secretary Geneva E.B. Thompson, Salted Roots Executive Director Adriana Guerrero, State Parks Deputy Director Sedrick Mitchell, Los Angeles Neighborhood Program Director Anna Gruben and CAL FIRE State Urban Forester Walter Passmore   1. **Diversifying boards and commissions 2nd Floor, ROOM: 221-B**   **Moderator**: Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary Morgan Carvajal  **Panelists**: Ocean Protection Councilmember Alexis Jackson, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Member Dawn Blake, Coastal Commissioner (EJ Seat) Effie Turnbull-Sanders and California Energy Commissioner Noemi Gallardo |
| 12-1 pm | **LUNCH**  Provided on site |
| 1:00-2:00 pm  Auditorium | **Panel on the Challenges and Constraints of Advancing Equity and EJ in Government**  **Moderator**: CNRA Secretary Wade Crowfoot  **Panelists**: Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy Executive Officer David McNeill, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) Co-Executive Director Lucas Zucker, Racial Equity Commission Executive Director Larissa Estes, Redbud Resource Group Executive Director Taylor Pennewell, Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) Policy & Research Director Amee Raval |
| Session 1:  2:00-2:40 pm  Session 2:  2:40-3:20 pm | **Afternoon Breakout: Discussion and Listening Session on Key Environmental Justice Topics**  Each attendee selects two breakouts to join and provide input on (40 minutes each)   1. **Climate Change Action**: reducing carbon pollution and protecting people and nature from the climate crisis   **Moderator**: Deputy Secretary for Climate Change Amanda Hansen  **Location: Auditorium**   1. **Outdoor Access**: parks, the coast, access to healthy air, water, wildlife and greening   **Moderator**: Deputy Secretary for Tribal Affairs Geneva E.B. Thompson and Coastal Conservancy Executive Officer Amy Hutzel  **Location**: **2nd Floor, 221-B**   1. **Environmental Conservation and Biodiversity:** healthy, functioning ecosystems that support biodiversity and local communities   **Moderator**: Deputy Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat Meghan Hertel and Assistant Secretary Madeline Drake  **Location**: **2nd Floor,** **221-C**   1. **Water Management**: access to clean affordable water, human right to water   **Moderator**: Department of Water Resources Deputy Director for Special Initiatives Bianca Sievers and Deputy Secretary for Water Nancy Vogel  **Location**: **2nd Floor,** **201**   1. **Energy**: oil and gas, nuclear, renewables, carbon capture, energy efficiency and conservation   **Moderator**: Deputy Secretary for Energy Le-Quyen Nguyen  **Location**: **2nd Floor, 221-A** |
| 3:20-3:35 pm | **Break** |
| 3:35-4 pm | **Plenary: What Have We Learned & What’s Next?**   * **Key Insights and take-aways**: Instant polling will be used to gather feedback * **Dialogue on next steps**    + Context setting from CNRA   + Discussion at the table level as to next steps   Through the instant poll each table will suggest three specific next steps/ actions the agency should consider |
| 4-4:20 pm | **Closing Comments**  Jose G. Gonzalez, founder Latino Outdoors and Equity Officer East Bay Regional Park District |
| 4:20-4:30 pm | **Wrap up and Close** |
| 5 pm | **Reception at the California Museum**  1020 O. Street, Sacramento |