

Climate Justice in California

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A little about me...

- BS and MS in Community Development from UC Davis
- Previous Employment:
 - UC Davis Center for Regional Change
 - Public Advocates, Inc.
 - Sacramento Housing Alliance/Coalition on Regional Equity
 - Ubuntu Green
 - Breathe California
 - VG Consulting
 - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies
- Previous Volunteer Roles:
 - Sacramento Young Professionals of Color
 - Sacramento Building Healthy Communities
 - Office of Healthy Equity Advisory Committee
 - AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee
 - Sacramento Neighborhood Coalition
- Currently:
 - Co-Chair, Sacramento Community Land Trust
 - Sacramento City Councilmember-Elect, District 4
 - Policy & Political Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance



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Our Mission

The California Environmental Justice Alliance is a statewide, community-led alliance that works to achieve environmental justice by advancing policy solutions.

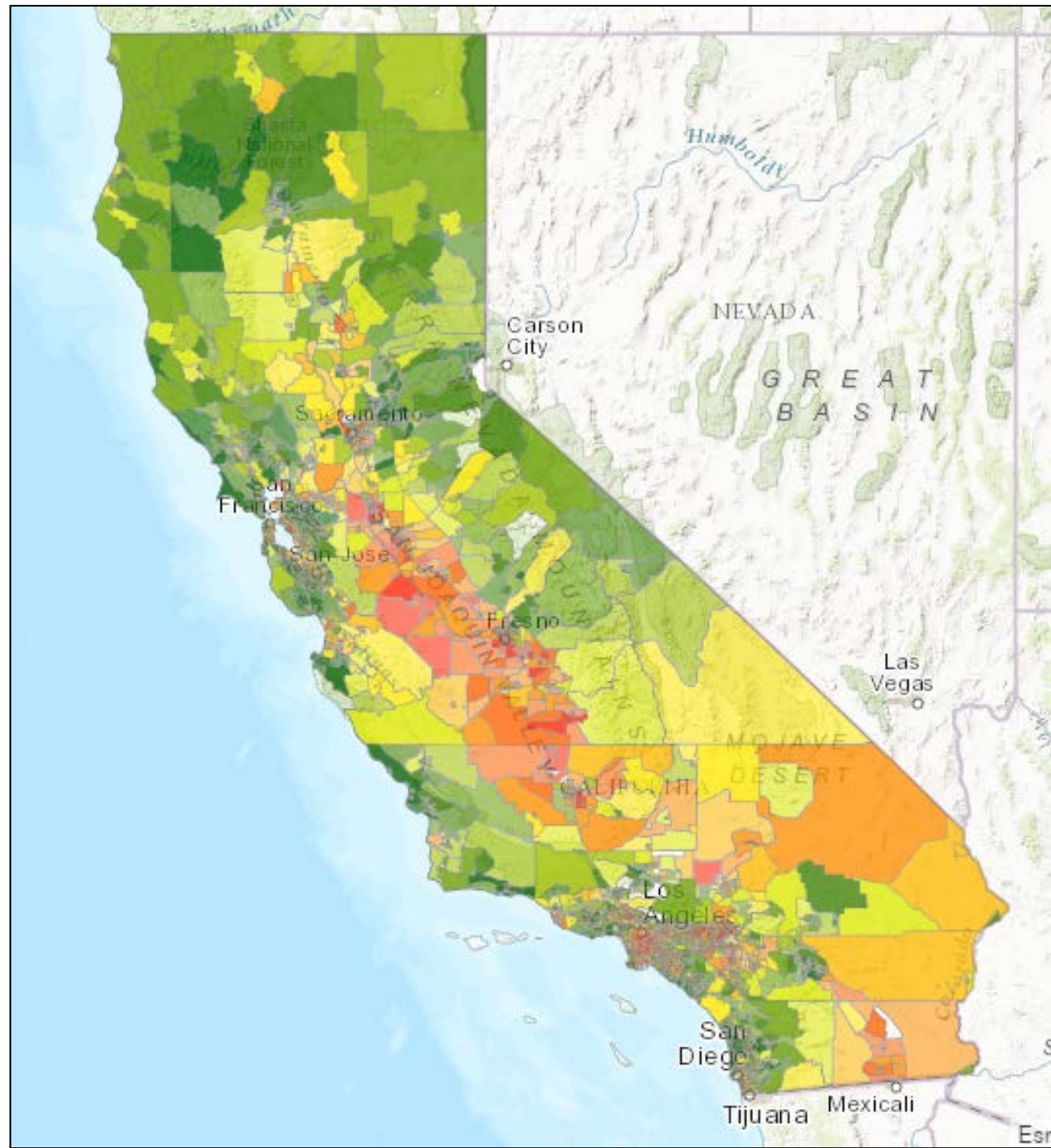


Climate Justice Case Study: AB 345

AB 345 (Muratsuchi)

- Sponsored by Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment (CRPE) and VISION
- Based on years of advocacy to protect communities from the health impacts of oil extraction
- Introduced as a bill to require a 2,500 foot setback, stalled in the Assembly Appropriations Committee
 - Community tours in Kern County and LA
 - Announcement of public health rulemaking at CalGEM
 - Mass mobilization to CalGEM workshops, including 40,000 comments submitted
- Amended to compliment rulemaking process
 - Statewide coalition of advocacy groups formed
 - Academic partner research released
- Currently in Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Water

Environmental Justice and Racial Justice



INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME

OF
YOUR OWN

EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE

POSSESSION

WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED
IRRIGABLE

GRAZING

AGRICULTURAL
DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre	Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre
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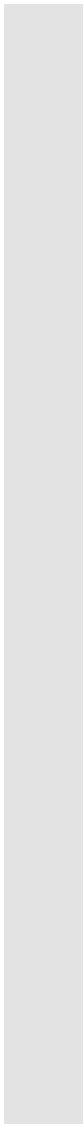


AB 32 (Núñez)

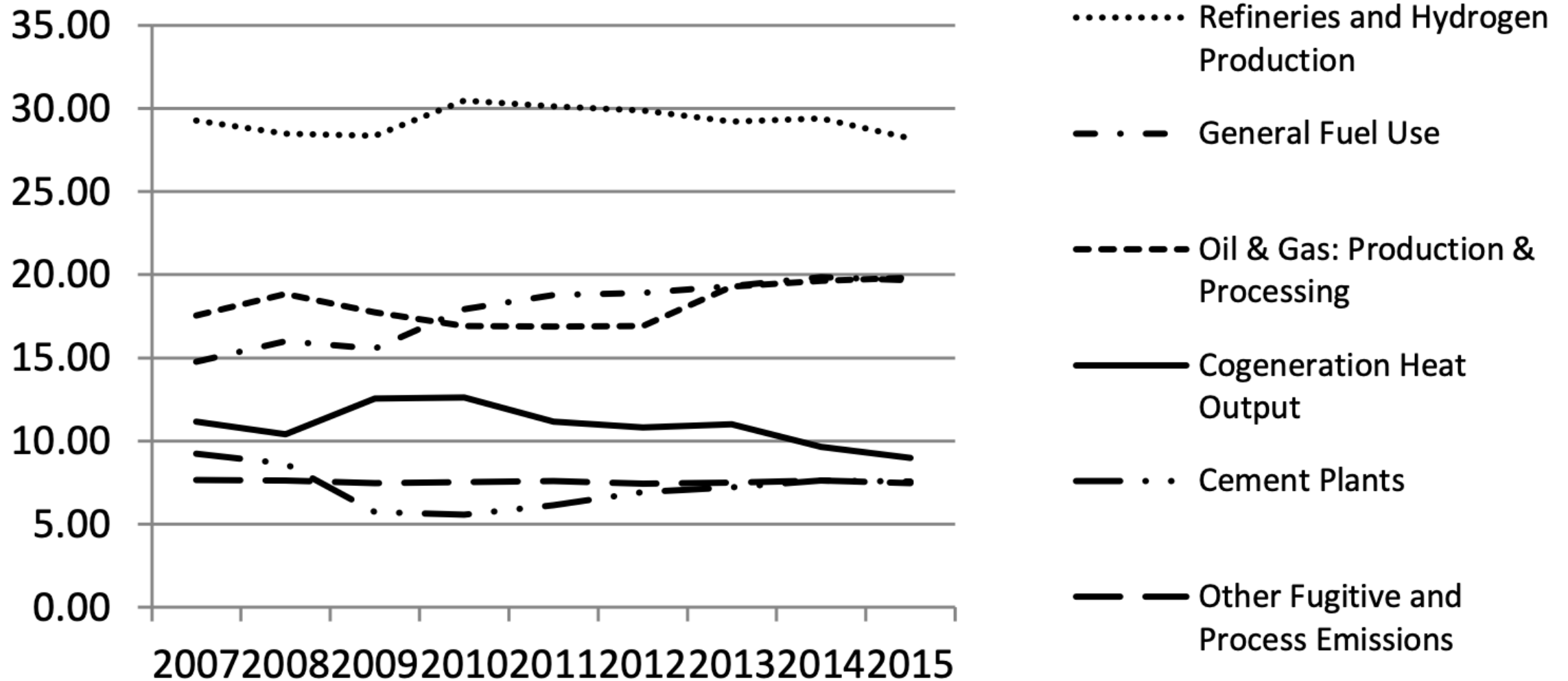
- **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006**
- Established the 2020 target
- Identified that low-income communities and communities of color need special attention:
 - Required ARB to establish the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee
 - Required outreach in EJ communities before adopting plans and regulations
 - Required ARB to ensure the regulations do not disproportionately impact those communities

Excerpts from AB 32

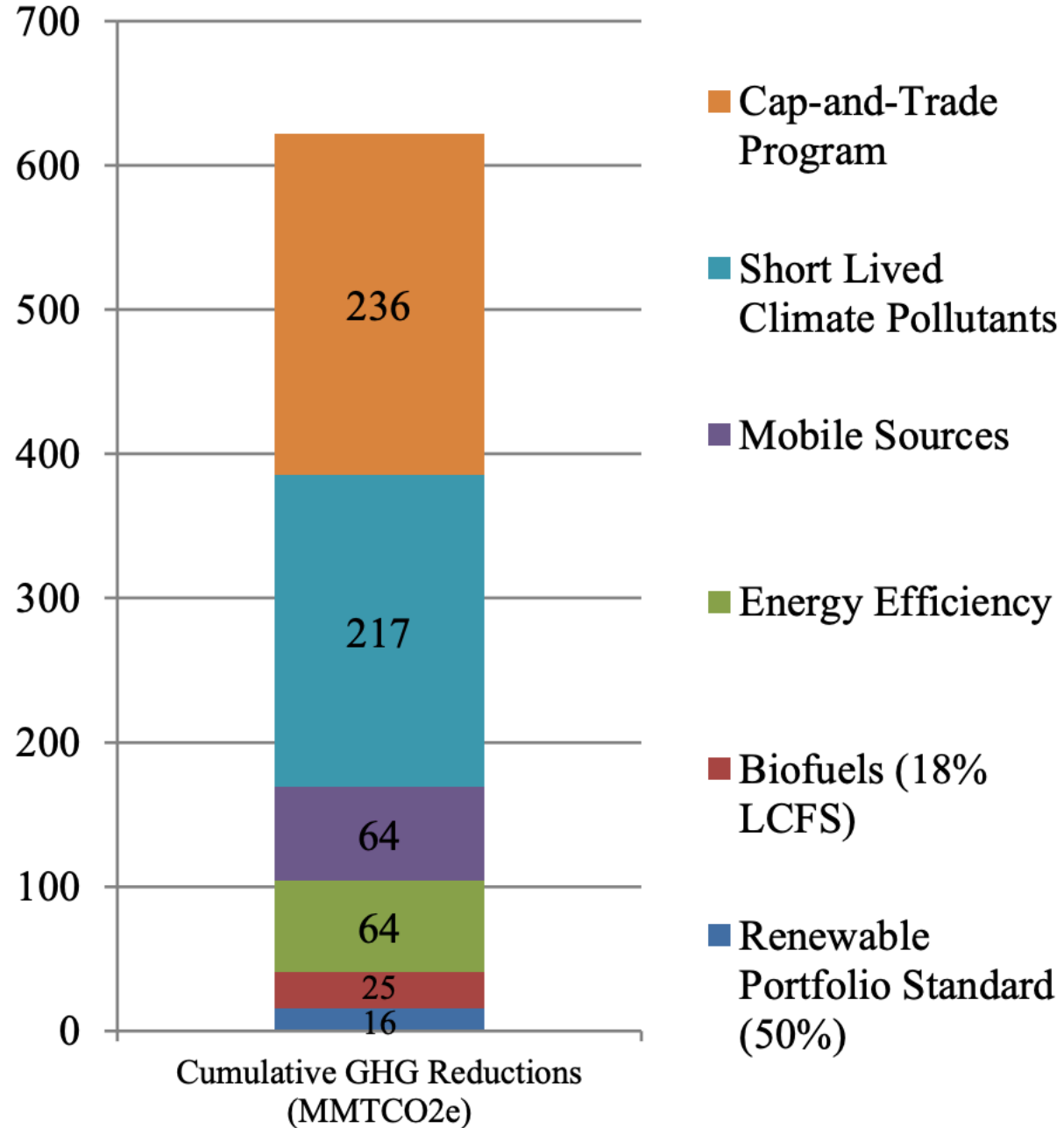
- “The state board shall ensure that the greenhouse gas emission reduction rules, regulations, programs, mechanisms, and incentives under its jurisdiction, where applicable and to the extent feasible, **direct public and private investment toward the most disadvantaged communities in California** and provide an opportunity for small businesses, schools, affordable housing associations, and other community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”
(emphasis added)



California GHG Inventory, 2000-2015: Industry



2030 TARGET SCOPING PLAN



"We now know that we are not on a line that's going to meet the 2030 target, much less the 2045 goal of carbon neutrality. And so we're going to have to step back and take a serious look at the role that Cap-and-Trade, and other measures, play in getting us to that point."

- Chair Nichols, Dec. 13 2018 ARB hearing

Concerns with Carbon Neutrality







nature
sustainability

PERSPECTIVE

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-020-0497-6>



Evaluating the efficacy and equity of environmental stopgap measures

Holly Jean Buck ¹✉, Laura Jane Martin², Oliver Geden ³, Peter Kareiva¹, Liz Koslov ^{1,4},
Will Krantz ¹, Ben Kravitz ^{5,6}, John Noël⁷, Edward A. Parson ⁸, Christopher J. Preston⁹,
Daniel L. Sanchez¹⁰, Lynn Scarlett¹¹ and Shuchi Talati¹²

- Extends polluting actions, delays deployment of cleaner technology or stronger policies to reduce emissions at the source
- Relies heavily on market mechanisms, which often assume a false equivalency between a pound of carbon emitted and a “credit” for a pound of carbon reduced.
- Fails to address co-pollutants

Carbon vs. Co-Pollutants



- Criteria Pollutants and Toxic Air Contaminants
 - Examples: Particulate Matter, Ozone, Benzene, etc.
- Similar sources, various levels of correlation



California's Path Forward

Fighting Climate Change and Improving Public Health



- Prioritize direct emissions reductions.
- Set a target for ending fossil fuel extraction, production, and use in California.
- Implement a Just Transition/Just Recovery.
- **Let communities lead.**



Thank you!

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