Environmental Justice Leading Energy Resilience

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Environmental justice coalitions in CA



- established EJ provisions in major climate & energy policy
- directing billions in climate and energy funding to disadvantaged communities like free solar
- guided state agencies in defining benefits to EJ communities





PG&E 2017 CA

46 DEATHS, 8,90

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BURNED, \$9 BI

DAMAGES

- we don't want to be burned down, smoked out, shut off, poisoned or bankrupted by PG&E
- campaigning to oppose billion dollar bailouts of PG&E, to democratize energy governance, and to restructure our energy system for the people

PG&E 2018 CAMP FIRE:



- our ideal energy system includes decentralization, community & worker control, and emergency management for vulnerable communities and the climate crisis
- has to be community driven and designed for frontline communities
- involves partnership with EJ communities

Energy

Resilience





Community Power: EJ wins

- BIPOC got the landmark climate law AB32 got passed
- EJ movement developed the CalEnviroScreen tool to identify the most disadvantaged communities in CA; codified it into law
- SB 350 & SB 100 to get us to 100% RPS, directed agencies to overcome racial barriers to clean energy
- billion for solar on affordable housing to give CA renters access to renewables

Homework for White folks to recognize racial blinders in energy



- is it mostly White people in the room when I develop climate/energy policy?
- am I partnering with low income and communities of color when I advocate for community programs?
- can I put the needs of BIPOC communities first in designing energy solutions?

Community Power: EJ movement



- The EJ movement in CA is organized, colorful, and comprehensive in our presence and approach. We exist in dozens of communities across CA
- Support us in our energy campaigns, or at the very least do your racial justice homework so you don't get in our way