

# Climate Change and Health Equity Program (CCHEP)

## Update for the OHE Advisory Committee – September 2016

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- The Climate Change and Health Equity Program (CCHEP) has been providing a health equity perspective to implementation of climate change legislation and executive orders.
  - The CCHEP wrote a public health analysis of the possible actions contained in the various sectors of the AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act) Scoping Plan (the plan that guides how California will meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals). The CCHEP provided a description of the factors that impact health outcomes, and provided language and policy suggestions to improve health equity in the Scoping Plan. The CCHEP also attended all nine of the public workshops held around the state by the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee to solicit community input on the Scoping Plan.
  - The CCHEP has been collaborating with others including the Office of Planning and Research, Strategic Growth Council, and State Transportation Agency to promote land use and transportation policies that increase walking and bicycling while reducing greenhouse gases. The CCHEP has also been collaborating to help develop and diffuse methods to quantify the dramatic health benefits and cost savings of shifting travel from driving to walking and cycling.
  - CCHEP is participating in a Climate Justice Working Group, supporting environmental justice, health and health equity leaders from around the state to provide climate justice recommendations for the 2017 update of Safeguarding California, the state's climate change adaptation strategy. The working group will also develop principles and recommendations for California climate change adaptation.
  - Executive Order B-30-15 requires all state agencies to take climate change into account for all infrastructure and investment decisions. CCHEP members participate in the Technical Advisory Group to develop guidance for agencies to implement this executive order. CCHEP also leads the Equity and Vulnerable Populations sub-technical advisory group to write guidance for state agencies to promote equity for vulnerable populations as they integrate climate change adaptation into infrastructure and investment plans.
- The California Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (CalBRACE) Project has completed Climate and Health Profile Reports for all 58 California Counties, forecasting climate impacts and health risks, and developed vulnerability assessment reports for 11 counties, characterizing locations and communities vulnerable to climate impacts. Both documents are under final review with CDPH and Health and Human Services Agency leadership. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has awarded the CalBRACE Project another five years of funding.
- The CCHEP has gained a California Environmental Investigations Service Fellow, Melissa Ibarra, to work on the CalBRACE Project.