

Media Advisory

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California Environmental Justice Coalition to Hold Statewide Conference and Meet with Top State Environmental Officials

- Who:** Community and statewide leaders representing more than 50 organizations from the California Environmental Justice Coalition (CEJC) will gather in Sacramento to strengthen collective goals and conduct advocacy with agency and elected officials to achieve greater justice and accountability. CEJC is an inclusive grassroots coalition founded in 2014 to unite urban, rural and indigenous communities suffering from pollution and environmental racism. See: <https://cejcoalition.org/cejc-members/>
- What:** CEJC's "**2016 Days of Action**" will encompass a weekend conference to share information, strategies and best practices for winning toxic cleanup, environmental and cultural preservation, community resilience and other shared CEJC goals, followed by agency and legislative briefings by CEJC community leaders from across the state. Meetings have been scheduled with top officials from Cal/EPA, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Air Resources Board and other agencies as well as with key members of the State Legislature.
- Where:** The media are welcome to observe proceedings and interview CEJC community leaders during the CEJC Sunday morning conference session at the Capitol Event Center, 1020 11th Street, in Sacramento during the times specified below. Media are also invited to attend the CEJC briefing with top environmental agency officials on Monday at the Coastal Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Cal/EPA building at 1001 I Street in Sacramento at the time listed below.
- When:** Sunday, August 21st from 9:45-11am: CEJC's morning conference introductions.
Monday, August 22nd from 11am-12:30pm; CEJC's meeting with Cal/EPA and others.
- Why:** CEJC member groups work together to develop policies and initiatives and carry out joint campaigns to promote environmental justice for all. CEJC's campaigns include reforming the California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control and other state agencies to serve the needs of people and the environment instead of protecting the polluters. In Sacramento, CEJC member groups will be able to freely share the numerous pollution and health concerns of EJ communities, build solidarity and formulate a comprehensive plan to present to agencies and elected officials alike in order to address the disparities in environmental health and justice felt by the most exposed and vulnerable people in our state's urban, rural, and indigenous communities. **More info at cejcoalition.org**