

Panelists

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This panel discussion will focus on EJ & equity policies and goals in other states and local jurisdictions.

Katie Valenzuela is the Policy & Political Director for the California Environmental Justice Alliance. In that role, she oversees the Alliance's state legislative, civic engagement, and electoral programs. Before joining CEJA, Katie was the first principal consultant for the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change. A community organizer for 20 years and a proud resident of Sacramento since 2009, Katie helped start the Sacramento Urban Agriculture Coalition, was one of the first Sacramento representatives on California's AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, and is co-chair of the Sacramento Community Land Trust. Katie was born and raised in Oildale, California, and holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Community Development from U.C. Davis.

[Danny Cullenward](#) is an energy economist and lawyer working on the design and implementation of scientifically grounded climate policy. He is the Policy Director at CarbonPlan, a Lecturer at Stanford Law School, and a member of California's cap-and-trade advisory committee. He earned his JD and PhD from Stanford.

Oriana Magnera is the Energy and Climate Policy Coordinator at [Verde](#). Her background includes a focus on deepening organizational commitment and engagement with environmental justice and issues for low-income and marginalized communities in the energy space. She has facilitated workforce and economic development and community solar workgroups for the multi-state DOE Sunshot grant (Solar Plus) and facilitated a workgroup for the Oregon Public Utility Commission community solar docket (AR 603) on low-income program elements.

Richard Gelb is an environmental health planner in the Environmental Health Division of Public Health Seattle/King County - where he drives health equity, through planning and policy development, into built environments. His efforts address environmental justice, growth management, displacement, transportation, and micro-mobility. Richard co-chairs the King County Anti-Racist White Action Group and facilitates Equity and Social Justice training for a variety of workgroups.