

Today we are mobilizing to dismantle environmental racism and take action to get the California Water Boards to end regulatory capture, and really engage with the communities that their policies impact.

Have you ever wanted to testify for clean drinking water, dam removal or on other issues that impact the water and salmon, but the meeting was 4-10 hours away during a work day? That is not okay.

Take action for real community engagement today.

Key Points:

- Demand increased accessibility and participation in decision-making processes:
Every meeting shouldn't be between M-F 9am-5pm. This excludes many working people.
Every meeting shouldn't be in Sacramento. Meetings must occur locally too.
For in-person meetings, child care is needed for parents to participate in decision making.
Prioritize impacted communities over corporations.
- Demand increased tribal representation
There are 109 federally recognized tribes in California. How many tribal representatives are on the California Water Board?
Consultation is not collaboration.
California water rights are rooted in settler colonial dispossession.

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Hashtags and tweets:

@CaWaterBoards it's time to hold meetings in the communities that are impacted by your decisions. Why do [#IndigenousYouth](#) have to travel hundreds of miles to meet with you? This is an [#EnvironmentalJustice](#) issue. [#MobilizeForWaterJustice](#)
[#ReimagineTheWaterBoard](#)

@CaWaterBoards if you truly hope to benefit the people of CA, you need to hold meetings in the communities that are impacted by your decisions, outside of regular work hours, and provide childcare. This is the only way to ensure communities can engage. [#MobilizeForWaterJustice](#)

@CaWaterBoards There are 109 federally recognized Tribes in CA. Why are there barely any Native peoples, and no designated Native seats, on the CA Water Board? We need to be included in water decisions across California. [#WaterJustice](#)
[#NativeTwitter](#)

@CaWaterBoards-- you moved many of your participation processes online, yet many of the marginalized communities who are impacted by your decisions do not have equitable access to computers or the internet. Do not make decisions while we cannot engage! [#WaterJustice](#)

In CA, over 1 million people do not have access to clean water. A majority of those people are [#BIPOC](#). This is [#EnvironmentalRacism](#). @CaWaterBoards- what are you going to do to address this?

When state governing boards make decisions without community engagement, and when those decisions disproportionately impact [#BIPOC](#), it is [#EnvironmentalInjustice](#) and [#EnvironmentalRacism](#). @CaWaterBoards- it's time to address the racist structures you help perpetuate.

Others to tag:

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