

## **Principles for Equity-Centered Natural Resource and Environmental Protection and Economic Recovery**

- Future-proof our disproportionately affected communities and populations (DACPs) with policy and funding decisions informed by sound science and ground-truthed by these communities to build resiliency, develop and harness local talent for quality jobs, and promote community-based leadership to withstand the shocks and stresses of future anticipated and unforeseen events.
- Prioritize investments and funding to our DACPs who have experienced persistent inequities and disparities pursuant to past policies and are subject to the most severe impacts from pandemic, climate change, and pollution – through place-based and population-based investments that comprehensively deliver better public health outcomes, environmental benefits, and economic opportunities.
- Apply sound science-based frameworks for climate solutions and invest in projects that increase the resilience of both human and natural communities through the protection and restoration of California’s ecosystems and enhancing our natural infrastructure, recognizing the role that improving ecosystems and biodiversity can have on food and water systems, health, and livelihoods.
- Maximize impacts by developing an investment plan with a proactive focus on DACPs that integrates state and local policy objectives with existing and future investments and funding from all levels of government and private and philanthropic entities; and insist on greater accountability and prioritization of existing investments and funding for DACPs.
- Refrain from funding or otherwise incentivizing programs and projects that exacerbate, perpetuate, or sustain environmental injustice through air pollution, water contamination, or other forms of environmental degradation in already DACPs and programs and projects that will shift climate and environmental burdens to disadvantaged or otherwise DACPs.
- Enhance success by incorporating capacity building and technical assistance and by rewarding multi-sectoral collaboration and community involvement to jointly achieve successful outcomes and avoid unintended consequences; and respect the wide array of needs of our diverse DACPs and regions, amplify the voices of these communities, and build democratic and economic power in these communities whose histories and experiences should inform standards and strategic objectives.
- Ensure investments and funding create high-road, high-quality jobs that comply with the most strict laws, rules, and regulations including labor, training, safety, contracting, and environmental requirements and standards.
- Commit to a governance model that encompasses diverse public representation of inland and coastal interests from our disproportionately affected communities and populations as well as environmental, labor, and business interests.