Virtual Policy Briefing

Ensuring Equitable Engagement Through Coordinated Planning

July 9, 2020

9AM - 12PM
Zoom Meeting
Technical Orientation
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Chat Box

Write to everyone or another individual
Rename yourself by hovering on your name and clicking “Rename”.
Additional Guidance

Having issues?

Chat Emily Finnegan
Ensuring Equitable Engagement in Coordinated Planning

Welcome & Introductions
Land Recognition
Ofelia Bello
Executive Director
## Agenda Review

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NGO Panel

Addressing the Challenge:
Gaps in Engagement
Statewide Guiding Principles

for Equitable Engagement
Guiding Principles for Equitable Engagement in Coordinated Planning

Inclusivity, accessibility, and shared decision-making are fundamental to developing resilient communities. Equitable engagement requires empowering marginalized voices to be co-creators in local planning efforts. Community members should be incorporated in every part of planning, including how we define their identity and conditions shape and implement solutions, prioritize resources allocated, and assess planning impacts.

Community Foundations Water Initiative NGP Colort

The foundations across the state, known as the Community Foundations Water Initiative (CFWI), have been working since 2013 to advance equitable water management solutions. The initiative partners with Local Government Commissions to develop a report on the region’s water needs, including how the distribution of water resources can be improved while building local capacity for collaboration. The report highlights the importance of equity and has been working together over the past year, culminating in the release of the NGP Colort.

Guiding Principles

The principles described below will ensure decision makers to adjust the policy frameworks that have traditionally been risk-takers, but also the foundations that they are risk-takers. A scenario that leaves Californians without access to affordable housing, safe drinking water, or economic opportunities, and healthy communities is not an option. Equity, justice, and social justice are essential to our communities’ success and future. We must recognize our own biases and actively engage with others to build local community capacity and ensure that our organizations and leaders of diverse organizations are at the forefront of work to advance these principles and support community engagement in equitable planning.
1. Acknowledge and re-evaluate previous histories of inequitable decision-making.
2. Require all planning processes, projects, and/or grantees to develop a plan for building authentic community relationships.
3. Increase and promote accessibility to public meetings, whether online or in-person
4. Develop two-way communication and reciprocity with your community partners.
5. Focus on building relationships with local organizations or informal groups that are already engaging with marginalized communities.
6. Coordinate with partner agencies and across internal departments to leverage resources, staff, and data to address engagement fatigue.
7. Governments must be responsive to the interconnectedness of community concerns.
8. Establish a community decision-making body to inform local planning processes and support marginalized communities.
Participant Question & Answer

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Break
## Breakout Group 1
### Facilitation Guide

Facilitator select one person to report back to the group. The notetaker should use this template to track the group’s discussion.

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<th>Part 1: Identify Guiding Principle to Focus On</th>
<th>As a group, discuss &amp; select one of the guiding principles that you think is most needed and should be prioritized. Can you provide additional suggestions for how it can be strengthened?</th>
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| Part 2: Shared Examples                        | a. Do you have examples of this principle playing out successfully within a municipality or region? If so, how?  
b. If you don’t have an example, how could this principle be implemented on the local or regional scale? |

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**Engagement Session**
# Zoom Breakout Groups

## Groups & Facilitators

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Report Back

1) Prioritized guiding principle

2) Either:
   a) How it’s been implemented within a municipality or region, OR
   b) How it could be implemented on the local or regional scale
Resources & Next Steps

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