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## **OPC Draft Equity Plan is Available for Public Comment!**

OPC is pleased to release its comprehensive [draft Equity Plan](#) for a 45-day public review and comment. The OPC Equity Plan represents OPC's commitment to advancing equity across ocean and coastal policies and actions in California and strengthening internal efforts to create a more inclusive workplace and workforce for California's coasts and ocean. The OPC Equity Plan was collaboratively developed with OPC staff and leadership, funding grantee, [Better World Group \(BWG\)](#), and members of OPC's Equity Plan [Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Advisory Group](#).

The Equity Plan highlights initiatives within coastal and ocean policymaking and research that are primed for statewide action. Specifically, the Plan outlines priorities, milestones, and outcomes to increase communication and outreach; provide targeted funding and technical assistance; improve staff training and capacity; strengthen environmental justice policies, and further integrate community science and tribal expertise into decision-making.

We welcome your feedback on this draft! Access the [OPC Draft Equity Plan linked here](#), or visit the Equity webpage for more: [www.opc.ca.gov/equity](http://www.opc.ca.gov/equity).

**Public comment should be submitted to [OPCEquityPlan@resources.ca.gov](mailto:OPCEquityPlan@resources.ca.gov) by June 23, 2022.**



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# Draft Equity Plan



The OPC Equity Plan addresses equity and environmental justice along California's coast and beyond.



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