

Climate Action Team Public Health Workgroup DRAFT Charter & Work Plan

The Public Health Working Group of the California Climate Action Team was established to address cross-cutting issues related to climate change and health, including issues specific to AB 32 implementation. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide a forum for communication, coordination, and education across agencies and with stakeholders.

Workgroup Participants

The working group will be convened as an open forum, including but not limited to representation from:

California State Agencies

- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
- California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), Resources Agency, Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CalFire), Department of Pesticide Regulation, Department of Water Resources, Energy Commission, Department of Conservation, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), etc.

Federal Agencies

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Local Health Departments

Stakeholder Organizations

- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), American Lung Association (ALA), Coalition for Clean Air, Public Health Institute (PHI), Public Health Law & Policy (PHLP), etc.

Public meetings of the CAT PH Workgroup will be held at least quarterly, but may be held more frequently as need dictates. Agendas will be developed by CDPH and CARB, mindful of the regulatory timelines for AB 32 implementation. Ad-hoc subcommittees will be formed as participants identify desire to do so. Effort will be made to host meetings at sites where webcast facilities are available. Meeting materials and notes will be electronically distributed to the Climate Change and Health e-mail list, which will be jointly updated and maintained by CDPH and CARB.



Priorities and Opportunities for Collaboration

Focus Area	Short/Long-term Priority	Collaborators/Contributions
Health Impact Assessments <i>Guidelines for HIA; Assessing the co-benefits and/or potential unintended adverse consequences of proposed mitigation and adaptation strategies</i>		
Vulnerability Assessment <i>Develop and maintain in-depth and comprehensive analysis of climate change health risks and associated vulnerabilities, individual and community</i>		
Surveillance <i>Develop and implement robust surveillance systems to track climate change related morbidity and mortality, vulnerable populations, adaptive capacity, real-time incidence in emergencies, etc. Identify opportunities to build on and enhance existing surveillance systems.</i>		
Research <i>Identify major areas that require new or ongoing research in climate change.</i>		
Communication and Outreach <i>Develop general and vulnerable population risk communication messaging and messaging on climate mitigation and adaptation, using multiple modalities (e.g., earned and paid media, electronic, etc).</i>		
Adaptation, Preparedness, & Response <i>Building existing capacity of Public Health's Emergency Preparedness operations to respond to climate change related incidents and emergencies.</i>		
Training and Technical Assistance <i>Build the capacity of local organizations (e.g., health departments, community-based organizations, city and county government, the medical care community, etc.) to promote mitigation and adaptation strategies with health co-benefits and to prevent and respond to climate change related incidents and emergencies.</i>		
Policy Development <i>Develop a public policy agenda to ensure promotion and institutionalization of mitigation and adaptation strategies with health co-benefits.</i>		