

Assembly Bill 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (EJAC)
Resolution on Natural and Working Lands
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Whereas research confirms that restoring the ability of forests, soils and State waters to absorb and store carbon is one of the most effective strategies for addressing climate change;

Whereas Carbon Sequestration derived from urban and community forestry also provides life saving public health interventions in California Cities and Towns;

Whereas shifting management practices on a fraction of the state's private forestlands alone could absorb an additional 300 million metric tons of CO₂ within the next decade.

Whereas significant investment in fuels management can reduce fire risks and prevent the destruction of California communities;

Whereas ecological restoration efforts that promote natural systems, biodiversity and enable the State's long-term conservation planning and goals;

Whereas the promotion of organic and climate-beneficial agriculture and farmland conservation will sequester carbon while mitigating massive warming emissions while also strengthening agricultural communities;

Whereas the State's carbon targets can ONLY be achieved by immediate investment at scale across all land types in the Natural and Working Lands scenario to delay these investments imperils our State's Climate Resilience Capacity and our communities.