



# 2017 Congreso: Reimagining Resistance

August 29, 2017  
Library Galleria  
828 I Street  
Sacramento, CA

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## Agenda

8:30am – 9:45am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:45am – 10:15am	Welcome & Overview
10:15am – 10:30am	Welcoming CEJA's New Executive Director: Gladys Limon
10:30am – 10:45am	Break into Workshops
10:45am – 12:00pm	Workshops on Environmental Justice Issues

### **Environmental Justice and Cap and Trade: Understanding AB 398, Strategizing for the Future**

*Brent Newell, Legal Director, Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment (CRPE)*

*Mari Rose Taruc, Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity (FACES)*

*Amy Vanderwarker, Co-Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA)*

#### **West Meeting Room**

The Environmental Justice community strongly opposed the recently passed cap and trade extension pushed by Governor Brown, AB 398. Despite being enacted into law in July, environmental justice issues were a key focus of the statewide debate on the policy. This workshop will explore the content and issues of the bill, discuss ways our movement can address EJ issues through implementation, and strategize on how to build a strong, effective movement for climate justice in California.

### **Immigrant Justice and Environmental Justice**

*Lucas Zucker, Policy and Communications Director, Central Coast United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)*

#### **Galleria Main Floor, Section 1**

This workshop will explore the intersection of immigrant rights and environmental justice, as immigrant communities are on the front lines of environmental threats from climate change to dirty energy to industrial agriculture. It will include how polluters exploit language barriers, lack of access to political power, and fear of government agencies within immigrant communities and how our communities can organize to resist. The workshop will also include how to engage mainstream/white environmental allies to show up for immigrants' rights issues through an environmental justice lens.

**We are Here to Stay: Environmental Justice and Fighting Back Against Gentrification and Displacement**

*Tuan Luu, City Heights Community Organizer, Environmental Health Coalition (EHC)*

*Carolina Martinez, Associate Director for Policy, Environmental Health Coalition (EHC)*

**Galleria Main Floor, Section 2**

In this workshop we will develop a shared understanding of gentrification and displacement and how they affect our local and global communities. Participants will be introduced to the idea of story as a tool for change and have an opportunity to practice some of the tools of story-based strategy. Participants will walk away with a clear set of next steps for fighting gentrification and displacement at the intersection of Environmental Justice.

**Alternative Economies: People, Community, & Cooperation**

*Tere Almaguer, Environmental Justice Organizer, People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Justice (PODER)*

**East Meeting Room**

In this workshop we will be exploring the generations of experiences laboring in our families and how it shapes what we create moving forward. We will examine our historical and current relationship to land and labor and the alternatives and possibilities we can create given the impacts of the climate crisis on our communities. We are a reflection of mother earth, as she experiences climate crisis so do our communities.

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

Environmental Justice Leadership Awards

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Grassroots Advocacy Prep

2:00pm – 2:30pm

Walk Over to Capitol

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Grassroots Advocacy on Priority CEJA Bills

4:30pm – 5:00pm

Closing

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Mixer & hors d'oeuvres

Cafeteria 15L at 1116 15th St, Sacramento



