

AGENDA

INTERAGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORK GROUP

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

WEBINAR: REGISTER AT <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3202864594233801744>
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CONVENE - 2:00 P.M. ADJOURN - 4:00 P.M.

- Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks – David Paylor (10 minutes)
- Overview of Environmental Justice from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Lens – DEQ (40 minutes)
 - Discussion of what Agencies need to promote meaningful public engagement.
 - Is there a “fence” in your agency? What is it?
 - Where is your agency in relation to equality, equity, and justice as shown on the meme on page 2 of the agenda?
 - What would it take to move from equality to equity or from equity to justice in your agency?
- Meaningful engagement and the tools we’ll need to do that (30 minutes)
 - Consider:
 - The Environmental Justice Act requires fair and meaningful engagement.
 - The Commonwealth will continue to grow economically. How can we do that equitably? Who needs to be at the table?
 - What tools would be helpful to make those changes? (e.g., maps, guidance for community engagement, etc.)
- What can we do in 2021 and 2022 to move forward on environmental justice? (10 minutes)
 - Consider: a report is due in December 2021.
- Public Comment: (30 minutes)

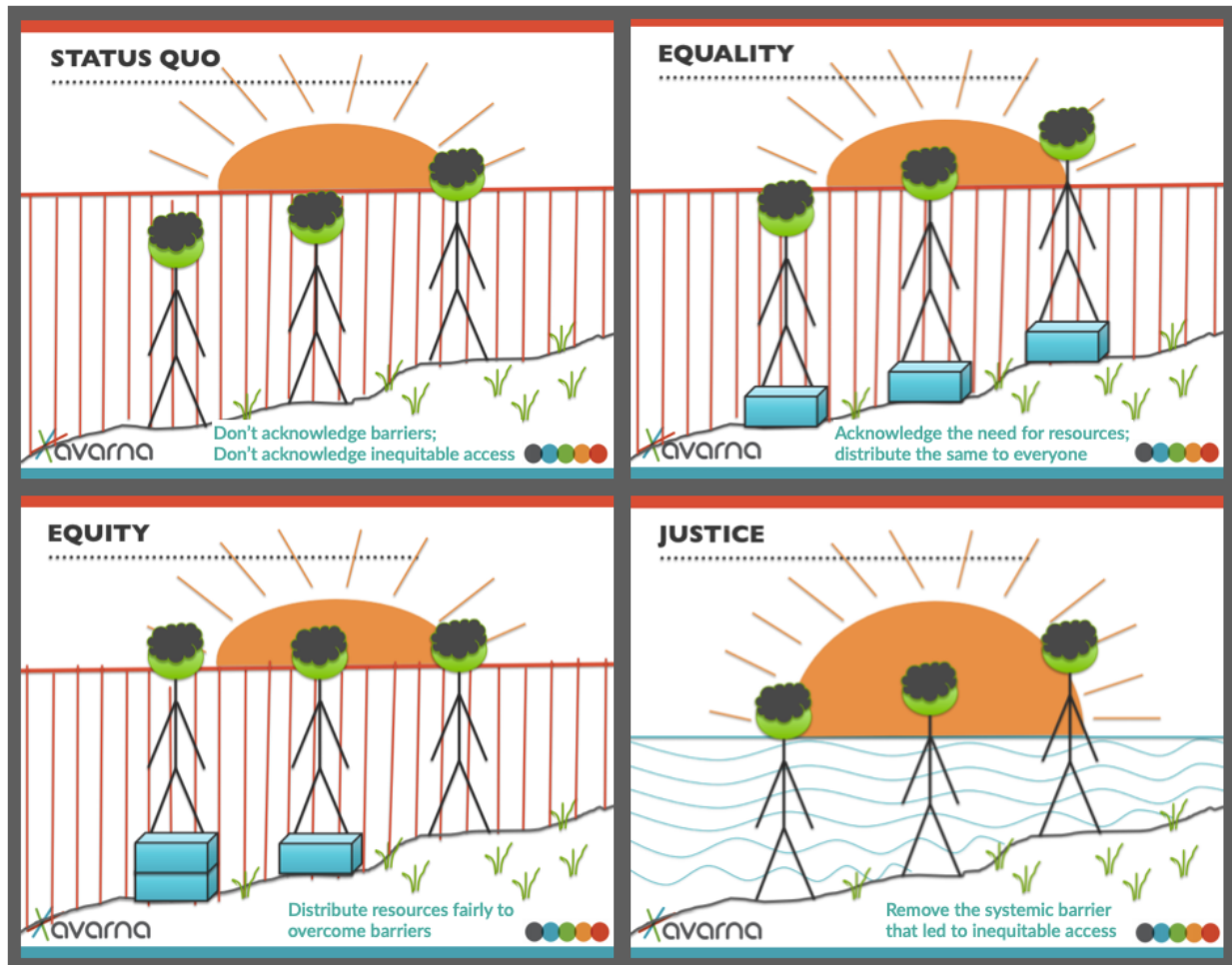
Documents:

[Environmental Justice Act of 2020](#)

[Interagency Environmental Justice Work Group Report 2020](#)

Explanation of the equality, equity, justice meme:

Equality and Equity and Justice



Status Quo: The three stick figures are identical. Through no fault of their own, they are on different elevations. Each want to see the view, but the view is blocked by the fence. Only one of the three can see the view because it is on higher ground.

Equality: In order to meet the goal of all seeing the view, the same resources are given to all three stick figures. Under this scenario, not all three can see the view. In this case, the higher one can see very well, but the lower one still cannot enjoy the view.

Equity: To meet the goal that all will see the view, resources are provided to meet the needs of the individual stick figure. Now all can see the view.

Justice: The fence is removed. Now all can see the view from where they are positioned without additional resources.