



Green California

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Green California Stands in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter

Green California stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and the protesters around the world who are demanding justice and an end to the killing of Black people by police. We mourn the loss of Black lives including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless other Black Americans.

Green California is a network of more than one hundred organizations with a common environmental, health, and justice agenda. We plan, strategize, and work collaboratively in order to speak to the legislature and regulatory agencies with a unified voice on issues impacting California's public health, air, water, and natural resources. Engagement with our democracy is the first principle shaping our work together. While Green California includes organizations that were founded on principles of racial justice, many of our organizations have not historically fought for Black lives by standing against police violence and police brutality.

Now, many of our member organizations have issued statements condemning police brutality and calling for reform, but we want to speak as a group to the current moment and its impact on the nation and our future as a democracy. At this time, we are examining our own roles in perpetuating racism and reorienting towards actively dismantling its causes. Part of that examination requires acknowledging the history of racial injustice in the environmental movement. We will work to actively address racial justice by speaking up and taking action. This moment teaches us that it is not enough to view the needs of communities of color through an environmental lens. Black Lives Matter and we must fight for Black lives comprehensively.

We understand that true allyship requires active and consistent commitment. As a network focused on legislative advocacy, we commit to working with partner organizations and advocates who are leaders in this space to uplift black communities and support racial justice.

Signatories

350 Bay Area Action | Audubon California | Better World Group | Breast Cancer Prevention Partners | California Bicycle Coalition
California Coastal Protection Network | California Coastkeeper Alliance | California Interfaith Power & Light
California League of Conservation Voters | California State Parks Foundation | Californians Against Waste
Californians for Pesticide Reform | Carbon Cycle Institute | Center for Climate Change and Health | Center for Environmental Health
Center for Food Safety | Clean Water Action | Climate Action Campaign | The Climate Center | ClimatePlan | Coalition for Clean Air
Community Water Center | California Wilderness Coalition | Defenders of Wildlife | Earthjustice | Environment California
Environmental Defense Center | Environmental Defense Fund | Environmental Working Group
Friends Committee on Legislation of California | Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks | Fossil Free California | Greenbelt Alliance
Heal the Bay | Kiss the Ground | Mono Lake Committee | National Parks Conservation Association
National Stewardship Action Council | Natural Resources Defense Council | The Nature Conservancy | NextGen Policy
Pacific Forest Trust | Pesticide Action Network (PAN) North America | Planning and Conservation League | Safe Routes Partnership
Save the Bay | Sierra Club California | Surfrider Foundation | Ten Strands | Trust for Public Land | Union of Concerned Scientists
Voices for Progress | Vote Solar | Wholly H2O