



# Climate Equity TWG Meeting #4 Summary

Monday, June 25, 2018

5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Online Meeting

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## Administrative Topics

- Community Engagement Update: around 17 outreach activities have occurred since the last meeting
- Introduction of Climate Equity Fellow: Iris Gonzalez
  - 12-week fellowship (June-Sept. 2018)
  - Assist the City with ensuring and prioritizing engagement and input of under-represented communities as part of the CAAP development process
  - Work plan includes assessing demographics of CAAP engagement, scanning the community of those most vulnerable to climate change and climate action, and engaging the community in the CAAP
- Q&A:
  - Q: How are you defining community engagement?/A: So far, engagement at CPS customer care fairs and neighborhood events has involved conversing with visitors to the SA Climate Ready table, collecting survey data, and distributing SA Climate Ready flyers and information. We have made presentations at neighborhood meetings. More engagement activities are coming in Phase 2.

## Climate Projections

- The UTSA Climate Projections were sent out via email on 6/25/18 to all SC and TWG members.
- The climate projections were completed by UTSA researchers using a methodology consistent with the National Climate Assessment. The projections were peer-reviewed by national experts. The full report is also available on the Google Drive and on the SA Climate Ready website.
- In sum, from now until 2100:
  - summer temperatures are projected to **increase**
  - average summer daytime maximum temperatures are projected to **increase**
  - days with maximum temperatures over 100° F are projected to **increase**
  - days with maximum temperatures over 110° F are projected to **increase**
  - nights with a minimum temperature above 80° F are projected to **increase**
  - nights with a minimum temperature below 32° F are projected to **decrease**
  - annual inches of precipitation are expected to **decrease slightly**
- Q&A:
  - Q: How does this compare to national trends?/A: This analysis does not do a comparison to national trends, but climate projections will vary from region to region. The change in the climate of Texas is in consistent with the observed larger-scale trends.
  - Q: How were the climate models selected? Why do some models based on 2017 and some on 2014?/A: A response from Dr. Hatim Sharif will be shared with the TWG.
  - Q: Is the "Number of days with more than 2" precipitation" figure a typo?/A: No, it is the correct figure.

## Climate Equity Definition

- Reviewed the draft Climate Equity definition that was sent to all Climate Equity TWG members
- Discussed summary of homework feedback
- Comments:

- This definition was revised without every member's feedback. It does not represent what the group decided in the May meeting.
- The difference between "equity" and "equality" is not clear. The first sentence of the revised definition seems to define equality, not equity.
- A simple way to address the equity/equality issue is to say "we will prioritize the needs of those who have contributed the least to climate change and are at the greatest risk."
- "Participating in discussions" is not sufficient/deep enough an action to count as equity.
- Suggested revision on second bullet point: "unequal burden of climate impacts" should be revised to "negative climate impacts."
- Suggested revision: change "across all community stakeholder groups" to "across *and between* all stakeholder groups"
- The history of San Antonio being the most segregated city should inform this definition.
- The definition should express that not all community members are contributing to climate change in equal ways. Some consume less energy and use more public transportation.
- The TWG decided that the working definition is not ready to be shared with the community; more time is needed to refine the definition
- An additional meeting will be scheduled to discuss the definition; either over the phone or in-person

### Co-Benefits / Assessment

- Best practice examples from NYC, Portland, Seattle, and California shared with the TWG

### Meeting Wrap-Up

- Homework for next meeting due on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>:
  - Review equity best practices (located here: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=17ITLryTfVZ5GhAe2f\\_y2IHME\\_cZqz821](https://drive.google.com/open?id=17ITLryTfVZ5GhAe2f_y2IHME_cZqz821))
  - Provide input/resources on how you can best support the Fellow
  - In preparation for next month's in person meeting, provide your 3/5 equity priorities, i.e. screening mechanisms for the CAAP goals and objectives
- Feedback to be sent to [eloisa.portillo-morales@sanantonio.gov](mailto:eloisa.portillo-morales@sanantonio.gov) or [danielle.vitoff@navigant.com](mailto:danielle.vitoff@navigant.com)
- Next meeting: Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm at the 1400 S. Flores Main Conference Room.

### Comments/Q&A:

- Q: Has the CAAP deadline been extended past December?/A: Yes, details about the extended timeline are forthcoming.
- A poll was taken to confirm that more time is needed to discuss the climate equity definition.
- Meredith from the Water and Natural Resources TWG directed attendees to review the attachment she emailed on 6/25/18.