



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING  
REPRESENTATION AT THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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I. Background of CEJA

California Environmental Justice Alliance (“CEJA”) is an independent 501(c)(3) California nonprofit public benefit corporation. It operates as an alliance of grassroots environmental justice organizations situated throughout California. CEJA’s mission is to build the power of communities across California to create policies that will alleviate poverty and pollution through a statewide movement and advocacy for environmental health and social justice.

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II. Relationship Between CEJA and Member Organizations

CEJA’s member organizations work with low-income communities and communities of color throughout California. CEJA and its individual Member Organizations exist as distinct legal entities. CEJA members are: Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN), the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ), Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment (CRPE), Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Justice (PODER), Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA), Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (LCJA), and Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE).

III. Recitals

- a. Staff, attorneys, and/or other agents of CBE (henceforth, “Member Organization”) have represented, represent, and will in the future represent, CEJA in proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”). Representing CEJA includes, but is not limited to, preparing and filing documents, coordinating with parties, and appearing before the CPUC.
- b. Member Organization is a separate and distinct legal entity from CEJA. Member Organization representing CEJA in a proceeding does not constitute Member Organization requesting its own party status or otherwise becoming an individual party, consistent with Rule 1.4 of the CPUC Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- c. Member Organization representing CEJA does not preclude CEJA from contracting with, or otherwise retaining, additional representatives or experts to work alongside agents of Member Organization.

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- d. Member Organization representing CEJA in the above-captioned proceeding does not impact Member Organization's ability to represent itself as an individual party or imply affiliation in any other proceeding.
- e. CEJA cannot pay an hourly rate for representation at the CPUC, and is reliant on staff, attorneys and/or other agents of Member Organization to represent it on a contingency basis. Thus, compensation for time and labor that staff, attorneys and/or other agents of Member Organization spend representing CEJA in CPUC proceedings will be on a contingency basis only.
- f. CEJA's only compensation to Member Organization for work performed in representing CEJA in CPUC proceedings will be intervenor compensation recovered at the direction of the CPUC.
- g. CEJA will make best efforts to recover intervenor compensation in CPUC proceedings. CEJA agrees to waive any claim of confidentiality for this agreement if its disclosure is required by the Commission for recovering compensation. CEJA assigns and delivers all intervenor compensation recovered on behalf of Member Organization to Member Organization.
- h. CEJA and Member Organization may end Member Organization's representation of CEJA in the above-captioned proceeding by mutual agreement. If dissolution occurs prior to the awarding of intervenor compensation, but CEJA still receives intervenor compensation, Member Organization will be entitled to compensation for work performed on CEJA's behalf while the representation was in effect, subject to CPUC direction and equitable division with other CEJA representatives.

By signing below, CEJA and Member Organization acknowledge and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Dated: 6/24/26

/s/ Diana Vazquez  
Diana Vazquez, Co-Executive Director  
California Environmental Justice Alliance

Dated: 6/25/26

/s/ Shana Lazerow  
Shana Lazerow, Legal Co-Director  
Communities for a Better Environment

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