

Welcome



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WACO Meeting – November 4, 2022

Meeting Etiquette

- Thank you for joining today's meeting.
- Participants will be muted during the presentation.
- To ask a question, please use the chat box or use the raise hand feature.
- Q&A will be conducted after the presentation.





I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of
America, and to the republic
for which it stands, one nation
under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.

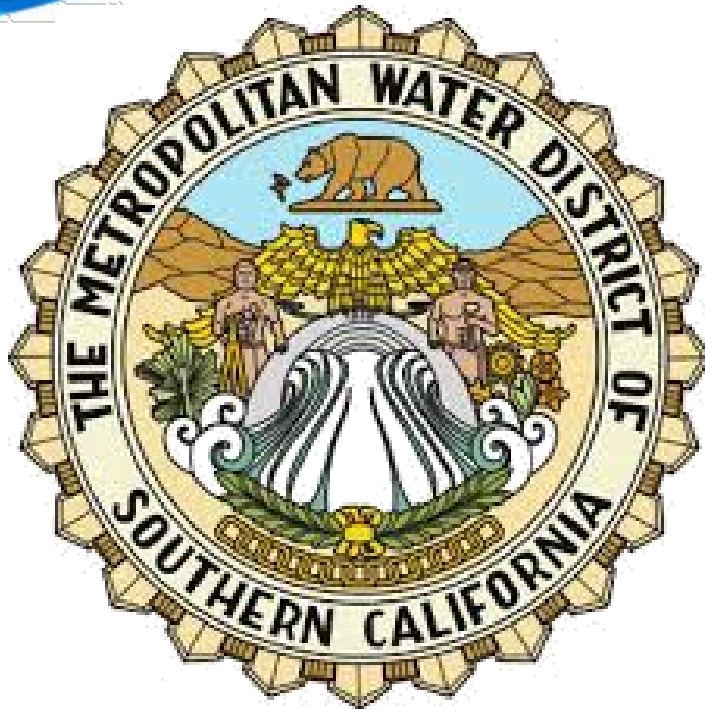
WEROC Report



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MET Report



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ACWA Report

- **Nonprofit ACWA Foundation**
- **Quench California Public Education Campaign**
- **Legislation for the 2023 Session**
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - 2022 ACWA Fall Conference & Exhibition – Nov. 29 – Dec. 1
 - 2023 DC Conference – Feb. 28 – March 2



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Program

Climate Change Series Part III: No Water, No Peace: Housing Crisis, Climate, and Water



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No Water, No Peace: Housing Crisis, Climate, and Water

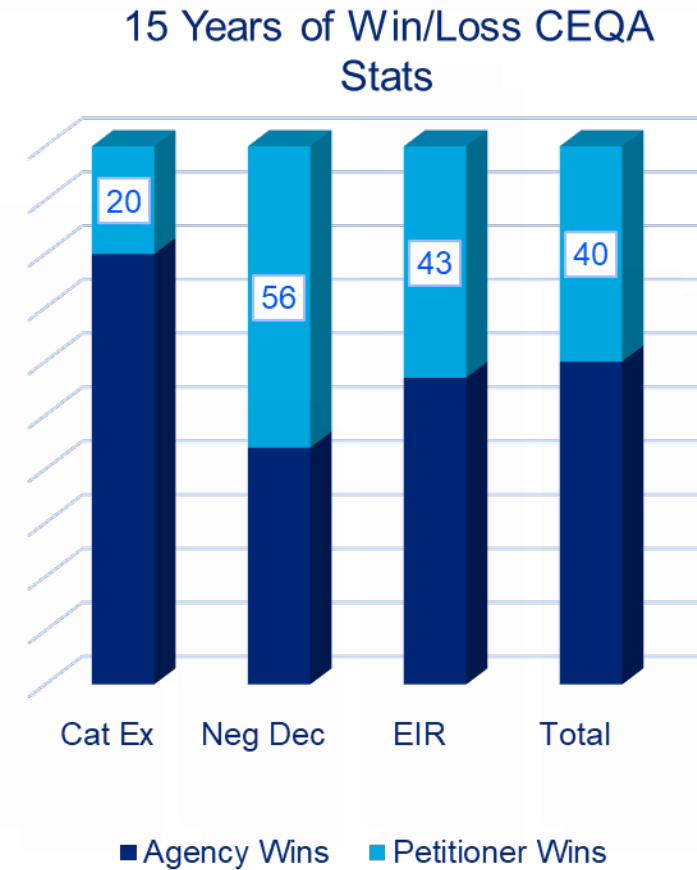
Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

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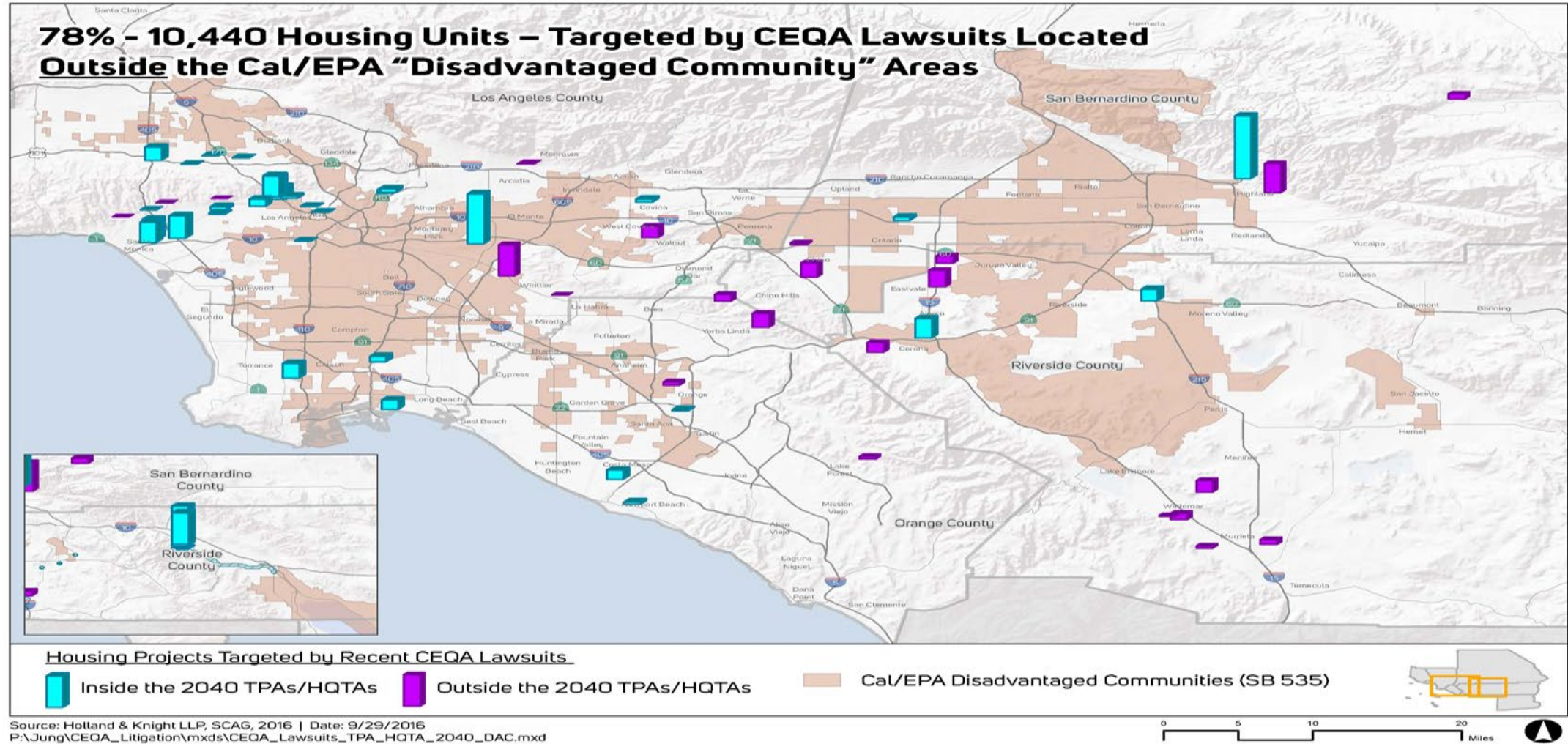
California Environmental Quality Act (1970)

Why CEQA Lawsuits Are An Unusually Powerful Leverage Tool

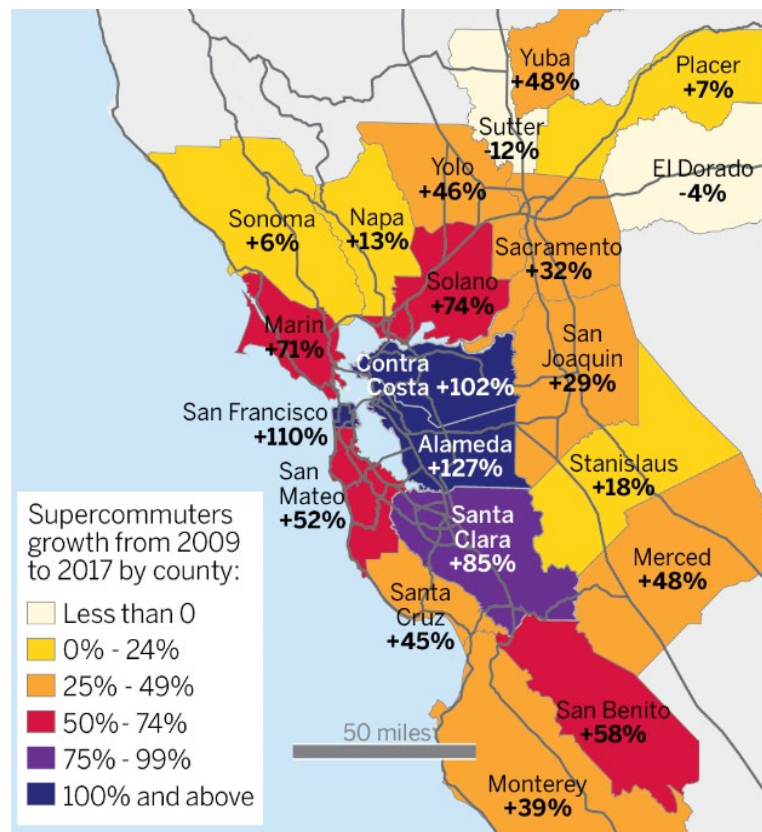
- Anyone can sue for any reason (even anonymously)
- Cheap to sue, easy to get \$\$
- No clear rules: need 100% grade on 100+ questions
- Judges “like” deciding these cases – and second-guessing CEQA adequacy
- All impacts are equal
- No “project” too small for CEQA
- Duplicative CEQA lawsuits are just fine
- Most common judicial remedy is reversal of project approval
 - Most lenders/grantors wait for lawsuit outcome (3-5+ years) before funding construction
- Bottom Line: filing CEQA lawsuit stops project



Housing is Top CEQA Lawsuit Target: Infill + Multi-Family in Wealthier, Whiter and Healthier Communities

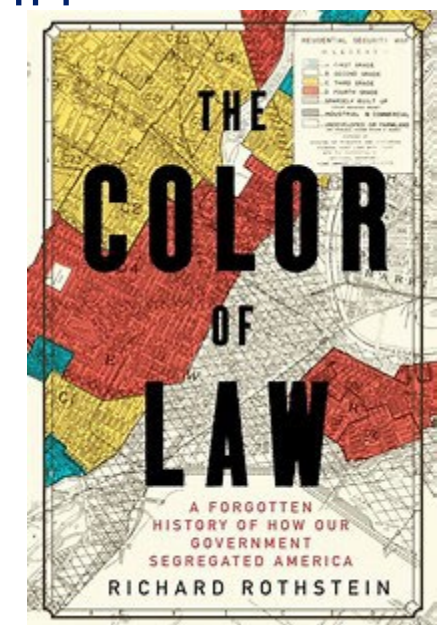
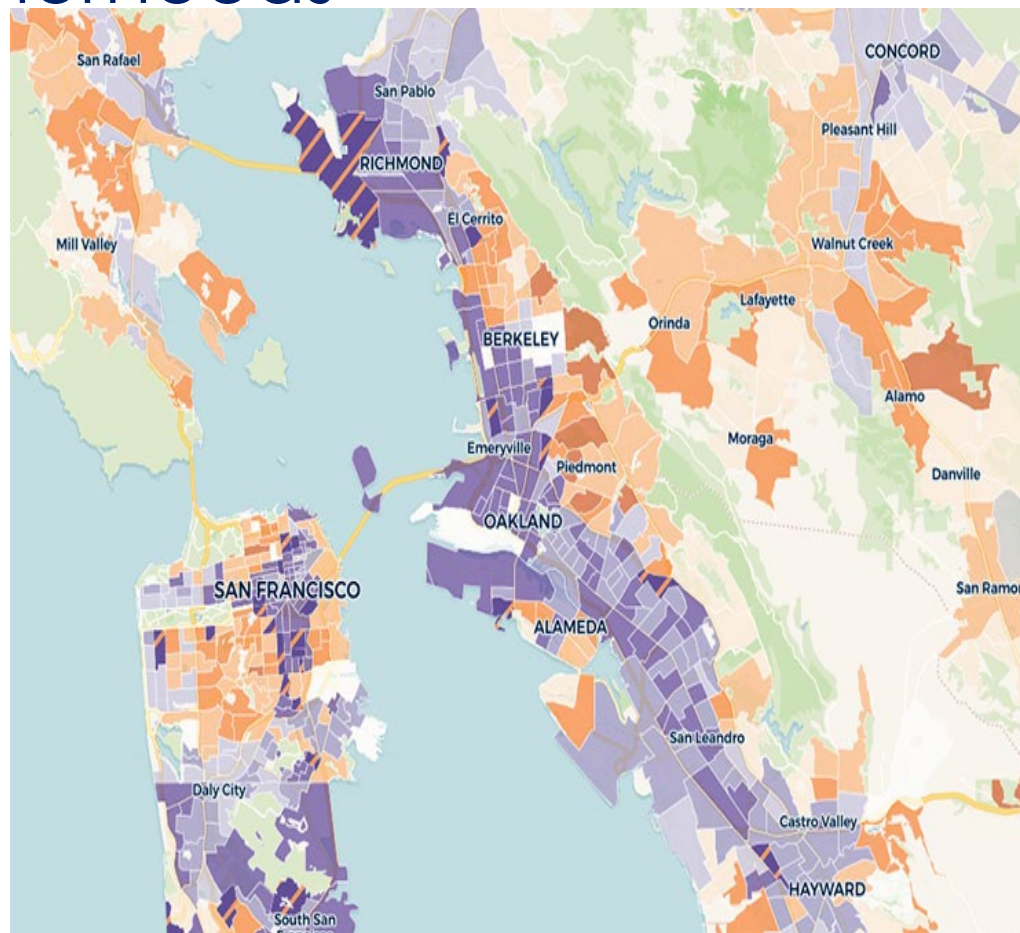


CEQA At 50: Exurban Supercommuters, Racial Segregation Worse than 1964, Obliteration of Communities of Color in Transit-Served Urban Neighborhoods



Source: Apartment List

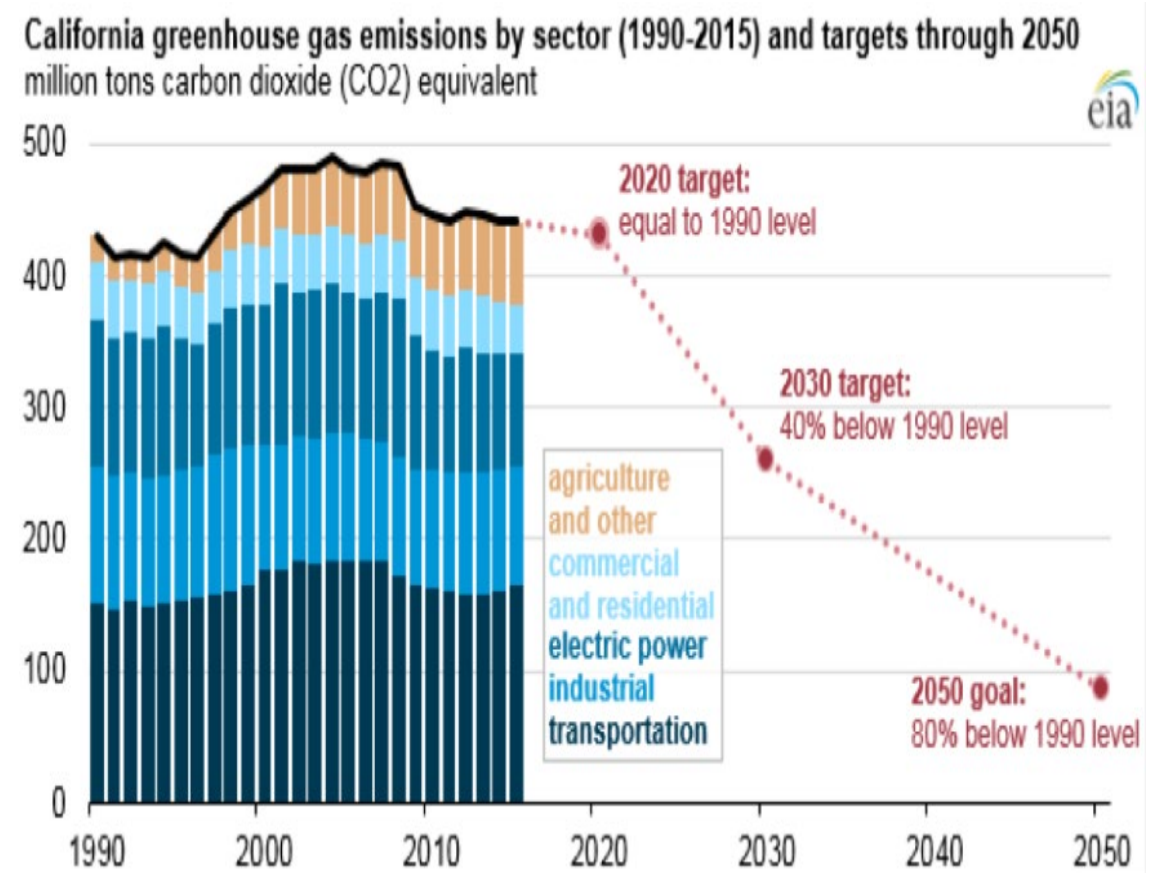
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More Housing Harm from California's Green Jim Crow Climate Policies: Dense, Transit-Served, Multi-Family Rentals for All

Fraudulent Climate Math:

- 7.5 million people leaving California for higher carbon states (Texas et al) increases GHG
- Offshoring jobs and production/ manufacturing to other states and countries increases GHG
- Life-cycle carbon (steel/concrete/central equipment v. sustainable wood/simple energy efficient appliances) doesn't matter
- Energy transition has no carbon (or reliability/security) cost: windmills/batteries/solar panels magically appear carbon free in container ships from China
- The “Me Generation” v. 1% “Futility”



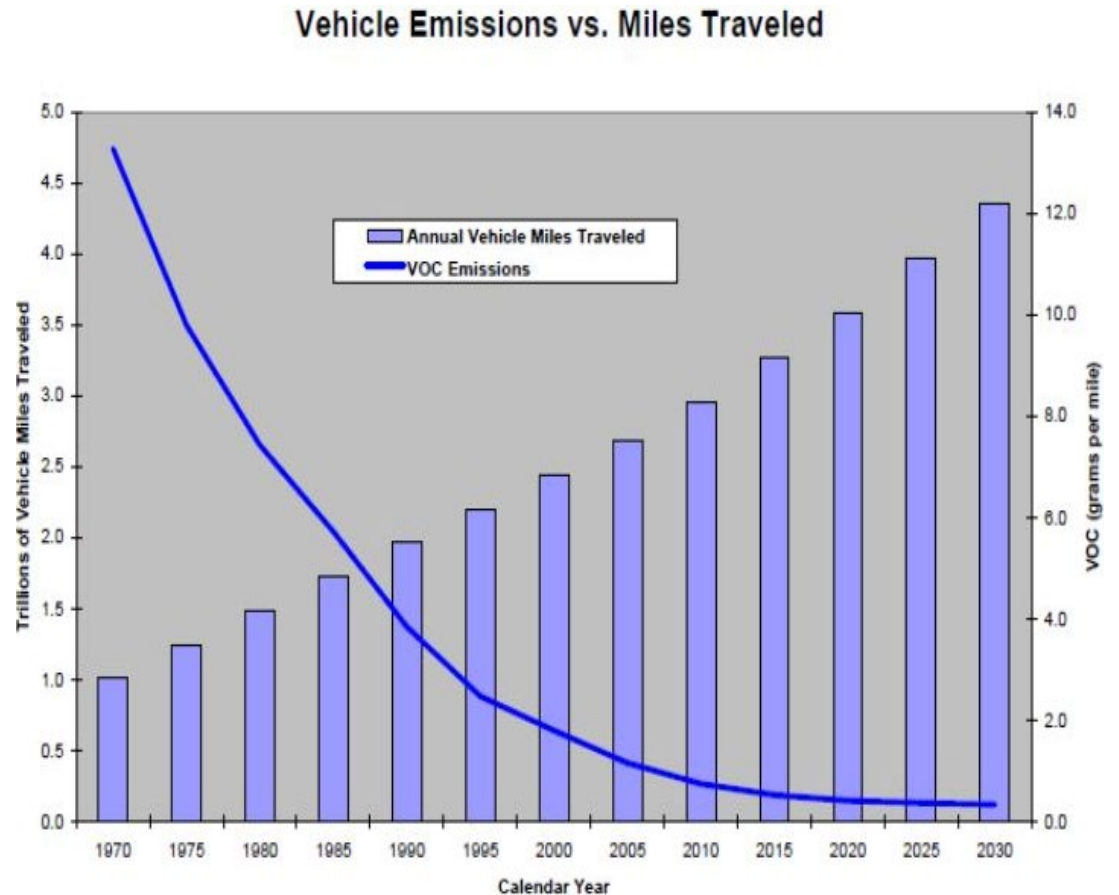
Green Jim Crow: Climate = More Anti-Housing Redlining

- Solution to highest poverty/homeless/housing crisis in nation:
 - Increase housing costs by type/location
 - Eliminate median income homeownership
 - Increase regressive utility costs
 - Ignore health consequences of poverty and housing insecurity
 - Pretend \$800k/unit public funding of “affordable housing” can solve for 2+M median + low housing shortfall
- Divisive and racist exclusionary housing policy: slavery, Jim Crow, eugenics, forced sterilization, redlining, population bomb . . . CEQA . . . now climate



Green Jim Crow: Climate = Only Wealthy Drive Cars

- Transportation Solution: more \$\$ to public transit agencies, walking/biking, 30% reduction in Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)
 - 30+ year delivery for new rail
 - Oppose private sector transp tech (AI, ridesharing)
 - Oppose remote work/telehealth etc
- Ignore worker/family health/welfare
 - 50+ times more jobs accessible in 30 minute drive than 30 minute bus trip
 - Job retention, school attainment, housing stability all strongly correlate with car ownership – not bus ridership
 - Massive loss of low income bus commuters pre-COVID
 - Takes too long/costs too much
 - Civil right to drive: million+ new drivers' licenses to undocumented workers



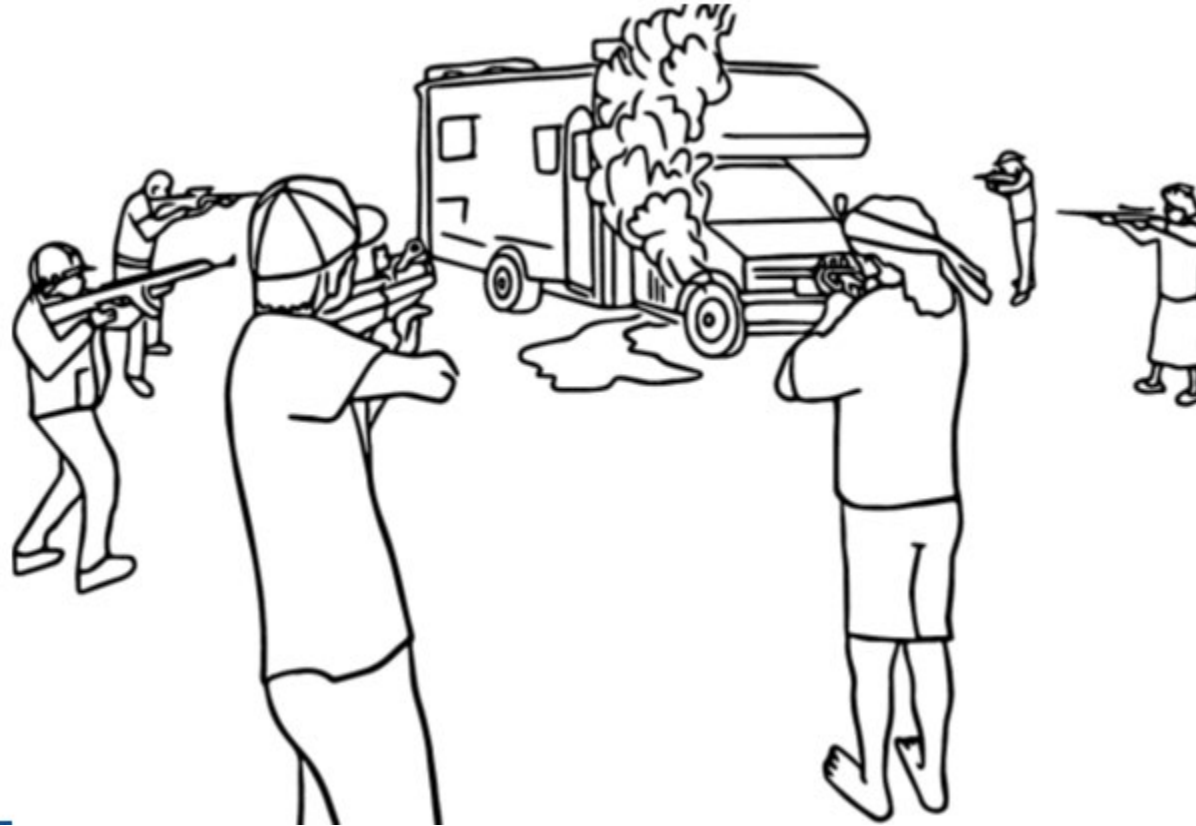
Green Jim Crow: Climate – Water Scarcity to “Degrow” CA

- CARB Scoping Plan
 - Only greenhouse gas (GHG) generated by human activities in California, and electricity imported to California, “count” under CARB’s GHG inventory methodology
 - Reducing California’s population (and jobs) reduces GHG under CARB Methodology
- Profoundly dishonest, ineffective, regressive GHG math:
 - Californians (and jobs) that move to TX/AZ etc. more than double per capita GHG, which worsens climate change
 - Imported goods have zero GHG; products, fuel & electricity made in CA has high GHG
- California’s Water Supply Infrastructure Improvements nearly froze in the 1980s when we had almost 50% fewer residents
- Recycled-only water supply “solution” is both unreliable and insufficient
- Balanced water infrastructure for existing and 3 million requires multiple complimentary solutions: SD model
- Anti-water infrastructure is continuation of anti-growth (and now de-growth) infrastructure, now cloaked with “climate”
- Favors Boomer “haves” not the “have nots”
 - supply and serve all is moral (and legal) imperative

“Perfect” CEQA/Climate Housing = No Housing

Housing by Rule of Law Affordable for Purchase by Median Income Family

END Green Jim Crow



Questions

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Thank you

Next WACO meeting:

Friday, December 9, 2022 via Zoom

Next WACO planning meeting:

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 via Zoom

