

Greetings Central Coast Resilience Practitioner:

Read the latest 4C newsletter for the latest in climate news, events, and initiatives. If you like what you see here, consider joining the Central Coast Climate Collaborative (4C)! We welcome new members as we continue to develop and embark on exciting projects and initiatives.

Why join 4C?

Benefits of Membership include:

- ❖ Network with climate leaders and practitioners in the Central Coast region
- ❖ Exchange knowledge re: best practices, replicable strategies and innovative solutions on climate mitigation and adaptation
- ❖ Support regional grant funding proposals and initiatives
- ❖ Find up-to-date climate change news, resources, opportunities, events
- ❖ Engage to align state, regional, and local efforts: research and applied science, policies, programs, plans, strategies, projects, and management actions
- ❖ Expand leadership and awareness on climate action and adaptive solutions
- ❖ Participate in working groups on equity and environmental justice, higher education, and sea level rise, and more

*We have a sliding scale for membership dues depending on size and type of organization. Social and environmental justice groups join for free!

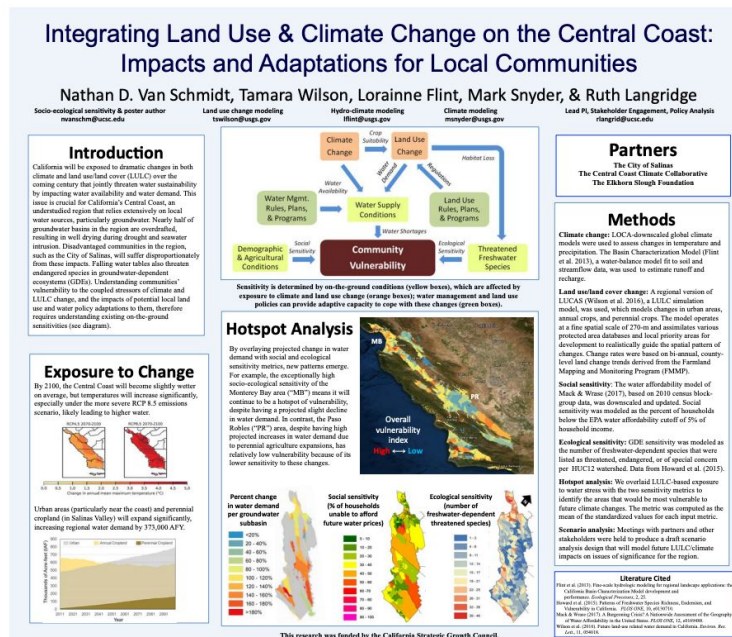
See [Membership Form](#) for details.

REGIONAL UPDATES, UPCOMING GRANTS, EVENTS AND CURRENT NEWS:

The latest in climate...

- Congratulations to 4C member City of Santa Cruz for passing their Natural Gas Prohibition Ordinance in an effort to 'Electrify Everything'. Read more [here](#).
- Announcing 4C's newest [Collaboration Tool](#): A website designed to help foster collaborative projects between 4C members and universities.
- [Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative](#) becomes California's newest climate collaborative! Read more [here](#).
- Take ~10 minutes to complete this [survey: Governance of Climate Change in Coastal Areas](#), an effort by UCLA and the University of Cádiz to understand how California is planning and implementing adaptation to Climate Change.

- [California Public Utilities Commission agrees to consider avoided transmission costs when assessing the value of distributed energy resources \(DER\)](#) (clean-coalition.org)
- New UCSC climate study being developed for the Central Coast: “Climate and Land Use Change Impacts on Water Supplies: Vulnerability Assessment for the Central Coast Counties.” The poster, shown here, is attached as well. To learn more, email rlangrid@ucsc.edu.



Grants:

CNRA Urban Greening Grants: The California Natural Resources Agency will be accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program beyond the original deadline of May 1 (check site for deadline announcements). The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Eligibility and program requirements, including online submittal information, can be found at <https://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening/>.

Events & Webinars:

May 5, 11:00-12:00 LGSEC Webinar: Explore a New Funding/Partner-Finding Platform from the California Energy Commission: Join the [Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition \(LGSEC\)](#) for a live demonstration of [Empower Innovation](#), a new platform created by the [California Energy Commission](#). Discover how your community can use

this free tool to connect with cleantech companies, browse millions of dollars in public and private funding, and explore curated resources. Register [here](#).

May 12, 11:00 -12:00 Clean Coalition Webinar: Grid Saturation lessons from Australia and Hawaii. Steve Thrall of Planet Ark Power and Ben Schwartz of the Clean Coalition will present on energy storage, new technologies, and policies needed to more quickly and cost effectively decarbonize the electricity sector. [Register here](#).

May 13, 10:00-11:30 Emerging Technologies Coordinating Council Webinar: Featuring SDG&E Battery Market Study: Residential and Non-Residential Customers, CEC EPIC's Santa Ana Project, and Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings. [Register here](#).

May 21, 9:15am - 4:00pm PST Greenlining Institute: A Virtual Summit on Racial Equity The Greenlining Institute's Annual Economic Summit brings together thought leaders at the forefront of the fight for equity and justice for a full day of cyber networking, fireside chats, and thought provoking panels on actions to ensure that current economic recovery efforts reach all community. [Register here](#). Registration ends April 30, 2020.

11th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency 6 Month Series (SEEC): The [11th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum](#) will take place as a 6 month virtual series June-November. The Forum will gather a multidisciplinary audience of over 300 climate leaders to foster knowledge exchange, innovation, and mutual support to transition California communities from energy awareness to planning and action. Visit their [site](#) for announcement of the exact schedule.



**Statewide
Energy
Efficiency
Collaborative**

**11th Annual Statewide Energy
Efficiency Virtual Forum**

June - November | 18 Webinars | 6 Networking Events

Organized by  Local
Government
Commission
Leaders for Livable Communities

Films:

“[Standing on Sacred Ground](#)” film series available for free online streaming until May 17th. "In this four-part series, indigenous people from eight different cultures stand up for their traditional sacred lands in defense of cultural survival, human rights and the environment."

[Save The Waves Film Festival](#) available online. STWFF is an international film tour and fundraiser for Save The Waves environmental programs and campaigns to protect surf ecosystems around the world. One film is released each week until the end of May.

COVID + CLIMATE CHANGE in the news:

- 4C member organization Regeneracion-Pajaro Valley drafted a [local response to 5 Principles for Just COVID-19 Relief and Stimulus](#). The original 5 Principles movement can be found and supported [here](#).
- [How COVID-19 is Affecting the Work of Local Government Sustainability Officers \(ICLEI\)](#)
- [COVID-19 May Not Discriminate Based on Race, but U.S. Healthcare Does \(PBS\)](#)
- [Disruption and Reinvention in the Time of Pandemic: Investing in a More Resilient Future \(Local Government Commission\)](#)
- [Why We Can't Ignore the Link Between COVID-19, Climate Change and Inequity \(US News\)](#)

As we close out a dramatic and impactful month, we'd like to include a touching Earth Day message from 4C Steering Committee member Sigrid Wright, Executive Director of the Community Environmental Council in Santa Barbara. 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the environmental movement and the first Earth Day celebrations.

Burn Your Maps by Sigrid Wright

At one point this weekend, my husband and I found ourselves escaping weeks of homebound life to hike a long stretch of private property owned by some friends. Their property abuts the Los Padres National Forest and Ventana Wilderness, and in giving us guidance to a particular oak grove they wanted us to check out, their directions indicated that we should look for a meadow of lupine and an usually large cypress tree.

While we found plenty of lupine, we must have breezed right past this majestic tree, hiking on and on for miles, dropping over 1,200 feet in elevation -- happy, footsore, sunburned and vaguely lost. For several hours we debated (in that way that married couples do) whether the cypress tree was behind us, in front of us, or on another trail entirely.

This got me thinking about my conversation last week with CalEPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld -- a thoroughly enjoyable 30-minute discussion as part of [CEC's Online Earth Day Festival](#). Jared is an avid hiker, having accomplished large stretches of the Pacific Crest Trail and other major routes. Last week, in a wide-ranging discussion, we talked about the important lessons of getting lost, and how, just before fully admitting one's lostness, humans often try to "bend the map" to conform to where we want to be rather than where we actually are.

After nearly two months of pandemic-induced disruption at so many levels, I found it liberating to realize that the times we are in may just be asking us to let go of where we *wish* we were, set a new course, and burn our old maps for fuel.

Here's what I've got for you this week:

- WATCH / If you missed the CEC's online 50th Anniversary Earth Day festival, you can [watch it in its entirety here](#). (The interview with Jared Blumenfeld is at the 1:53:00 mark). Later this week we will be editing this nearly 4-hour festival into bite-sized chunks. There is a lot of juicy content and wonderful appearances by folks like Kenny Loggins, Glen Phillips, Florencia Ramirez, Bill McKibben, and the Dude, as well as many CEC founders, allies and staff. Keep an eye on www.SBEarthDay.org
- READ / [Building Food Resilience during the Pandemic](#) (Community Environmental Council)
- WATCH / [Climate Resilience Roundtable #2: Sea Level Rise](#) (Community Environmental Council)
- WATCH / MSNBC [Coronavirus and Carbon Pollution with David Wallace-Wells](#)
- LISTEN / NPR On Point [The Coronavirus and America's Food Supply Chain, an interview with Michael Pollan](#)
- READ / CEC Blog [The Earth Without Us: An Earth Day Reflection](#) by Sigrid Wright
- READ / HEATED [Will Big Oil's Crash Matter for the Climate?](#)
- READ / Stanford Social Innovation Review [Radically Adapting to the New World](#)

Lastly, getting back to poems -- I'm sharing one of my all-time favorites and a personal guidepost,

***To Be of Use** by Marge Piercy. This one is dedicated to the Earth Day production team.*

To be of use

BY [MARGE PIERCY](#)

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,
who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
but you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.