

#### **Central Coast Climate Resilience Practitioners:**

Read the 4C newsletter for the latest in Central Coast climate news and events.

We extend a warm welcome to the 19 member organizations that joined 4C in 2021, including merging with the Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact. We look forward to welcoming more new members in 2022 and to furthering many productive partnerships in the Central Coast.

Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment
Brotherhood of Electric Workers

**California Central Coast Joint Venture** 

**Carmel Building Design** 

City of San Luis Obispo

Santa Cruz County, Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience

**Gaviota Coast Conservancy** 

**GEI Consultants Oakland** 

**Integral Consulting and Revell Coastal** 

**Monterey Bay Aquarium** 

Monterey City Disposal Service, Inc.

**Monterey Regional Waste Management District** 

Passive House California (join their newsletter here)

**Pebble Beach Community Services** 

One Step A La Vez

**Salinas Valley Recycles** 

**The Energy Coalition** 

**Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD** 

**Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County** 

To connect and share with these and other 4C member organizations on climate action and adaptation solutions, please consider joining 4C! To view our rate structure, click <a href="here">here</a>. Membership dues are waived for social / environmental justice organizations.

# 4C Newsletter March 2022

## In Climate News...

California Resilience Partnership Celebrates Year One: It's been a busy year of growth for the California Resilience Partnership (CRP). When we launched a year ago, our vision was to generate meaningful partnerships, while bolstering existing efforts, in order to advance resilience projects. More information here.

The C3JV works to advance conservation efforts within six habitat systems that each have unique assemblages of species, pressures acting on them, and people engaged in their stewardship. Key avian focal species are then used as indicators to help the Joint Venture monitor and assess our conservation impact over time within each habitat system. Learn more about C3JV here. Also view our Progress Report here. C3JV Regional Map.

LGSEC Impact Report Read board member updates and learn about LGSEC's regulatory engagement in 2021. This report is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of LGSEC in the last year and summarize the successes and learning opportunities that will drive us forward in 2022!

Released by California Forward (CA FWD) in February, the 2022 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity details the organization's priority actions to help build more inclusive, equitable and sustainable economies that give more Californians the opportunity to thrive. The Roadmap builds on a year of impressive advancements by CA FWD and its partners including the crafting and passage of the \$600-million Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF), a \$6-billion investment in broadband and \$1.5 billion to prevent catastrophic wildfires, among others. More information here.

This month, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) published the California Transportation Assessment (AB 285 Report) assessing how transportation planning and funding in California support long-term common goals, including building and maintaining a transportation system that advances the state's climate goals and

meets the transportation needs of all Californians. The AB 285 report, written by researchers from the University of California Institute of Transportation Studies, analyzes state and regional transportation plans and institutions, funding allocations to various state, regional, and local transportation programs and funding sources, and the legal frameworks that govern how transportation funds are spent in California. In addition, the report identifies initial actions all levels of government and legislators can take to improve quality, sustainability, and equity of transportation in California. More information here.

**IPCC:** The Working Group II contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report assesses the impacts of climate change, looking at ecosystems, biodiversity, and human communities at global and regional levels. It also reviews vulnerabilities and the capacities and limits of the natural world and human societies to adapt to climate change. **More information here.** 

# **Job & Funding Opportunities**

**Community Water Center** is hiring for multiple positions across all three offices. <u>View all openings here.</u>

**Local Coastal Program Non-Competitive Grant Applications Now Open.** The Coastal Commission is pleased to announce the availability of rolling grant funding to support local government coastal resiliency efforts. Funds may be used for projects that are designed to assist local governments in assessing impacts and planning for coastal resiliency, including adapting to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise, and which contain an LCP planning component. Local governments responsible for developing and amending LCPs under the California Coastal Act are eligible to apply. More information here.

RFQ for Monterey Bay Regional Climate Working Group Consulting Services: A coalition of multiple local government and non-profit organizations have collaborated to fund a role to develop, fund, and implement regional climate action-related programs and projects to serve the Monterey Bay Area in California. More information here.

The USC Sea Grant Program is seeking an experienced outreach

professional to lead coastal resilience extension efforts. The Extension Specialist will serve an integral role in interpreting and disseminating Sea Grant research findings on coastal and climate change issues, working with a wide range of entities in the regional AdaptLA program, and developing new outreach programs to meet the information needs of local, state and federal agencies, and interest groups. Apply here.

US EPA's Office of Community Revitalization (OCR) is actively recruiting for new team member(s) that have experience working for and with community based and environmental justice organizations. Team members will play a leadership role to deliver technical assistance to communities and advance plans, policies, and programs that support equitable development outcomes. This vacancy is open until March 10, 2022. The position is based in Washington DC. Apply here.

NEP Coastal Watersheds Program: Restore America's Estuaries is pleased to announce the availa2022 NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant. RAE will select grantees through a two-step process: 1) letters of intent (LOI); and 2) full proposals by invitation only. LOIs are due on Friday, May 27, 2022. Only projects occurring within the specified geographic eligibility areas may receive funding. Two informational webinars for interested applicants. Register Here (March 24 at 10am). Register Here (March 30 at 10am).

OPC is hiring a Communications Manager (Staff Services Manager I, Specialist) to lead OPC's communications and community engagement efforts. The Communications Manager will develop a strategic communications plan to elevate the work of the Council and increase equitable engagement on efforts to protect California's coast and ocean. The Communications Manager will also be responsible for grant and contract management including developing scopes of work and budgets, tracking deliverables, processing invoices, and coordinating with grantees. The Communications Manager will also provide additional support and capacity for other OPC's efforts, as needed. The deadline is March 29, 2022. More information here.

**SGC** is pleased to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking technical assistance (TA) providers to provide direct application assistance and capacity building support to applicants to rounds 1 and 2 the Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program. The purpose

of the TA is to support eligible applicants from under-resourced communities prepare and submit competitive applications. The RFP describes a particular focus on outreaching to and assisting unincorporated communities, rural communities, community-based organizations, and California Native American Tribes apply to the program. The TA will help recipients understand and meet program requirements, form partnerships, conduct collective visioning, and develop viable projects. The deadline to submit proposals is **Friday**, **April 5, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.** More information here.

Find more funding resources here

## **Events & Webinars**

All-Electric Buildings: Stories from the Field I March 10 12:00pm to 1:15pm I All-electric construction has gone mainstream in just a few years. With industry-wide experience, comes new lessons and adaptations. We'll review what's been easy and what strategies still require additional attention from designers, builders, and manufacturers. Come with your questions, and your lessons learned. Register Here.

EPA Brownfields Listening Sessions I March 10, 11 9:00am to 11:00am I EPA's Brownfields Program invites you to join virtual listening sessions to discuss the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant funding opportunities. Registration is not required for either listening session. EPA looks forward to hearing from participants about the best ways to implement the historic \$1.5 billion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding investment into EPA's Brownfield Grants, and how to maximize the benefits of this historic investment in our underserved communities. EPA is committed to awarding funding in line with the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative by advancing environmental justice and incorporating equity considerations into all aspects of our work. MAC Grant (March 10) Session Here.
RLF Grant (March 11) Session Here.

**2022** Energy Code Preview: Multifamily Projects I March 15 9:00am to 10:30am I The 2022 Energy Code is effective January 1, 2023. This course will provide an overview of the changes from the 2019 Energy Code for the new multifamily section. Register Here.

National Environment Justice Community Engagement Call I March 15 11:00am to 1:00pm I The purpose of these calls is to

inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates. Register Here.

Just Transition for Natural Gas Infrastructure I March 16th 10:00am to 12:00 pm I State and local climate efforts may have substantial long-term implications for our natural gas infrastructure. This is an informational webinar intended for local governments and community-based organizations (CBOs) that are concerned with the equity, affordability, and reliability implications of these efforts and will help provide them with a working knowledge to engage with the CPUC and other state agencies. Register Here.

**2022** Energy Code Preview: Nonresidential Projects I March 17 **9:00am to 10:30am I** The 2022 Energy Code is effective January 1, 2023. This course will provide an overview of the changes from the 2019 Energy Code for the nonresidential section. Register Here.

Climate Activism: The Next Generation of Climate Stakeholders I March 17 9:00am to 10:00am I While the landscape of climate activism is always changing, recent years have seen a major influx of new voices into the climate movement – and they are much younger than what mainstream environmentalism is used to. Understanding the concerns identified by youth activists, as well as their proposed solutions and pathways, is essential for all climate policy stakeholders hoping to shape truly innovative and inclusive policies. To facilitate this important conversation, Climate XChange is elevating the perspectives of three youth activists in our March webinar to discuss lessons, challenges, and opportunities for climate policy from the perspective of youth activists. Register Here.

BPI Certificate: Healthy Housing Principles for Contractors I March 21 9:00am to 5:00pm I Connect the dots between human health, energy efficiency design thinking and environmental building performance improvements. Join 3C-REN, Franklin Energy, and the Building Performance Institute for a one-day course exploring the relationship between human health and the built environment. Register Here.

Shaping the Future of California's Building Performance Standards - Local Government Processes and Grid Implications I March 22 9:00am to 11:00am I Join us for an exploration of Building Performance Standards (BPS), their future in California, and their implications for local governments, the building sector, and the climate. This joint event will feature a panel discussion comprised of both moderated and audience Q&A on the future of grid-interactive buildings, and what they mean for new and existing buildings, the grid, and local governments. The event will end with a short, optional networking activity. Register Here.

Accelerating Solutions for a Resilient Coast Conference I March

**22 and 23, 2022 I** Participants will build understanding on how regions, states, and tribes are bringing together diverse stakeholders to accelerate solutions that create and leverage results for the coast, helping communities, ecosystems, and economies be more resilient to climate change. **More information here.** 

**2023-2027 Strategic Plan Kickoff Webinar I March 28 12:30pm I** It's time for the Conservancy to begin developing a new Strategic Plan for the five year period of 2023-2027. The Strategic Plan provides an overall vision for our agency and quantified objectives to measure the effectiveness of our work.

The Plan articulates our view of the future of the California coast and its watersheds over the next five years—including the opportunities to improve resilience to climate change and to promote environmental equity and justice. We are hosting a webinar on March 28 at 12:30 to give an overview of the Strategic Plan development process, the Conservancy's mission and role, and the resources that may be available to us in the next five years. You are invited to learn about the process and share your initial thoughts and questions. There will be many opportunities over the next several months to engage with this process and give input on the plan. Register Here.

Regional Forum: What is the Big Deal About Heat Pumps and Electrification I March 30 5:30pm to 6:30pm I Calling all homeowners and renters in the tri-county! Learn how you can implement affordable energy efficiency and electrification upgrades for a healthier, climate-friendly home. In this community webinar, attendees will learn about the value of electrification for their homes and how new technologies can help improve home health and comfort. There will be special focus on heating and cooling systems that utilize heat-pump technologies. Speakers will highlight the challenges and opportunities created by energy efficiency and electrification through case studies, testimonials, and state incentives. Register Here.

Investing in Clean Community Resilience I March 23 10:00am to 11:30am I This webinar will address the challenges of securing clean, resilient, and reliable energy for California communities. Panelists will discuss both current state programs for funding community energy resilience, as well as how to secure the additional investments required to ensure that all Californians can keep the power on during extreme weather events without increasing reliance on diesel generators. Attendees will learn about public and private funding opportunities for communities interested in enhancing energy resilience with clean energy. Register Here.

Advancing Considerations of Traditional Knowledge into Federal Decision Making I March 23 11:30am to to 1:00pm I The federal government is seeking ways to advance the consideration of Traditional Knowledge (TK) in federal decision-making processes, in

coordination and collaboration with federally recognized tribes and indigenous peoples. This webinar will discuss the importance of considering TK, including ethics, values, etc., in decision-making, and recent developments and actions of the federal government to further consider TK, including plans to <u>develop guidance</u> for federal agencies, for which the government is seeking input. <u>Register Here.</u>

California Climate Policy Summit 2022 I April 18, 2022 I The California Climate Policy Summit brings together elected and business leaders, policy experts, activists, and environmental justice advocates to build support for bold climate policy commensurate with what science tells us is necessary to secure a climate-safe future. The Summit will be followed by a day of advocacy in Sacramento that moves the state toward this vision. Register Here.

For more events please check out ARCCA's Adaptation Calendar, County of Santa Barbara One Climate Initiative Newsletter, ICARP Technical Advisory Council Update, The Climate Center Newsletter, Tri-County Regional Energy Network's Events and Trainings Calendar

All event times in PDT

# In case you missed it...

# On-going webinar series

- CA Natural Resources Agency Secretary Speaker Series
- <u>UC Davis Climate Adaptation Research Center: Climate Adaptation Series All Available on Demand</u>
- <u>UCLA Climate Adaptation Symposium Recordings</u>

#### **UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation Series:**

- State Can Do More to Protect Californians from Extreme
  Heat
- Telling the Story of Heat Injustice in Watts, LA

## 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 for 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, and projects
- Expand leadership and awareness on equitable climate action and adaptive solutions

- Participate in working groups
- We offer membership reciprocity with other select climate groups. See our site for more info, or reach out to the email address below.
- We have a sliding scale for membership dues depending on size and type of organization. Social and environmental justice groups join for free!

See <u>Membership Form</u> for details.

Questions or feedback? Email us: <u>centralcoastclimate@gmail.com</u>
For past 4C newsletters see <u>here</u>.

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