

Greetings Central Coast Climate Resilience Practitioner:

Read our news bulletin to stay apprised of Central Coast climate events and opportunities. If you like what you see here, consider joining the [Central Coast Climate Collaborative \(4C\)](#)! We welcome new members as we continue to develop exciting projects and initiatives.

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## January 2021 News Bulletin

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### Grant, funding, and job opportunities

- **Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program - Project Proposal Solicitation** - The California Natural Resources Agency will be accepting **project proposals** for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEM) from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Approximately \$13.4 million in awards will be funded by this program representing two years of appropriations. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, anticipated Summer 2021. Technical Assistance Workshops will be held online on 1:00-3:00PM Jan. 21st and 26th, and 9:00-11:00 Jan 27th. **[Click here](#)** to register.
- **Extinction: Solutions for Species on the Brink Conference - Feb 9-10, 10:00AM-1:30PM.** This free virtual conference brings together experts and advocates from across multiple fields of conservation to address threats to ecosystems and biodiversity, and the efforts being made, demanded, and imagined in order to protect and restore species in decline. The program presents a series of distinctively different approaches to species conservation and management from conservation action leaders and scientists. Keynote speaker is former US Senator Tom Udall. The event is free. [Register here](#).
- **Energy Program Concepts Workshop with Central Coast Community Energy** - Are you interested in opportunities to reduce the Central Coast's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions? A

portion of our revenue fund incentives for residential, commercial and agricultural customers. If you'd like to have your voice be heard and influence what types of energy programs we make available to our community, please participate in our webinar covering program concepts for our upcoming energy programs selection process for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022. There are two event dates: **Weds. January 20th 5:00PM - 6:00PM** or **Thurs. January 21st 12:00PM – 1:00PM**

- **Two open positions with CNRA: Assistant Secretary for Equity and Environmental Justice** – This leader will help institutionalize principles of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion into the work of the Agency and advance these principles in the Agency's investments, programs and policies. And **Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs** – This leader will help ensure the inclusion of tribal governments and communities within the work of the Agency and advance opportunities for co-management of natural resources between tribal and state governments.
- **ARCCA's 2021 Leg Tracker is live!** The resource tracks bills related to climate change and adaptation and can be used as a resource for adaptation professionals and ARCCA members.
- **Call for Submissions - UNFCCC Conference of Parties - Methodologies for Assessing Adaptation Needs** - The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) invites Parties and observer organizations to submit via the UNFCCC submission portal their views and information on the development and application of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs, including needs related to action, finance, capacity-building and technological support. Submissions are due February 28.
- **Webinar: What CAISO didn't tell you about the August blackouts - Thursday, January 28th, 2021, 10:00AM.** The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) called rolling blackouts throughout California on 14 and 15 August and threatened blackouts over Labor Day weekend, alleging a lack of sufficient electricity to serve Californians during those heat waves. CAISO's Final Root Cause Analysis, published on 13 January 2021, continues to sidestep the key questions. Speakers will discuss the deficiencies in CAISO's root cause analysis, troubling anomalies in the California market, and why California is still at risk of supply shortages and price increases caused by problems in the CAISO electricity markets.

- Check out the simulation of the new [Coast Futura: an electric rail vehicle](#) that will connect Watsonville and Santa Cruz with a clean energy transportation option.
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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 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 [Membership Form](#) for details.

Questions or feedback? Email us: [centralcoastclimate@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastclimate@gmail.com)

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