

4C Membership Meeting Notes and Links  
May 5th, 2020

1. **Quick introductions by leadership and participating groups**

Rachel Couch – Coastal Conservancy / 4C Chairperson  
Ella McDougall – Coastal Conservancy / 4C Administrator  
Juliano Calil – MIIS and Virtual Planet Technologies  
Nancy Faulstich – Regeneracion Pajaro Valley  
Natalie Olivas – Regeneracion Pajaro Valley  
Jacques Bertrand – City of Capitola  
Tiffany Wise-West – City of Santa Cruz  
Ashley Paulsworth -- Monterey County  
Lacey Raak – CSU Monterey Bay  
Kevin Miller -- Monterey Bay Community Power  
Danielle Brown -- California Marine Sanctuary Foundation  
Alan Arvin – California Marine Sanctuary Foundation  
Patti Toews – SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority  
Adrienne Greve -- Cal Poly  
Anna Olsen – Cachuma Resource Conservation District  
Sharyn Main – Community Environmental Council  
Jane Gray -- Dudek  
Teresa Romero – Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians  
Marie Laule– Wood Consulting  
Garret Wong -- County of Santa Barbara  
Heather Allen -- County of Ventura  
Lynn Rodriguez -- Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County  
Ruth Langridge -- UCSC  
Nick Sadrpour -- California Sea Grant  
Carly Shabo - NOAA Office of Coastal Management

2. **Update about study “Climate and Land Use Change Impacts on Water Supplies: Vulnerability Assessment for the Central Coast Region” by Ruth Langridge**

- Ruth Langridge - lead coordinator and contributing author on Central Coast part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Climate Assessment
- Interest in links between critical issues of land use - water availability - climate impacts
- Team includes Tamara Wilson and Nathan Van Schmidt
- Central Coast (Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, SLO, Santa Barbara) vulnerability study for land use and water availability in the face of climate change
  - Resilience and vulnerability
  - Demographic and ecological impacts

- Sustainable adaptation options
- Scenario approach
- Initial projections lead to policy options and modeled outcomes
- May 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:00 webinar will dive deeper into this study with scenario possibilities (invitations to come)

### 3. Focus on Central Coast Equity

- Teresa Romero – Environmental Director Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
  - Completing a climate change vulnerability assessment for Chumash territory
  - Includes five counties, 7,000 sq miles, along main transportation corridors
  - Outreach with local bands
  - Adaptation plan hoping to be updated to include more land
  - Large waste in zero waste effort, especially in casino business and tribal events
  - Recently joined Climate Justice Network
- Nancy Faulstich and Natalie Olivas - Regeneracion Pajaro Valley
  - For reference, visit [Publications Page](#) and Climate of Hope [Survey Results](#)
  - Heat stress campaign – place-based solutions to climate change
  - Targeting farmworkers and agricultural communities
  - Outreach efforts through various mediums
  - Changing outreach efforts in accordance with COVID19
  - Digital Net
  - Campesino Caravan – outreach via driveby information and community connection
  - Relevant news articles:
    - <https://www.independent.com/2020/04/29/santa-barbaras-multilingual-messenger-bridge-the-invisible-divide/> (Santa Barbara Independent)
    - [Coronavirus: America's 'Essential' Farmworkers Fearful as Covid-19 Infections Rise](#) (The Independent)

### 4. Reciprocity between 4C and regional collaboratives (see attached draft proposal)

- Garrett Wong, Santa Barbara Regional Climate Collaborative summarized the initiative.
- Two similar collaboratives agree to provide 25% discount on their dues if an agency joins both collaboratives
  - Can include Monterey Bay Regional Climate Compact
  - Can be retroactive or applied for this year's dues
- Consensus/no objections on moving this effort forward to steering committee vote for enactment

### 5. 4C Collaboration Tool website launch (Adrienne Greve)

- An interactive website that connects people to encourage central coast climate collaborations – how to match up researchers with practitioners, etc
- Allows faculty members/staff researchers, practitioners, and 4C members to match up and work together

- A useful log of who is doing what in our climate region
  - Backing database is relatively small and needs to be expanded – you can enroll yourself  
Website: <https://universities.centralcoastclimate.org/>
  - [Survey form](#)
- 6. Discussion item and mini-updates about your organization**
- Lacey Raak – [Climate Summit Series – Academic Session](#) Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30
  - Kirsten Liske (Ecology Action) described their bicycling online webinars for schools and specific employers and classes and other green initiatives. For more information see [www.EcoAct.org](http://www.EcoAct.org) or contact [kliske@ecoact.org](mailto:kliske@ecoact.org)
  - Sharyn Main – Santa Barbara County Resilience Roundtables focused on projected climate impacts for the central coast identified in the CA 4th Climate Assessment, designed for practitioners and govt officials. Two completed on wildfire and sea level rise. Next webinars will pivot to virtual format and include focus on current public health issues and their relationship to climate impacts and building resilience.
- 7. Letters of support sought for the Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (SLO Covid-19 Response Coalition)** - Coalition is working on a campaign to urge our local cities to write a letter to Governor Newsom to enact a comprehensive Rent and Mortgage Relief Program which would meet the needs of renters, mortgage holders, and small business owners. Paso Robles has already agreed to do so. Contact Jill Zamek for more information: [jzk@charter.net](mailto:jzk@charter.net)
- 8. Urban Sustainability Director Network Peer Learning Exchange grant (Tiffany Wise-West)**
- Small group of non-profit/environmental justice organizations applied for a first stage to design a central coast climate response campaign
  - Convening in July or later
  - Pending discussion and outcomes, next stage of funding will be sought after
- 9. State Budget update via ARCCA Executive Committee**
- Everything related to climate resilience funding for FY 20-21 is up in the air due to Covid-19. Will know more after May Budget Revise is submitted later this month.

#### **Other News:**

Statewide ARCCA Membership meeting – open to all 4C and other ARCCA regional collaborative members. Learn what is happening at the state level on climate adaptation and resilience planning and action:

- May 26<sup>th</sup> 9AM-12:30 | [Register here](#)

Additional upcoming event: California Adaptation Forum Webinar Series – *Community Resilience in the Context of Climate Change and COVID-19*

- June 2, 2:30-4:00 | [Register here](#)

Articles relevant to 4C, Climate and Covid-19:

- [Green recovery can revive virus-hit economies and tackle climate change, study says](#) (Reuters)

- Building Resilience Into U.S. Food Supply Chain During Covid-19:  
The Hill's Coronavirus Report by Editor in Chief, Steve Clemons, for May 5.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/coronavirus-report/496208-coronavirus-daily-update>

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) has teamed up with House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) as well as chef José Andrés, former Secretaries of Agriculture Dan Glickman and Tom Vilsack to put together an action plan to save America's stressed out food supply chain and connect it to the food programs that serve communities in real need today.

World Central Kitchen and Andrés have helped cobble together a bipartisan alliance with Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.), Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass.), and Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.) to introduce today the FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act. According to a release on the effort, "This bill allows the Federal government to pay 100 percent of the cost to states and localities that partner with restaurants and nonprofits to prepare nutritious meals for vulnerable populations, such as seniors and underprivileged children" who have suffered due to the coronavirus.

The question is why is this needed? Why can't state and local governments get this sort of bridge built between restaurants willing to help and vulnerable communities now? The answer is simple. The finances of local and state governments are cratering at the moment — hit by the earthquake of surging public health expenditures and the tsunami of collapsing tax revenue while the economy is in a coma. Getting the federal government to foot the bill of this food will feed the hungry, keep some restaurants alive, and give some of that agricultural product — the milk, pork, corn and soy that DeLauro was speaking about — a channel to those who will buy and use that food. Congrats to Andrés for convincing both Republicans and Democrats to understand the need for this support now.