

**4C Steering Committee  
Meeting Notes  
July 15, 2020**

1. Steering Committee Attendees | **Action:** *need to delete the old call in number /invite*
  - a. Iris Kelly, Community Environmental Council
  - b. Rachel Couch, Coastal Conservancy
  - c. Tiffany Wise-West, City of Santa Cruz
  - d. Charles Lester, UCSB Center for Ocean and Coastal Policy
  - e. Teresa Romero, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash
  - f. Maya Hayden, Point Blue Conservation Science
  - g. Amaury Berteaud, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
  - h. Garrett Wong, Santa Barbara County - Sustainability
  - i. Juliano Calil, Middlebury Institute and Virtual Planet Technologies
  - j. Ashley Paulsworth, County of Monterey - Sustainability
  - k. Gail McNulty, Save our Shores
  - l. Danielle Brown, CA Marine Sanctuary Foundation
  - m. Heather Allen, County of Ventura
  - n. Allen Arvin, CA Marine Sanctuary Foundation
  - o. Jacques Bertrand, City of Capitola
  - p. Alyssa Mann, The Nature Conservancy
2. Update on recruitment/membership
  - a. Monterey County a new member ... welcome!
  - b. SLO and Capitola cities are not able to pay dues this year but are hoping to re-join in 2021. They are welcome to continue to participate in 4C efforts.
  - c. \$8k in account
3. New steering committee members proposed by Chair
  - a. We have two openings on the steering committee for Local Government: Garrett Wong/Santa Barbara County and Ashley Paulsworth/Monterey County are invited to join the steering committee. **VOTE:** *Unanimously passes. Welcome!*
  - b. Supporting Agency: **Action:** *Possible in future to consider: UCSB, Regeneracion and Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact, Community Action Board, other Health agencies ([Community Health Centers of the Central Coast](#) working on farmer workers health), and opening for Ventura County [Heather Allen will help find rep for Ventura]*
4. Fed Partnership-County Listening Sessions update
  - a. Completed first with Ventura County on Monday 7/13 - went very well.
  - b. Santa Cruz County next
5. ARCCA Draft Commitments to Racial Justice Statement-4C input (see below)
  - a. Explicit use of or reference to Black Lives Matters suggested
  - b. 4C SC and collaborators are welcome to provide input/comment by July 30th.
6. Climate justice/equity - *please share efforts happening in the Central Coast*

- a. Santa Barbara County: Climate Action Plan and Safety Element updates underway; working w/Central Coast Climate Justice Coalition to create an equity advisory committee.
  - b. Monterey County: Ashley will share out findings with with 4C from recent sustainability survey
  - c. Regeneracion/Nancy Faustich: [Climate of Hope Webinar](#) promotion - great line up. **Action:** *Please promote within your organizations/agencies. Flyers in English and Spanish linked and attached.*
  - d. Georgetown Climate Center [Managed Retreat Toolkit](#) launched today, 7/15/20.
  - e. USDN Grant to Spark Exploration of Regional Climate Response on Central Coast...**Action:** TWW will share *more details in August*
  - f. Tiffany emailed a Santa Cruz County-focused **webinar** invite out to all: Hosted by Nicole Young and Nicole Lezin on **July 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m.** for a 90-minute **CORE Coffee Chat, “Using Health in All Policies (HiAP) in Our COVID-19 Response & Recovery.”** This Coffee Chat is co-sponsored by the City of Santa Cruz and features guest speaker, Mimi Hall, Director of the County’s Health Services Agency (HSA). Mimi will help us understand how the health and equity pillars in the HiAP framework align and how HSA is using a health equity lens in its ongoing COVID-19 response. During the Coffee Chat, we’ll also have facilitated small-group discussions about how other local systems are promoting health equity and how we can all apply these concepts to our COVID-19 responses and recovery. **Register at <https://bit.ly/2DwKGZd>** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the Zoom meeting link, password, and dial-information. Be sure to save that information (or add it to your calendar). Feel free to forward this email to others who may be interested.
  - g. Not discussed on call but still worth sharing here: Tiffany received an email from Hoi-Fei Mok of City of San Leandro, Amos White from the Bay Area Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force, and Robyn Eason City of West Hollywood regarding proposal to create a CA BIPOC Climate Network for climate professionals in policy, advocacy, and government to share resources/opportunities, support each other, and strategize about equity issues within the field of practice. **Action:** *If you are interested in joining this network (first to exist as an email list and perhaps regular calls later on), [please fill out the form here.](#)*
  - h. CNRA Secretary’s Speaker Series [Webinar on Racial Equity](#) - July 15, 2020. Excellent historical and current CA focused information and perspectives shared.
7. Annual symposium planning - aiming for hosting an event (likely virtual) before end of the year. **Action:** *Please email Rachel, Tiffany and Juliano if you are willing to work on planning the content and execution for 4C Symposium 2020.*
  8. Subcommittee structure - effective or should we restructure? (postpone to next meeting)

Please make comments to this statement via the 4C google doc hyperlinked in title below):

4C Steering Committee and members are welcome to offer comments until COB on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **ARCCA COMMITMENTS TO RACIAL JUSTICE**

Over the past three months, we have witnessed a historical convergence of a worldwide pandemic, a major economic recession, and extensive social injustices in Black and Indigenous communities throughout California and beyond.

#### **We at ARCCA stand in solidarity with Black and Indigenous communities fighting for justice.**

We understand that we cannot achieve climate justice without racial and social equity. We acknowledge the broader context of climate change and its direct ties to systemic inequity, with racial inequality at the forefront. The systems of power that have allowed for the current climate crisis are the same systems that have upheld institutionalized racism.

In this time of unlearning and dismantling white supremacy in the climate movement, we aim to position ourselves as an ally in the fight for racial social equity. We will actively work to amplify Black and Indigenous voices and support climate justice advocates working to dismantle the systematic disenfranchisement of Black communities and Indigenous peoples. We will leverage our position as a statewide convener of over 2,000 climate professionals to increase our individual and collective awareness of privilege and race in the context of climate change - to then catalyze action towards an equitable, climate-resilient future.

#### **We commit to taking the following steps as a starting point:**

- Integrate Just Transition principles, processes, and practices into [ARCCA's Guiding Principles for Adaptation and Collaboration](#).
- Review and update ARCCA's governance structure to ensure racially equitable and inclusive decision-making while diversifying our leadership team and membership.
- Center our upcoming member meeting on racial equity and addressing institutionalized racism in the climate adaptation field.
- Work with our member regional collaboratives to support their own efforts to address racial equity issues.
- Strengthen our capacity to ensure equity in all forms through increased listening, education, and inclusion.

You may want to consult these background resources as part of your review:

<https://theavarnagroup.com/2020/06/02/make-sure-your-public-statement-isnt-window-dressing-there-is-y-our-public-statement-and-then-theres-the-work/>

Shared with 4C by Gail McNulty, Sr. Manager, Communications, Youth Leadership and Climate Action of Save Our Shores <http://www.saveourshores.org/>:

"You may have already seen this but I thought I'd share in case it's helpful in your thinking about the ARCCA statement on racial justice:"

## **Tribal Band Youth Voice Solidarity with their Black Relatives**

"Our elders taught us that the first step toward healing is telling the truth. As youth members of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, we uplift the many voices and leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement and their efforts to heal and bring justice for the many Black people who are assaulted or killed by police.

We pledge to educate ourselves about the systems and structures which maintain and promote the ongoing oppression of Black communities. With this knowledge, we are responsible to make others aware of the white supremacy and systemic racism to which Black people have been subjected since America's inception. We demand justice for the murders of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and many more members of the Black community.

As protectors of Popelouchum (our Amah Mutsun homeland in the greater Monterey Bay region) and Mother Earth, we will fight for racial equity and against anti-Blackness in our ancestral homelands and within our own communities. We too continue to experience the harmful impacts of ongoing legacies of colonization, and we will work to eliminate structural racism and marginalization affecting communities of color living in our traditional territory. We believe that people of color are stronger united in our struggles against white supremacy, patriarchy, coloniality, and systemic racism - all of which persistently seek to divide and conquer us.

We are grateful to the Black community for taking steps toward collective healing, and we recognize that there are many more steps to go. We believe that for healing to occur, the leadership and voices of the communities most impacted by oppressive systems must be at the forefront. Our culture directs us to bring balance to our lands, and without eradicating systemic racism, we cannot have balance. At every step of this shared journey, the Amah Mutsun Youth pledge to stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and our Black and Black-Indigenous relatives.

Tumsan-ak kannis,

**Youth members of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band"**

*(Protect Juristac [FB Post](#), June 25th)*