

4C Membership Meeting
August 4th, 10:00 AM
Via Zoom

NOTES

Partner Updates and Announcements

- Tiffany Wise-West (City of Santa Cruz): The City is releasing an RFP to hire a consultant to update the Climate Action Plan. The [Resilient Coast Santa Cruz](#) mobile phone app is being released to show the impacts of SLR on the coast and beaches of Santa Cruz
- Adrienne (CalPoly): SLO County - regional climate action and impacts report/plan being released
- Kirsten Liske (Ecology Action): CA Air Resources Board is funding a program promoting e-shared mobility. It includes two transportation needs assessment projects for underserved communities (such as Salinas) to investigate sustainable transportation options. Looking for partners. E-bikes rebate program is also being developed.
- Lacey Raak (CSUMB Sustainability): CSUMB Cabinet approved a new Campus Sustainability Plan in June! Includes Carbon Neutrality Roadmap, and heating and cooling efficiency efforts. Also, Lacey's office is now being reorganized under the Office of Inclusive Excellence, rather than Facilities.
- Nancy Faulstich (Regeneracion Pajaro Valley): [Climate of Hope](#) webinar is tomorrow, August 5th. Nancy is also representing Regeneracion in a National Climate Leadership Summit (<https://www.climateweeknyc.org/climate-week-nyc-2020>)
- Ashley Watkins (Co Santa Barbara) - kicking off climate action planning update process. Also launching a countywide climate vulnerability plan/General Plan Safety Element update. The Department of Conservation is funding the County's use of a planning tool (TerraHealth) for climate planning and sustainability throughout the city.
- Ellen Vaughan (UC Santa Cruz): An effort to update climate resilience efforts across the entire UC system. There will be resilience workshops in Spring 2021. Seeking consultants to help facilitate/plan those workshops.
- Ashley Paulsworth (Co Monterey): Sustainability survey results are in! Stakeholder engagement continuing.
- Tiffany Wise West (City of Santa Cruz): Monterey Bay Economic Partnership is plugged into the CA Stewardship Network. They are sorting out how to focus on a nexus of green jobs, economic development, etc.
- Amaury Berteaud (AMBAG) is working with Monterey Bay Community Power to complete GHG inventories for central coast county and city jurisdictions!
- County of Santa Barbara climate roundtables are continuing. Next two are focused on vulnerable communities, public health and equity.
- Andy Mutziger (SLO APCD) ***Notes provided at the end, contributed by email.*

Update on USDN grant (Tiffany Wise-West)

- An in person convening was supposed to happen to explore regional collaboration around climate needs, initiatives, bandwidth, topics, etc. Took place virtually instead.
- EJ/diversity groups are being brought together to discuss topics. Questions asked about top long-term priorities. Many had broad similarities around housing and economic development.
- Process will be opened up to wider group in the next phase. 4C is represented by Tiffany Wise West who will continue to brief and engage 4C as the process evolves.
- Six next steps were established with a responsible party/lead advocate:
 - 1-Building our knowledge and capacity for operationalizing equity in climate work
 - Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, Food and Water Watch, Central Coast (arizocentino@fwwatch.org)
 - 2-Planning and funding system changing resilience and equity initiative
 - Eric Veium, SLO Clean Coalition (eric@carbonfreeslo.org)
 - 3-Equitable Regional Restoration
 - Alex Yasbek, City of Watsonville (alex.yasbek@cityofwatsonville.org)
 - Ashley Paulsworth, County Monterey (PaulsworthAL@co.monterey.ca.us)
 - 4-Equitable Community Engagement
 - Kirsten Liske, Ecology Action (kliske@ecoact.org)
 - 5-High quality/High # of CAPs adopted regionally and other policy adoption
 - Leslie Austin, GreenPower (Leslie@greenpower.ngo)
 - 6-Activating latent political power
 - Alex Yasbek, City of Watsonville (alex.yasbek@cityofwatsonville.org)
 - Michael Chiacos, Community Environmental Council (mchiacos@cecmail.org)

Update about the Central Coast Climate Collaborative Website (Adrienne Greve and Erin Pearse from CalPoly (<https://universities.centralcoastclimate.org/>)) is a repository for researchers along the Central Coast, to connect practitioners and researchers on climate issues. Website is up and running, but upkeep and updating is tough, especially in COVID.

- Erin Pearse is part of a new climate institute at Cal Poly, and looking for projects/initiatives (with funding to offer!).
- He is looking to fund an expansion of this website resource. Funds could enhance and build up the website, such as project descriptions and current initiatives around the central coast region. This requires labor (student labor is possible). Emails, communications, others etc that could fund this opportunity. Could be done in conjunction with the current 4C website update.
- 4C gave unanimous support for this expansion/project. Is it okay to put this content on the website?
- Contact Erin Pearse: epearse@calpoly.edu

4C Annual Symposium Discussion

- Maybe a focus on northern central coast work (namely Santa Cruz) and ARCCA equity/economic development initiative (CA Stewardship Network)
- Planning would need to be a collaborative committee - not just 1-2 people
- Could be a series of workshops (long video calls are not ideal).
 - Juliano is planning a workshop utilizing the SLR app for a college in Texas. They could use one of the 4C projects as a base project.
- Juliano, Ashley P, Adrienne, Tiffany are willing to serve on the planning committee.
- Kirsten has a template for scheduling online workshops we could use
- Lead time to this event is necessary!
- Invite environmental justice groups - committee/symposium will benefit from diverse perspectives and topics.
 - Central Coast Climate Justice Network would be a good one to invite. could serve in an advisory role, rather than dealing with logistics.
- One of the sessions could be on equity-centered communication and outreach - frequently requested.

ARCCA Equity Initiative

- ARCCA [Equity statement](#) is going to be publicly released soon - please comment on the draft ASAP if you wish.
- Coastal Resilience Fund grant proposal with ARCCA - if awarded will be a series of tasks to embed equity more solidly into ARCCA's work plan, webinars, revise bylaws, charter, and assist regional collaboratives to do the same.

4C Federal Partnership (not discussed due to time running out!)

- Rachel and Ella are working to connect county governments with 4C support and federal partners (EPA, HUD, FEMA, EDA, NOAA, USGS) in order to better understand the the Counties' climate resiliency planning initiatives and approach, and look for ways to streamline delivery of federal resources, products, and offer technical assistance. Framed as "listening sessions" with County staff presenting, followed by discussion.
- First meeting with Ventura County executive and management staff occurred on July 13th. County's needs, gaps, and capacity were discussed.
- Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara Counties are in the works for the next meetings - then the SLO and Monterey. One or more counties may be chosen as the 'pilot' with which the Federal partners will work to achieve specified goals.

** SLO County APCD Climate Action update - Andy Mutziger (SLO APCD) via email:

1. CEQA GHG Threshold Clarification Memo: Our agency has AB 32 based CEQA GHG thresholds that are out of date. We have been following the threshold activity of our fellow air districts. With Sacramento recently adopting their SB 32 thresholds, we are crafting our memo which is intended to provide our jurisdictions/project developers/consultants tools for addressing GHG project impacts through CEQA. AEP's Climate Protection Committee has been very helpful reviewers as we refine the memo and are having one final meeting with them next week. We have presented to our

jurisdictions and heard their input/concerns. We will work with management on a release date. We are also beginning to talk with collaborators in Ventura, Santa Barbara and SLO County on identifying effective GHG mitigation measures for new development.

2. GHG Inventories: MBCP is funding AMBAG to complete annual GHG inventories for their participating jurisdictions. This year, the City of SLO and Morro Bay which are now receiving MBCP power will be part of this inventory project that covers CY2018. SLO COG and APCD are teaming up to pay for the remaining six jurisdictions in our county to be added to the project. I think a parallel project may be happening for the jurisdictions in SB County. A project goal is to have consistent inventories for all of the jurisdictions that can be rolled up into regional inventories. The inventories will meet minimum standards under the US Community Protocol (USCP). Jurisdictions can expand inventories categories/methods if they have such a need.
3. CEQA GHG Threshold Updates: Once the inventories are complete, SLO County APCD hopes to take the SLO County inventory roll up, refine it as needed to yield a complete inventory, and develop updated thresholds with substantial evidence that jurisdictions can consider adopting.
4. South Central Coast CALeVIP Application: Other members may have brief 4C on this effort so I will not go into too much detail. Bottom line – the partners' application to the Energy Commission committed \$6M for a 3 year EV infrastructure project with an anticipated CEC 1 for 1 match. SLO County APCD also worked with SLO COG which identified an additional \$250K for the project. Current status is the application made it through Phase II and CEC is looking to fund it through a one-time \$51M Budget Change Proposal (BCP) for CALeVIP's 2021 projects. With the current state budget issues, we will not know until Aug 18th when the legislature is anticipated to decide on the BCP. CEC told the partners that if the project does not get funded, they do want to work with us on a potential 2022 project. The project is intended to help our region meet the charging needs anticipated from the state's 2025 EV infrastructure gap.
5. MBCP Partnering with APCDs on School Bus Electrification Projects: MBCP and SLO and SB County APCDs have begun discussing the opportunity to expand the current school bus electrification program for Monterey/Santa Cruz/San Benito Counties to their member jurisdictions in SLO and SB Counties.
6. AB 617 Community Air Protection Incentive Program: SLO County APCD continues to fund AB 617 project applications with first, second and third cycle funds. Our program focuses on projects in or benefitting our AB 1550 Low Income Communities. For more information see: <https://www.slocleanair.org/community/grants/caap.php>