

Steering Committee Notes
11/18/2020

Updates from members/organizations

- Rachel Couch (SCC) – SCC Board meeting tomorrow to approve coastal access project
- Ella McDougall (SCC Sea Grant) – FEMA BRIC grant applications (including a City of Monterey SLR managed retreat study) and SeaTheFuture.org
- Heather Allen (County of Ventura/VCEA) – County of Ventura is adopting their updated climate action plan, and a climate group is being formed to implement CAP
- Juliano Calil (MIIS/Virtual Planet Technologies) – Virtual reality tools are almost ready for transportation and SLR through Elkhorn Slough/Moss Landing. Wildfire VR for the town of Paradise will also be launched in December. UNEP plastics and equity paper is going to be published in December
- Tiffany Wise-West (City of Santa Cruz) – Climate Action Plan update RFP is getting ready. Engagement and technical pieces can be bid on separately. Resilient Coast is winding down. Had the last public meeting with 150 virtual attendees. West Cliff Public Works program and LCP amendment will go to Council and commission in January. Interim recovery plan will focus heavily on Green Economy.
- Maya Hayden (Point Blue Conservation Science) -- Submitting proposal with City of Santa Cruz for beach and nature-based adaptation planning (Main and Cowell's Beaches). Also helping Bay Foundation to screen sandy beaches for restoration (Southern CA and Monterey).
- Danielle Brown (CMSF) – California Marine Sanctuary Foundation helped 4C submit NSF Rand grant for Coastlines and People.
- Andy Mutziger (SLO APCD) – Interim guidance on GHG thresholds, presented to AEP annual meeting. Working on GHG inventories and reports with help of AMBAG, to update thresholds
- Alex Yasbek (City of Watsonville) – Received two [Americorps Climate Fellows](#) as “Community Empowerment Facilitators”, to implement adaptation strategies and grassroots green infrastructure projects.
- Ana Rosa Rizo (Food and Water Action) – Applications from all three oil companies intending to extract oil via frack-like techniques in Cat Canyon-northern SB County were recently rescinded.
- Ashley Paulsworth (Sustainability Program Manager at County of Monterey) – Releasing RPQ for Climate Action Plan, similarly splitting engagement and technical components. Also integrating climate aspects into entire Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Fleet electrification study underway
- Sharyn Main (CEC) – Resilience roundtables have been going smoothly, lots of community input and data that will shape work in 2021. [Recent Electrify America grant to work to get EVs to underserved populations](#)
- Gail McNulty (Save Our Shores) – Working with Resource Center for Non-Violence to create a day-long climate and environmental justice summit (early March). Goal will be to center justice throughout environmental movements, focusing on BIPOC and indigenous voices. Seeking coalition building and resource sharing.

- Nancy Faulstich (Regeneracion) – Next Climate of Hope forum will occur Weds, March 3rd, focusing on women. Also working on same EV equity grant with CEC. Hosting guided climate conversations. Selected as presenter in Sustainability Certificate (through CSUMB) course.
- Garrett Wong (County of Santa Barbara) – Just launched [One Climate](#) Initiative to help community engage with County led projects (2030 Climate Action Plan, Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, Safety Element Update, and [Adaptation Plan](#)). Kick-off webinar December 9th. Equity advisory committee is also convening, searching for stipends. SB County Regional Climate Collaborative (SBCRCC) has 3 subcommittees: 1) Clean Energy Assurance, 2) Regenerative Land Stewardship, 3) SLR Adaptation. Recently hosted a webinar with SBCAG and CEC to reflect on outreach engagement process.
- Whitney Wilkinson (County of Santa Barbara) – OneClimate initiative and website. Countywide Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- Kirstin Liske (Ecology Action) – Accelerating [EV adoption for underserved populations](#). State recently funded extra discount of \$1500. Working with SLO and Santa Barbara Counties to create campaign tools and for resilience and localized climate work.
- Leslie Austin (Greenpower) – Focused on getting the vote out in native populations for the Dakotas. Working on three grants locally. Just finished a business session for the Central Coast Climate Action Summit

Steering Committee Participation Update

- Ross Clark has stepped off steering committee recently; a couple others likely to follow.
- If you are interested in joining steering, email Rachel
- Some new potential members have been nominated:
 - Teresa Romero, Nancy Faulstich, and Kristin Cushman
 - Follow up will be via email to vote
- We have room for 22 people on steering committee
- [Bylaws](#) need to be updated to reflect how we realistically function
 - If anyone is interested in helping re-envision and reframe by-laws, please email Rachel

Annual Symposium

- Instead of an annual symposium, thinking of moving towards strategic planning working sessions
- Given that 4C is currently growing and changing, the idea of figuring out the direction and strategy of our organization for 2021 and beyond seems like a higher priority than hosting an informational forum as has been done in past.
- This will help connect with USDN equity grant priority action areas (see attached)
- Can include equity training (Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino interested in assisting)
 - Ana Rosa has helped in SB County, with organizing a JEDI training and facilitating Resilience Roundtables; serves as Vice Chair of SB County's Equity Advisory Committee
- Integration of equity training and strategic planning is critical.

- Strategic plan will most likely focus on 4C member organization engagement and outreach/capacity building
- ARCCA at state level recently came into some funding for embedding equity into its work which will involve the regional collaboratives. 4C will be included in that effort
- 4C is considering hiring Ana Rosa to help develop structure of an equity training as part of strategic working sessions (we have a bit of funding from annual member dues)
 - Steering Committee Vote: All in favor!
- A scope of work for these working sessions will be developed and shared in the next few weeks
 - SC Vote: All in favor!

Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact Merge

- Tiffany is working on MOA, will bring it to the SC via email
- Kristin interested in joining the steering committee
- Strategic planning sessions should also mention alignment with SBCRCC and MBRCAC
 - Goal: to streamline and not duplicate efforts

California Economic Summit (December 3-4, 2020)

- ARCCA Executive Committee has been involved in planning the [California Economic Summit](#), working with the California Stewardship Network (CSN)
- Joint meeting in Fri, December 4 between ARCCA member collaboratives and CSN economic development folks
- Focus will be economic recovery and climate intersection
- Scholarships are available, email Rachel
- [2020 Roadmap to Shared Recovery](#)
- Tiffany has a [padlet](#) of information about green recovery efforts

Federal Partnership Meetings

- Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties have held meetings
- 4C and NOAA, FEMA, EDA, EPA, USGS working to collaborate and support local governments in resilience efforts and funding opportunities
- Next up: SLO and Monterey; Santa Cruz likely later due to fire emergencies over summer)
- Counties get opportunities on funding, advice, technical assistance.
- Feds understand how to better provide for local agencies/governments

NSF Rand Corporation

- Coastlines and People grant proposal
- Creates national climate resilience hubs – Central Coast is one of them
 - Equity focus
- If funded, 4C will be able to fund expanding its capacity to lead outreach and engagement for climate resilience coordination along CC.

Grant support letters

- Thank you for signatures and virtual approval
- Is it necessary to get signatures from everyone or can we bypass that and just let the Chair approval? Will email with formal question and call for vote.

Next Meeting: 4C Membership via Zoom

Note new time: Wednesday, December 9th, 2:00pm - 3:00 pm