

4C August 2021 Membership Meeting

August 3, 2021

Attendees:

Central Coast Climate Collaborative (4C)

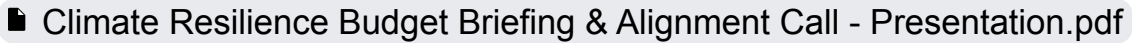
- 13 Steering Committee members
 - Sharyn Main - Community Environmental Council
 - Heather Allen - County of Ventura, VCREA
 - Tiffany Wise-West - City of Santa Cruz
 - Juliano Calil - Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Virtual Planet
 - Garrett Wong - County of Santa Barbara
 - Teresa Romero - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash
 - Rachel Couch - State Coastal Conservancy
 - Kirsten Liske - Ecology Action
 - Nancy Faulstich - Regeneracion Pajaro Valley
 - Kristin Cushman - MBRCAC and Blue Strike Environmental (*not present*)
 - Ashley Paulsworth - County of Monterey (*not present*)
 - Alex Yasbek - City of Watsonville (*not present*)
 - Adrienne Greve - Cal Poly SLO (*not present*)
- Jenn Fields - Sea Grant Climate Ready State Fellow at State Coastal Conservancy
- Sascha Landry - Support Staff Central Coast Climate Collaborative
- Emily Gottlieb - Ecology Action
- Kevin Miller - Central Coast Community Energy
- Lynn Rodriguez - Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County - Integrated Regional Water Management Program
- Whitney Wilkinson - County of Santa Barbara, Planning & Development Department
- Vince Kirkhuff - SLO County APCD
- Jessica Perez, Marissa Castro - Regeneracion
- Jill Hofmann - American Red Cross
- Nicol Manzanares - The Energy Coalition
- Melanie Bretz, Laura Tugwell, Rob Nicely - Carmel Building & Design
- Jay Gentry - Passive House California
- Nathan Bengtsson - PG&E Climate Resilient Team

- Michael McCormick - California Resilience Partnership, Pres of Farallon Strategies, Advisor to Local Govt Commission
- Rebecca Verity - GEI Consultants
- Danny McQuillan - Ventura County APCD

Consultants

- Michael Armstrong, City Scale, Strategic planning
- Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, One Step a la Vez, Food and Water Watch, Equity

Action items:

- Check out slides from Strategic planning process: [4C August Membership Meeting Strategic Planning Update](#)
- If you were not a Tuesday's meeting and have ~5 mins to take a brief survey to help inform 4C's strategic planning process, **please fill out [this survey](#) by Tuesday Aug 10th 1PM**
- Check out slides from state resilience budge call from Aug 3rd 12-2pm

- **Fill out [Climate Resilience Participatory Budgeting Survey](#) (deadline: Friday, August 6th)**
 - The results of this survey will be a key source of stakeholder input (in addition to the input gathered during the call). We know that many voices were missing or underrepresented and we kindly ask for your support in sharing this survey with your networks. We are looking for input from local governments, regional agencies, CBOs and nonprofits, tribes and Native-led organizations, scientists, planners, advocates, and all other stakeholders working on climate adaptation and resilience issues in California.
- Register today for upcoming events in the [12th Annual California Climate & Energy \(CCEC\) Forum!](#) The forum takes place from **August 3rd - 19th**. Register for free here: bit.ly/CCECForumReg
- **CalForward Summit** in Monterey November 9-10th: [Register/info here](#)

Introduction

Third of four strategic planning sessions today ([4C August Membership Meeting Strategic Planning Update](#))

- Been focusing on 4C mission
 - What we done since 2017 and a need to hone in and prioritize what 4C can do & what 4C is best at

- We want to develop the capacity to support membership engagement in a productive way

Statewide Perspective ([Slides here](#))

Michael McCormick: Farallon Strategies, California Resilience Partnership, Advisor to Local Government Commission.

- Convening today hosted by LGC, California Resilience Partnership, and SF Estuary Institute to discuss alignment around advocacy for the allocation of the \$3.7B state budget line for climate resilience.
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- Regionalism emerged as essential to making progress on climate. What is the value of collaboratives vs regional agencies vs funding individual jurisdictions.
- Balance of resources between planning and implementation: Over half of CA jurisdictions don't have a plan, but hoping for more implementation
- At the federal level, the infrastructure package includes \$500B that could have links to resilience. Much of this is "traditional funding," could probably accommodate some good work but won't happen automatically.
 - Climate Nexus article from today includes good links. **Sign up [here](#)**
- Advice on how to connect existing collaboratives to new opportunities?

Q's: So many opportunities and events, how do you meaningfully plug into all the information coming out?

- There are aspects of resilience and adaptation in every part of the CA budget
- What's your role within your region? We can't all do everything
- Share knowledge & best practices

Process to Date and Emerging Direction:

- Goal of the process is to articulate where 4C is going and how will it get there
- Work began a few months ago, focused on equity needs (informed by internal and external survey and supplemental interviews)
- 2/4 Strategic Planning meetings
- Hope to move quickly to a draft plan (early September, provisional)

Potential roles that 4C could play:

1. Operationalize and invest in equity
2. Facilitate access to funding
3. Convene and inform
4. Build 4C's capacity
5. Connect with other climate practitioners and networks
6. Communicate more broadly
7. Build regional resilience

Straw poll activity: [fill out this survey by August 10th](#) if you haven't already

Breakout room/chat activities:

Chat Prompt

What's missing? What's exciting?

Verbatim responses	
Rebecca	1. Building regional connections between neighboring cities/communities so that critical planning (transportation updates related to wildfire, slr etc) is coordinated, not piecemeal 2. Not overstepping the specific role and function of local govts, but helping them expand exposure/connection to other jurisdictions.
Sharyn	excited to have 4C actually operationalize actions and not just be a support/network; excited to see potential funding

	support for grassroots support to engage and support their work
Kirsten	Group was excited for potential to increase impact and secure resources by working together. Did not identify things missing from current recommended set of focus areas. Excited to have a platform to expose the region to specific initiatives like Passiv House to engage other collaborators and support.
Lynn	Everything seems important - how do we actually get the work done in the most effective and efficient manner? It all seems exciting!
Laura	There is so much opportunity when we collaborate and communicate on a regular basis.
Tiffany	It seemed like each item in the form was urgently important although we cannot do all now. Perhaps we could consider phasing things in where immediate priorities are addressed now and ongoing/longer term addressed later. We were excited about the possibility for capacity building making these things possible excitement over the potential funding positioning/accessing
Rachel	Build capacity to engage more widely across levels of government and across region. Use convening platform to elevate climate justice work and cross-network partnerships across the region.
Danny	What's exciting? Common goals and collaboration between groups that don't otherwise mix often, excitement and energy of private sector with the assistance of public sector What's missing? Examples of BMP for what's being implemented by individual groups
Laura	Building decarbonization

Jill	Wish to have at least one best practice a session
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Chat Prompt

Which potential priority area would you be willing and able to contribute time toward?

Verbatim responses

Lynn	Build Regional Resilience - this is the nuts and bolts role that I believe will take us where we must go.
Kirsten	I'd love to partner on roadmapping a multisector path to 52% reductions by 2030 or setting regional carbon zero goals. Also connecting with Philanthropy. Capacity building planning. Operationalizing equity.
Nancy	Operationalize and invest in equity. Build regional resilience.
Rebecca	I'd love to do some creative/informative writing, provide technical info (best practices) on wildfire and/or flood adaptation, and could potentially help on grant applications.
Melanie	Communications to raise awareness and increase participation is an area I'm happy to help with.
Emily	Would love to help with strategies to build 4C's capacity