

## 4C December 2021 Membership Meeting

December 7, 2021

[Recording here](#)

### 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
  - Alex Yasbek - City of Watsonville
  - Adrienne Greve - Cal Poly SLO
  - Kristin Cushman - MBRCAC and Blue Strike Environmental (*not present*)
  - Ashley Paulsworth - County of Monterey (*not present*)
- Jenn Fields - Sea Grant Climate Ready State Fellow at State Coastal Conservancy
- Julian Nesbitt - CivicSpark Fellow at State Coastal Conservancy

### Members

- Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies
- Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, One Step A La Vez
- Leslie Austin, Let's Green CA/Romero Institute
- Emily Dominquez, SLO Climate Coalition
- Eric Veium, SLO Climate Coalition
- Emily Waddington, SB APCD
- Ashley Goldlist, SLO APCD
- Morgan Bostic
- Nathan Bengsston, PG&E
- Rob Nicely, Carmel Building Design
- Lacey Raak, CSU Monterey Bay Sustainability
- Amaury Berteaud, Association of Monterey Bay Area Gov'ts

- Lynn Rodriguez, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
  - Doug Kern, Gaviota Coast Conservancy
  - Nicole Collazo, Ventura APCD
  - Oswaldo Martin, CCCE
  - Jane Gray, IRWM
  - Lara Shellenbarger, Ventura County Watersheds Coalition
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### **Action/Sharing Items**

- Regeneración Pajaro Valley Climate Action: <https://www.regenerationpajarovalley.org/post/2021-year-in-review>; One Step a La Vez: <https://www.osalv.org/>
  - MBRCAC Quarterly meeting 2-4pm Thursday 12/9: [Register here](#)
  - Toxic Tides Webinars on SLR and shoreline contamination upcoming regional workshops: Southern California Regional Workshop Tues Dec 14, 10:00-11:30am. Central Coast Regional Workshop Weds Dec 15, 10:00-11:30am. [Register here](#)
  - [Tool kits for house meetings from CCCJN](#)
  - Share Virtual Planet's [DIVE: An Inspiring Journey through California's Marine Protected Areas](#) with middle school teachers in Santa Cruz area
  - Contact Alex Yasbek [alex.yasbek@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:alex.yasbek@cityofwatsonville.org) if interested in biochar program in Santa Cruz County
  - CA for All College Fellowship grant - Contact Erin Pearse ([epearse@calpoly.edu](mailto:epearse@calpoly.edu)) at CalPoly for info on the [local consortium application](#)
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### **4C Updates**

- New Chair of 4C next year and Rachel will also be stepping down from ARCCA Chair/4C voting member if anyone is interested in that role
  - Currently staffed from the Conservancy, but will be applying for funding for a more permanent staff position
  - MBRCAC Quarterly meeting 2-4pm Thursday 12/9: [Register here](#)
    - Last Quarterly meeting was a Project Charette in October with Monterey Bay Area that crosswalked funding and projects with local jurisdictions
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### **ARCCA Updates:**

- [Updated principles in October](#) and updating governance documents
- Case studies from each of the regions that will feed in the [Adaptation Clearinghouse](#) focusing on equity
- CalFWD/Stewardship Network – Connecting climate action to broader discussion of economic and housing
  - Meeting occurred at this same meeting time

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**State-federal update** - Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies & Ca Resilience Partnership

- Huge opportunity to position Central Coast for funding
- Draft grant guidelines this month and next couple months with public review
  - Grants will be starting more likely within the summer
  - Will need to respond to the grant guidelines directly
- Prepared for great projects when the criteria comes out
- Climate Resilience Partnership: Hilton Foundation funding statewide analysis for gaps and opportunities for climate resilience that will inform grant guidelines—connect with climate collaboratives to find projects and opportunities
  - *Timeline?* Starting work program this week and active stakeholder in January and February and how grants have worked in regions/jurisdictions
  - Statewide analysis in gaps and released by May or latest June but may share earlier for the draft grant guidelines
- \$100 Billion to spend for the next couple years from the state & surplus occurring next year as well
- Could be \$550 Billion nationally for resilience funding from Build Back Better Federal Infrastructure Package
- *Funding sources for capacity building?* – Ocean Protection Council, SGC, OPR Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency, Caltrans and Sustainability Capacity building programs through Caltrans Sustainability grants, Office of Emergency Services (BRIC program); Build Back Better federal funds could pass through state agencies
- ARCCA will be presenting this information as well

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**Central Coast Justice Network Updates** - Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino One Step A La Vez

- [Central Coast Green New Deal](#): Santa Barbara County House Meeting Campaign finished and condensed into a 13-page report with 130 policies to time it out and push forward to the county-wide basis.
- Julian will be helping to do outreach calls to several community organizations for Ventura County Green New Deal efforts
  - 4C helped with grant with CCJN to CalEPA to support the Ventura House meetings/Green New Deal efforts
  - Ventura County report that embodies what grassroots, BIPOC communities want to focus on
- [Tool kits for house meetings](#)
- 4C helped apply for grants within Monterey Bay Region with Regeneracion and Ecology Action to apply the success and work CCJN and create a similar climate justice network in Monterey Area if possible

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## **Countywide Climate + Equity Presentations**

### **San Benito County**

Leslie Austin, Romero Institute/Let's Green CA

- Board of supervisor approved \$200 million for a master sustainability plan
- Not properly resourced and need of support/advice/guidance of RFP and process
- Few people in county working in climate action in San Benito Celina Stotler, Manager of Integrated Waste Management

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### **Monterey County**

*Lacey Raak, CSUMB*

Climate Action Process with Ashley Paulsworth with County–Youth community bo

- Building cycle for Reach code and electrifying their fleets
- Cities but not County level
  - County of SB will be working on local code updates starting in the summery; Feel free to contact Garrett at [gwong@countyofsb.org](mailto:gwong@countyofsb.org)
  - Please consider adding in Drought Ready Construction Ordinance that prepares the building for indoor rainwater to non-potable and outdoor greywater use. All you need to support your reach code here:  
<https://localenergycodes.com/content/reach-codes/energy-plus-water-1/>



CSUMB Office of Sustainability—moved to Inclusive Excellence department to emphasize the connection between sustainability & inclusivity

- Diversity learning series and sustainability certificate and how to merge those into one program and offered outside of CSUMB
- Faculty learning community lead by Chico to increase climate justice/resilience incorporated into their curriculum
  - If you know any faculty in Monterey Area that would be interested let Lacey know
- Electrification project on CSUMB and transit program –looking for grant

*Amuary Berteaud, AMBAG*

AMBAG got a grant to create a Natural Work Land Climate Mitigation and Resilience Study for MBay Working Climate Resilience

- Will look at carbon stocks in Santa Cruz/San Benito/Monterey area in natural and working lands and incorporate finds into future land use and transportation models and will start that work in 2022
- Upcoming letters of support

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### **Santa Cruz County ([Santa Cruz County Slides](#))**

*Juliano Calil, Middlebury Institute of International Studies and Virtual Planet*

- Save Our Shores (Krista Rogers, and Emily Pomeroy) have been deploying our latest experience at local middle-schools around Santa Cruz. This Virtual Reality experience is called; "[DIVE: An Inspiring Journey through California's Marine Protected Areas](#)". There is a dedicated web page with a class program, background information as well as activities for the kids. Feel free to share with middle school teachers in the Santa Cruz area: <https://virtualplanet.tech/dive>.
- Just submitted a grant to develop an immersive experience focused on Cultural Burning that if awarded, will include three main focuses, cultural immersion, an interactive wildfire simulator contrasting Cultural Burning vs. fire suppression practices over an accurate 3D model of the landscape, and a look into the future of wildfires management in the West.

Alex with the City of Watsonville is starting a biochar group in Santa Cruz County to help figure out what a regional approach to biochar might look like and how it could be integrated with SB1383, organic waste, and fuel load reduction management. Send an email if you would like to be included

([alex.yasbek@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:alex.yasbek@cityofwatsonville.org))

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## **San Luis Obispo County**

*Eric Veium, SLO Climate Coalition*

- City of SLO—will be 4C memberships
  - Resilience SLO—The SLO City Vulnerability effort was for update of the Safety Element. Focused on Fire, Flooding, and Heat.
  - CA for All College Fellowship grant - Contact Erin Pearse ([epearse@calpoly.edu](mailto:epearse@calpoly.edu)) at CalPoly for info on the [local consortium application](#).
  - [Climate Coalition](#) Program United Central Coast for Action –education webinars on community choice energy; February webinar on municipal energy community grids
    - Hired Emily Dominguez -Climate Justice position supporting SLO and SB Counties
  - PG&E - Grant in 4 different areas - MicroGrid
  - Annie Seacrest - energy public safety facilities and energy grids
  - Ashley Goldlist SLO APCD - AB 617
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## **Santa Barbara County** ([SB County Slides](#))

[One Climate County of SB Website](#)

- Community input part because draft is out
- Early next year housing element update & safety element update
- Climate change vulnerability assessment board of supervisor presentation last month
- EJ element in process

EV vehicle for everyone/EV Para Todxs

- Bilingual EV education and showcases

Regional resilience projects and wildfire risks/forest health: [Wildfire Resilience Website](#)

- 50 projects and benefit lower-income
  - Indigenous cultural burning project – Chumash Good Fire project
  - Centralized wildfire related open source project matrix
  - Built environment, open space, & community members
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## **Ventura County** ([Ventura County Slides](#))

[IRWM Roundtable of Regions Summit](#)



# Ventura County Region



# Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

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Integrated Regional  
Water Management  
(IRWM) Program –  
focus on regional water  
and climate resilience



Partnership among  
diverse local interests



Planning and  
Program/Project  
Implementation



Funded by local partner  
contributions and  
through grants



# IRWM Roundtable of Regions

## IRWM Climate Resilience Summit – November 2021

- Multiple sponsors/partners across CA
- Engaging across sectors to address climate resilience
- Sustaining regional collaboration through climate collaboratives and IRWM regions
- Alignment of funding, regulations and planning efforts
- Diversity, equity and inclusion – serving previously under-served communities

For more info:

<https://www.roundtableofregions.org/summits>



# 2021 Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Efforts

(In Progress)



- Climate Energy, Action and/or Adaptation Planning
  - ❖ Cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and Ventura
- County of Ventura CAP Implementation
- Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- VC Coastal Resilience Phase II
- City of Port Hueneme Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Planning



# Electrified Transportation Efforts

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- Grant funding to implement Ventura County EV Blueprint
- Funding for EV infrastructure incentives for South Central Coast Incentive Program (CALeVIP)
- Grant funding to implement the Port of Hueneme's Sustainable Power Advancement & Resiliency for our Community (SPARC) Blueprint Project





# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts

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- Farmworker Wildfire Smoke Alert Text System
- Farmworker Resource Program
- County of Ventura Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council(DEI)
  - DEI Council