

**4C Member Meeting
December 14, 2022
12–1:30 pm**

Call-in information:

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Agenda

- 1. Welcome/Introductions in chat** (name, pronouns, org, position, Indigenous land) (5 mins)

Heather Allen, County of Ventura	Garrett Wong, County of Santa Barbara
Mireille Vargas, County of Ventura	Doug Kern, Gaviota Coast Conservancy
Eloy Ortiz, Regeneración	Em Johnson, CEC
Emily Gottlieb, Ecology Action	Emily Waddington, SBC APCD
Eric Veium, SLO Climate Coalition	Amaury Berteaud, AMBAG
Lacey Raak, CSU Monterey Bay	Tiffany Wise West, City of Santa Cruz
Nancy Faulstich, Regeneración	Rachel Couch, CA Coastal Conservancy
Jay Gentry, Passive House CA	Lucia Pohlman, City of San Luis Obispo
Jenn Fields, 4C	Devin Best, Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD
Sam Blakesly, Integral Consulting	Whitney Wilkinson, County of Santa Barbara
Kirsten Liske, Ecology Action	Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies

Teresa Romero, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash	Connor Jandreau, CA Central Coast Joint Venture
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2. 4C and ARCCA Updates - Heather Allen (5 mins)

4C finalized our Strategic Vision, updated our by-laws, restructured our steering committee to be more representative of our membership. We assisted members in submitting three Strategic Growth Regional Climate Collaborative grant applications as well as a Community Economic Resilience Fund application. Hosted a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion training, supported a 5-part Carbon Sequestration Webinar series, and promoted the Resilient Central Coast campaign. More highlights can be found [here](#).

Regarding ARCCA Member Meetings - In November, ARCCA organized our first in-person member meeting since the start of the pandemic. It was a full day of reconnecting, sharing, and strategizing around opportunities for statewide collaboration on the upcoming state and federal climate investments.

- **2023 Member Meetings - we will be organizing two member meetings next year - one on July 31st to coincide with the [California Adaptation Forum](#), and another on November 17th.**

CivicWell is planning a late-January webinar for those interested in forming Climate Resilience Financing Districts (SB-852).

Strategic Growth Council's Resilient Climate Communities Program (RCC) Grant results can be found [here](#) and final ranking of projects are [here](#).

Upcoming State policy engagement opportunities and priorities for ARCCA/APWG.

- SGC Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program Round 1 Draft Guidelines
- Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Guidelines
- OPR Regional Resilience Grant Program
- OPR Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program

3. Special Presentations (15 mins)

- **State of State and Federal Funding Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies, LLC (10 mins, 5 min Q&A)**

[See Michael's slides](#) (Starting at slide 4); resources for funding are linked on slide 11

4. a) 4C Regional Initiatives updates (45 mins)

[See regional initiatives slides](#) (Starting at slide 12)

- Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group - **Tiffany Wise-West**, City of Santa Cruz
- State Coastal Conservancy Climate Resilience Funding - **Rachel Couch**, State Coastal Conservancy
 - Grant Slides and webinar can be found at <https://scc.ca.gov/grants/>
 - After reviewing that material, reach out to Trish Chapman (Trish.Chapman@scc.ca.gov) and/or Rachel Couch (Rachel.Couch@scc.ca.gov) to discuss project ideas to see if the funding is a good fit
- Resilient Central Coast Community Climate Activation Platform - **Emily Gottlieb**, Ecology Action
- Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative - **Garrett Wong**, County of Santa Barbara
- Carbon Sequestration on Working Lands- **Devin Best**, Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

b) 4C member highlights

- CalPoly is meeting the City of SLO's goal of net neutrality by 2035 through their Climate Action Plan process. See [slide 35](#)
- Eric Veium (SLO Climate Coalition)
 - SLO adopted 2023-2027 Climate Action Work Program
 - Climate Adaptation & Safety Element going before Planning Commission
 - 70 College Corps fellows being deployed across SLO County
 - Uniting Central Coast for Action - advocating for resolution on workforce standards for CCA renewable energy projects
- Eloy Ortiz (Regeneración)
 - [Climate of Hope Forum event](#) upcoming in February - theme Art & Environmentalism. They are still seeking sponsorships from organizations and individuals
- Sam Blakesly (Integral Consulting)
 - Shared a [video on a living shoreline project](#) in Santa Cruz. They also have a [case study](#) out on the project
- Nancy Faulstich (Regeneración)
 - Received [Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant](#)
 - County of Monterey lead/Regeneración coordinate

- Downtown Watsonville into Pajaro Valley

5. Proposed 2023 4C Initiatives ([Slides 37-41](#)) - Members (20 mins)

- Tiffany led an activity to poll attendees on their priorities for their work and for 4C. The results can be viewed [here](#) from slides 38 through 41. If you would also like to answer these questions, please email your responses to centralcoastclimate@gmail.com and they will be incorporated into decision making. Thank you!



"Working together for a resilient, equitable Central Coast"



December 2022 4C Member Meeting



Welcome to the **December 2022 4C Member Meeting!**

Please introduce yourself by putting your **name, pronouns, organization, position, & Indigenous land** you reside on in the chat

4C December Member Meeting Agenda

1. **4C and ARCCA Updates** – Heather Allen (5 min)
2. **State of State and Federal Funding** – Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies, LLC (10 min, 5 min Q&A)
3. **Member Updates** (45 min)
 - a) *4C regional initiatives updates*
 - **Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group** – Tiffany Wise-West, City of Santa Cruz
 - **State Coastal Conservancy Climate Resilience Funding** – Rachel Couch, State Coastal Conservancy
 - **Resilient Central Coast Community Climate Activation Platform** – Emily Gottlieb, Ecology Action
 - **Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative** – Garrett Wong, County of Santa Barbara
 - **Carbon Sequestration on Working Lands**– Devin Best, Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
 - **Central Coast Climate Justice Network (CCCJN)** – Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, CCCJN
 - b) *4C member highlights*
4. **Proposed 2023 4C Initiatives** – Members (20 min)



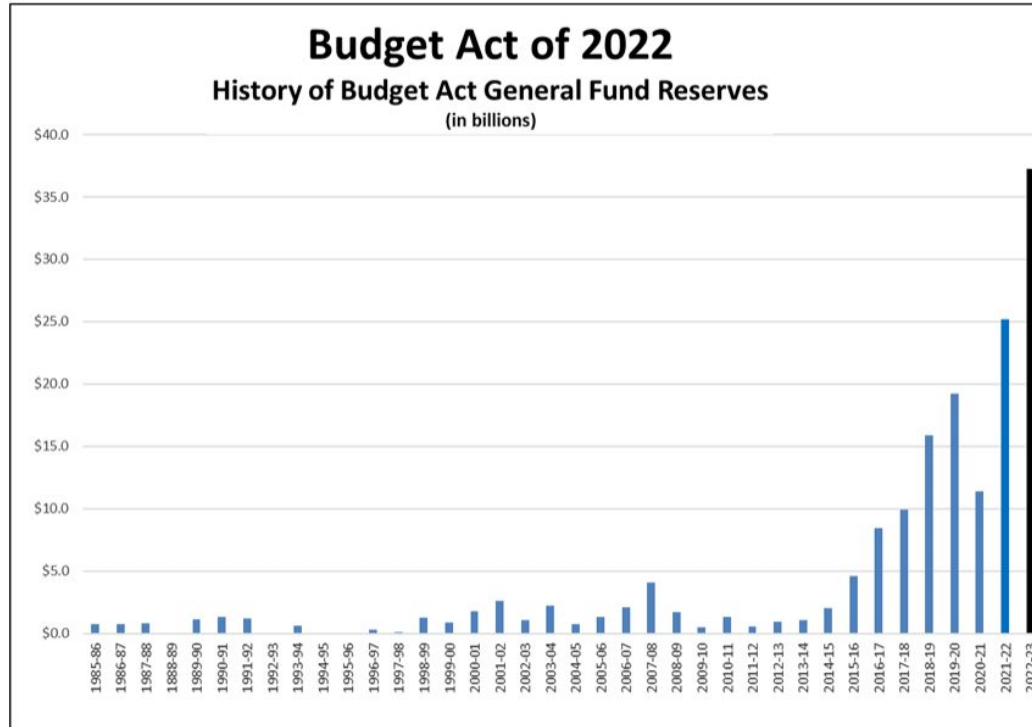
4C State and Federal Funding Update

Michael McCormick
Farallon Strategies; BayCAN; ARCCA Exec Committee; California Resilience
Partnership, Regional Climate Project Working Group
michael@farallonstrategies.com
December 14, 2022

Highlights

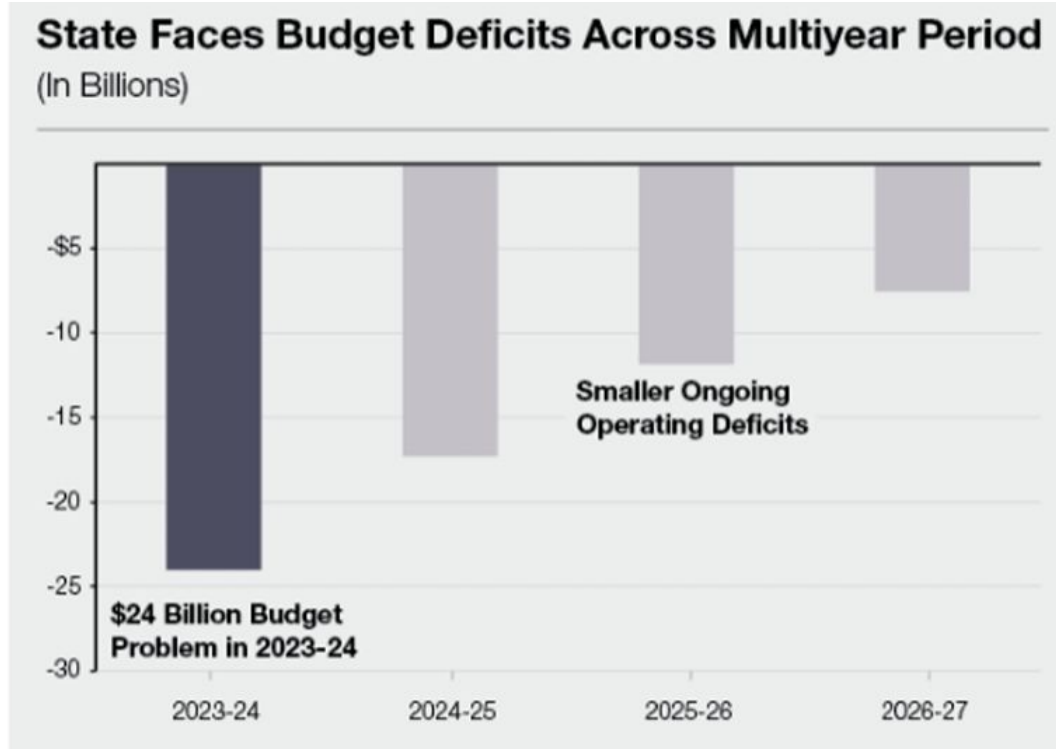
- Projected deficit
- CCEC summary
- ARCCA summary
- Inflation Reduction Act
- Specific near term opps (see BayCAN and ARCCA trackers)

History of Budget Reserves



Source: <https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/2023%20Budget%20Blueprint%20Final.pdf>

Projected Budget Deficit



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The Projected* Budget Deficit

Asm. Ting Lays Out Approach to Budget Deficit

With the expectation that the Governor and Legislature will have to grapple with a budget deficit estimated at \$24 billion in the next year, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair of the Budget Committee, set out the [Assembly's approach](#) on Wednesday. The outline noted that the state has accumulated \$120 billion in reserves across all funds, including \$37 billion in general fund and rainy day fund reserves.

In meeting the projected deficit, the plan calls for making use of some of the reserves, shifting spending to special funds temporarily where possible, borrowing from special funds if needed, expediting investments that are ready to go, and stretching out investments where they may be delayed.

The plan does not address the impact of inflation on state expenditures, but recognizes it must also be included in the ultimate configuration of the budget. The first formal step in the budget process will come when Governor Newsom releases his proposed budget for 2023-24 on or before January 10 of next year.

From CivicWell Newsletter H/T Roger Dickenson

Note: January 10th Deficit Strategy from Governor Newsom

Inflation Reduction Act

Figure 1. Energy supply receives about half of IRA resources, with significant investments in clean manufacturing and housing (billions of dollars)

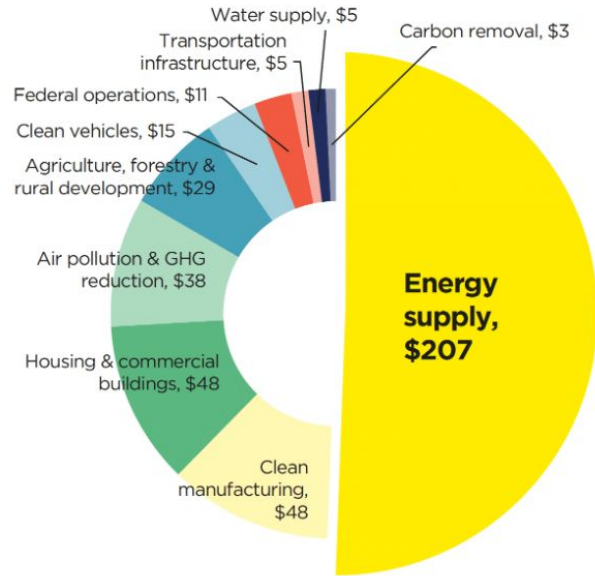
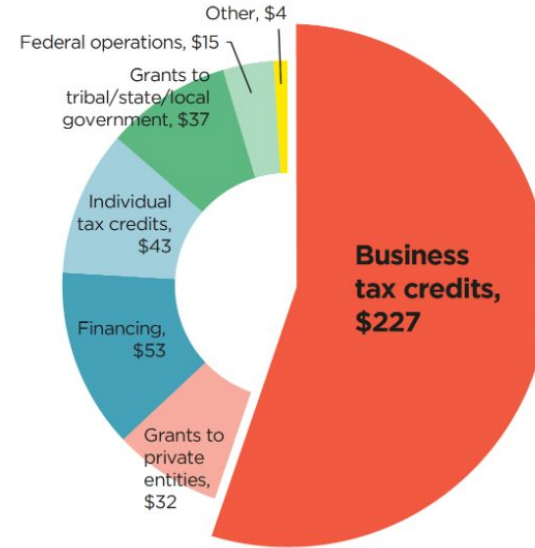


Figure 2. The largest share of IRA funding will be available as tax credits to businesses (billions of dollars)



Highlights

- The State and federal government are struggling with capacity too;
- They need your help to understand your needs;
- Participate in workshops - share your perspective;
- Prepare early through partnerships for grants.

“Because the IRA was passed into law through the budget reconciliation process, its provisions are financial and not regulatory: as Figure 2 shows, a majority of IRA funding goes toward tax credits and other financial incentives. This means the ultimate impact of the IRA depends on who is able to access these incentives and how they are used. A key role for local governments and their partners will be to inform, support, and assist local businesses, organizations, and individuals to tap into these financial incentives.” - *Climate action and the Inflation Reduction Act: A guide for local government leaders*

Resources You Should Use

[ARCCA 2022 Legislative and Budget Summary](#)

[CCEC 2022 Legislative and Budget Summary](#)

[Climate Mayors and C40 IRA Summary Report](#)

[ARCCA Grants Tracker](#)

[ARCCA Calendar](#)

[California Grants Portal](#)



4C Regional Initiative Updates

Good news - there are once in a lifetime funding commitments

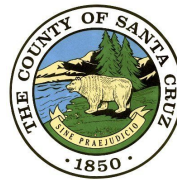
\$3.5 Trillion in Federal & State Investments



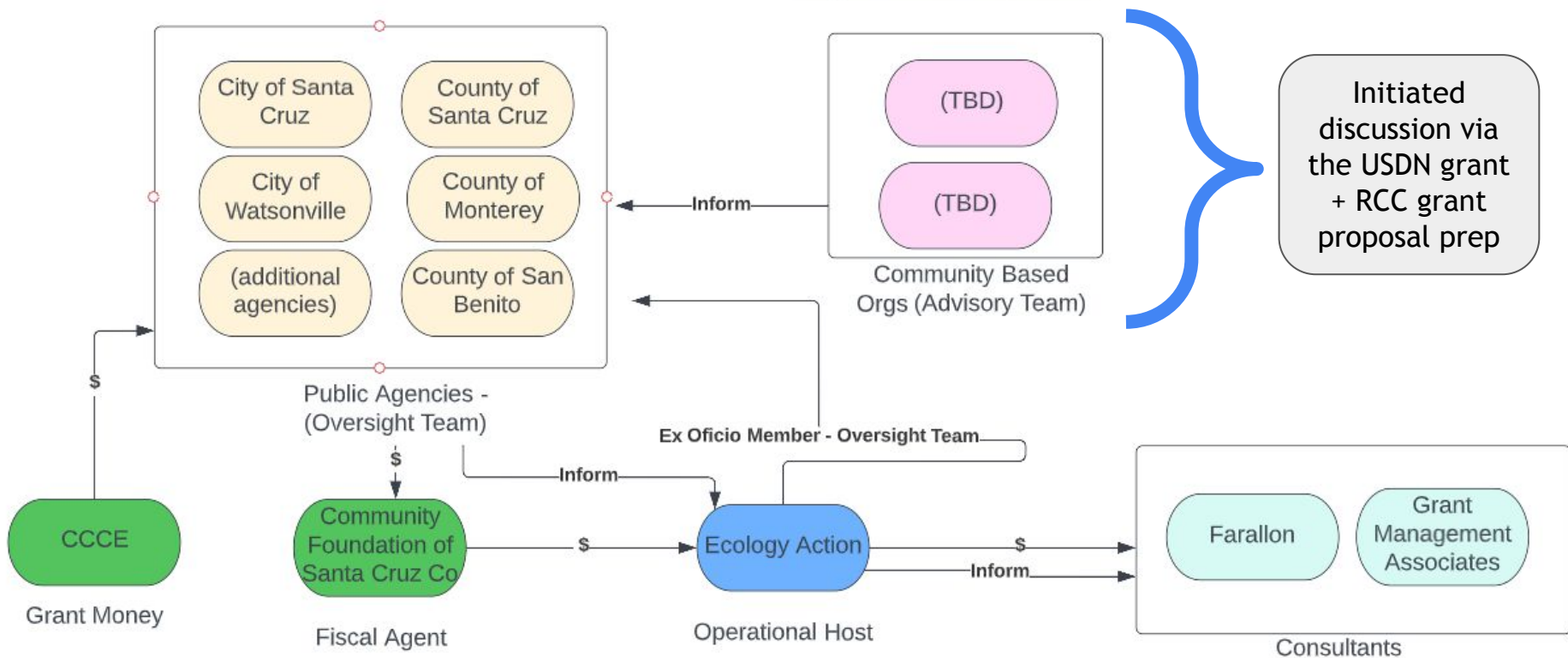
- Our region's share?
- Most will be competitive solicitations
- How do we succeed as a region of smaller jurisdictions?
 - Overextended
 - Understaffed
 - Overwhelmed
 - Capacity!

Purpose of Regional Climate Project Working Group

The RCPWG was formed to overcome capacity and funding constraints as well as increase collaboration and competitiveness of region in accessing funding for mutual climate priorities.



Working Org Chart



Outcomes

- CCCE matching grant
- USDN Grant
 - JEDI training
 - CBO relationship building
- RCC grant proposal
- Role in regional CERF
- Consultants hired to assist with governance and roadmap strategy
- Draft Project Charter





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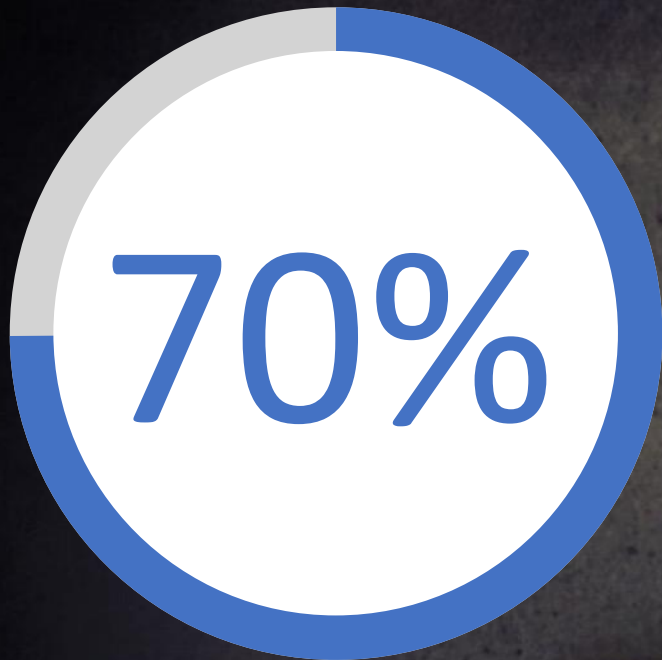


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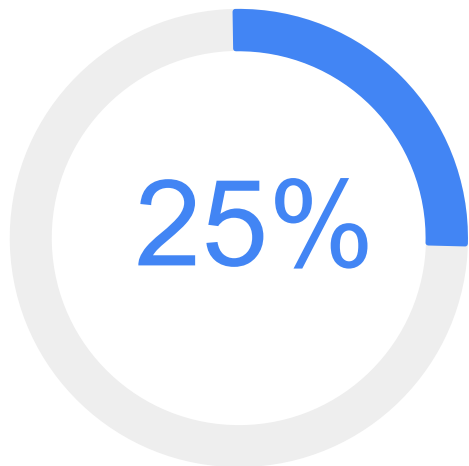
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ARTS, HUMANITIES, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Tipping point for large-scale social change? Just 25 percent

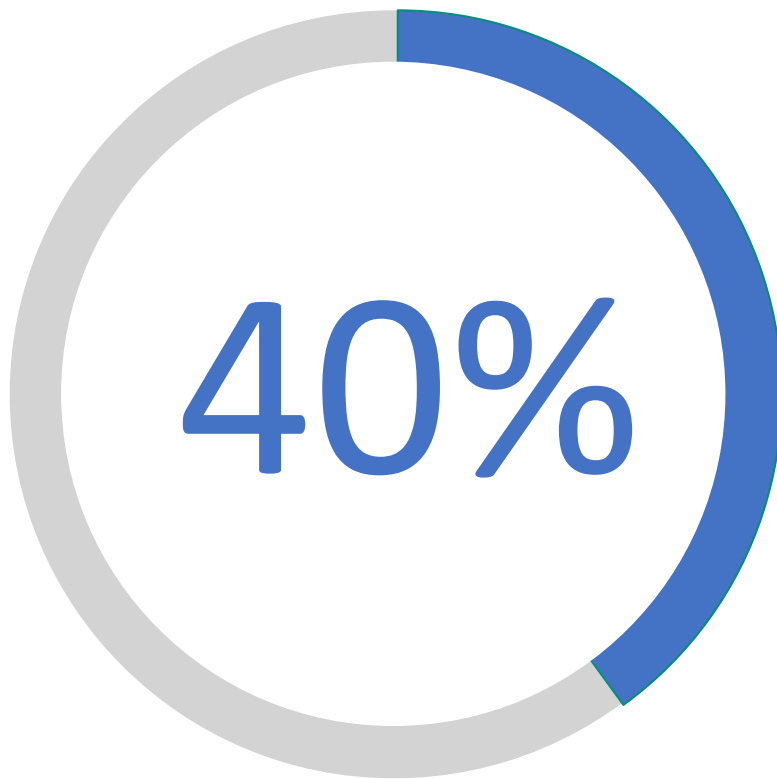
When the size of a minority committed to social change reached just one-quarter of the group, it was consistently able to establish a new norm in the larger group, a finding with implications for behavior in the workplace, online, and in our communities.



US GHG Emissions

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5 basic household activities



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one COUNTY | one FUTURE

Micro
Community
COLLABORATIVE

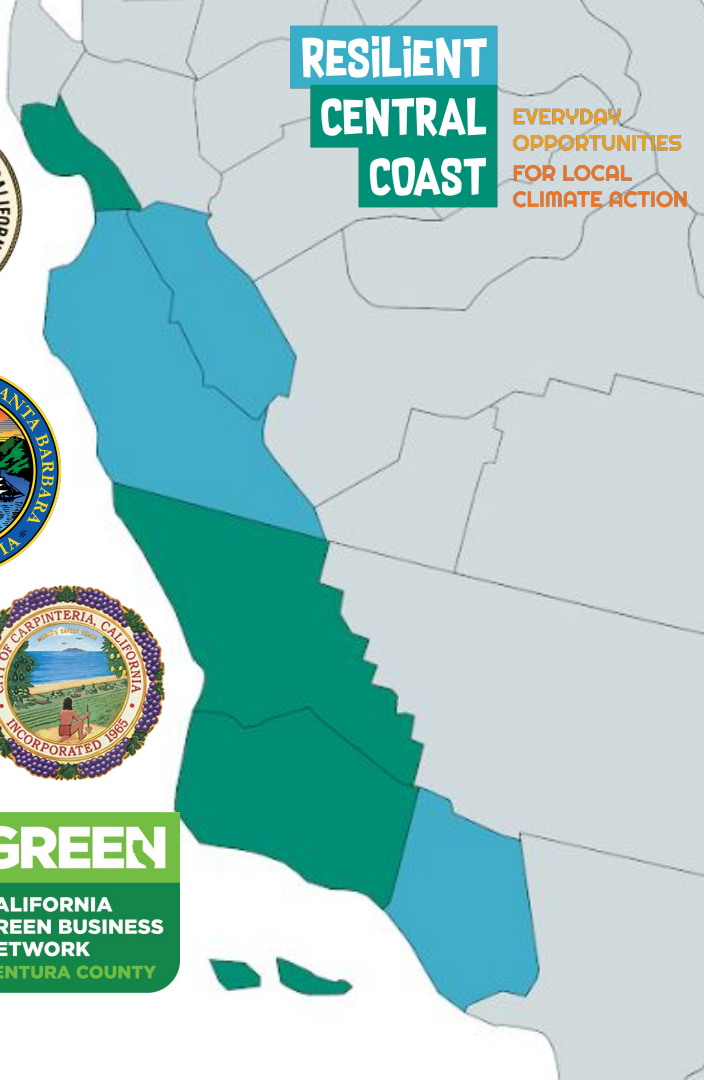
A Working Group of SLO Climate Coalition



Central Coast
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Energy



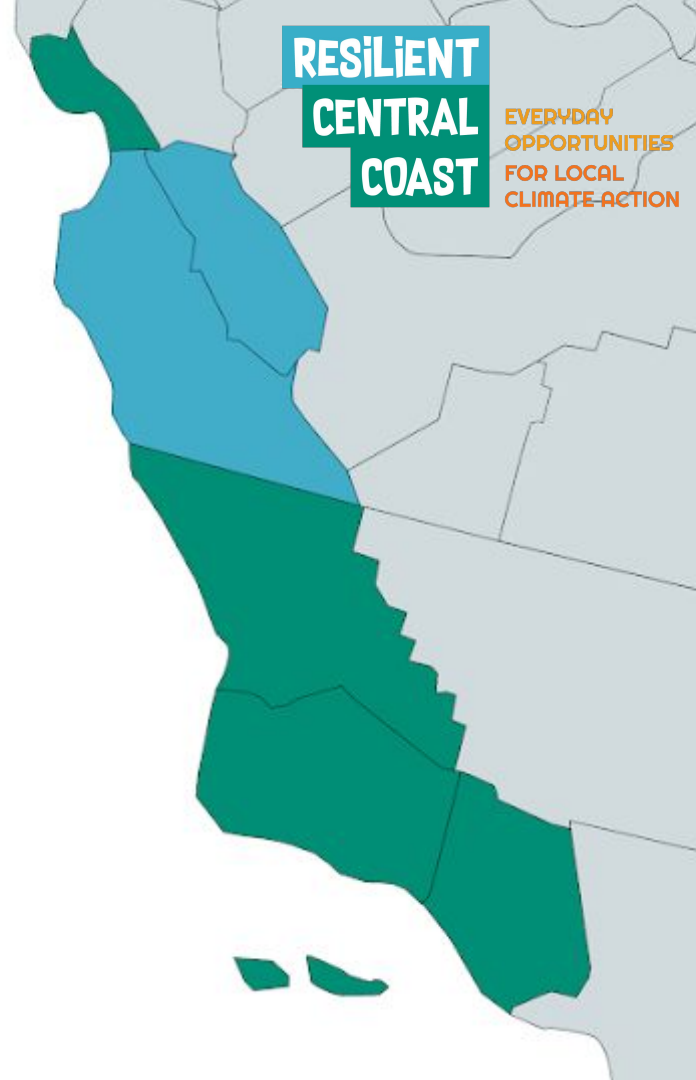
COUNTY of VENTURA



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Resilient Central Coast Campaign Landing Page!

resilientcentralcoast.org



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JOIN THE CHALLENGE

WHY JOIN? →



1,000

HOUSEHOLDS BY APRIL 2023
PARTICIPATION GOAL



500

TONS OF CO₂ BY APRIL 2023
REDUCTION GOAL

TOP COMMUNITY GROUP

TOP TEAM

40% of emissions for the U.S. come from 5 basic household activities we do every day – electricity use, home heating, transportation, food choices and waste we send to landfill

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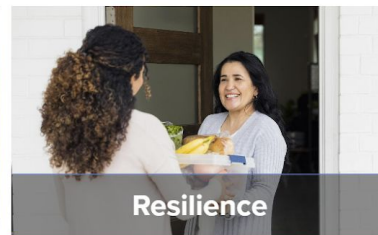
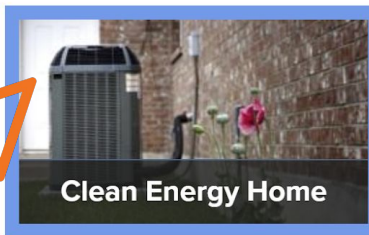
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Take action to make a difference

 Action Categories

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Our Goal:



5,200
HOUSEHOLDS
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2,600
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Questions?

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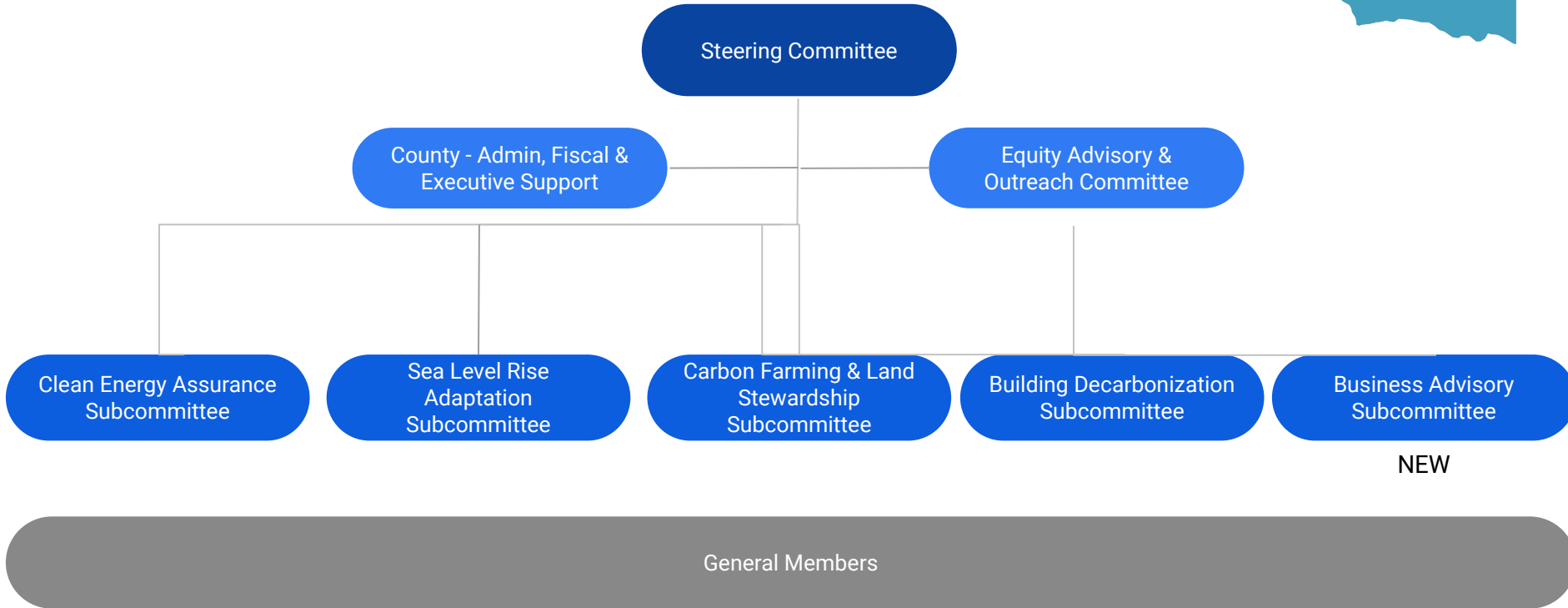
Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative

Garrett Wong

Climate Program Manager, County of Santa Barbara

Collaborative Manager, Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative

Organizational Structure



2022 Collaborative Highlights



- Applied for and received \$225,000 grant funding to develop 3 resilience hubs throughout the County
 - Blue Sky Center, New Cuyama
 - Franklin Neighborhood Center & Eastside Library, Santa Barbara
 - Girls, Inc, Carpinteria
- (City of Santa Barbara) Applied for and received \$630,000 grant funding to develop a regional sea level rise monitoring plan & program
- Developed and implemented a 5-part webinar series on carbon sequestration and offsets
- Applied for \$1.75M RCC grant to support Guadalupe & Lompoc city governments and CBOs to build capacity and enhance climate resilience
- Learn more at **countyofsb.org/collaborative**

Thank you

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Mitigating Climate Impacts on the Central Coast

Our vision is to create a regional ecosystem where landowners across the Central Coast have the means of easily and rapidly adopting sustainable practices to achieve our environmental objectives and reduce climate impacts.

Success depends upon agencies transparently working together to increase and accelerate funding as well as enable easy implementation.

Success will provide a blueprint for other regions to achieve their own environmental objectives beyond the Central Coast.

Successfully mitigating climate impacts locally may encourage environmental investment in the Central Coast by counties and municipalities that lack the ability to implement similar initiatives in their own jurisdictions.

This presents counties and cities with opportunities to integrate projects with their Climate Action Plans and legally required environmental action.

As such, the Central Coast will offer the state and nation with an inventory of environmental initiatives in which to invest and the means to rapidly bring it to fruition.

RCDs identify environmental projects



Regional value created

Increased funding

Regional collaboration and consistent execution increases the ability to secure funding

Accelerated speed

Provide rapid access to funding, expertise and equipment

Improved quality

Landowners gain access to technical expertise and equipment

Reduced cost

Agency collaboration and economies of scale increase impact per dollar spent

Better experience

RCDs navigate the bureaucratic environment to secure funding and permitting on behalf of landowners

Automated reporting

Agencies seamlessly track how their collaboration impacts their climate objectives (CAPs, CEQA, SB 1383)

Success against climate impacts

Increasing the speed and ability to implement sustainable land practices exponentially increases our ability to counteract climate impacts

A means for landowners,
municipalities and counties to achieve
their Environmental objectives.



Climate
Action Plans



4C Member Highlights

We welcome you to share a **1-2 minute** update from your organization with any highlights from 2022 or initiatives for 2023!



CAL POLY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2.0

Led by Adrienne Greve, Marina Varano, Stephanie Cain, and Franklin Pandoy

PolyCAP 2.0



Target: Net Carbon Neutral by 2035



Main Elements

GHG Inventory
Vulnerability Assessment
Public Outreach
Strategy Development
Implementation Strategies



Timeline

GHG Inventory (Done)
Vulnerability Assessment (In-Progress)
Outreach (In-Progress with final event
Jan.)
Strategy Development (December &
January)
Plan Development
(November-February)
Plan Completed (February)

Proposed 2023 4C Initiatives–Menti Meter Activity

1

Go to link below

<https://www.menti.com/ala8pscr8352>

2

Scan QR code below on your mobile device



Results from Menti poll

Please Rank Possible 4C Initiatives for 2023

 Mentimeter



What are your top 3 Emissions Mitigation priorities for 2023?

Compost application

Implement Carbon Amendments on working lands

Transportation building electrification
nature based solutions

Regional transit solutions

Equitable building decarbonization;
zero emissions mobility; carbon
sequestration mechanisms

Working lands carbon sequestration

- energy efficiency / demand
response - NWL climate solutions-
transportation electrification

Community and Agency transition to
EVs, Electrification of Buildings,
Carbon Sequestration

Blue carbon

What are your top 3 climate adaptation priorities for 2023?

Coastal land acquisition

Extreme heat; capacity building; community resilience centers

Extreme Heat Adaptation Action Plan in Ventura and SB Countied

- NWL climate solutions- Woody biomass utilization- EV infrastructure resiliency

open space management practices (process based restoration / BDAs / carbon sequestration / fuel reductions), urban forest in city core, community resilience centers

Implementing climate action plans and carbon farm plans

Resiliency Centers, Wildfire Preparedness, Coastal Resiliency

Heat stress. Climate resilience hubs. Protect farmworkers from heat smoke and work loss

sea level rise adaptation, resilience hubs for extreme heat and flooding

What are your top 3 climate adaptation priorities for 2023?

Nature based solutions, habitat restoration, sea level rise

Planning and implementing living shoreline projects that move infrastructure out of harm's way.

Wildfire management

Nature based solutions, habitat restoration, sea level rise planning