

# 4C Membership Meeting Minutes

## March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3:30 PM

1. **Welcome / Introductions in chat** (name, pronouns, position, Indigenous land)
2. **4C and ARCCA Updates**
  - New leadership and Staff
    - Rachel, Heather, Julian, Morgan, and Garrett introductions
  - 2022 Member Invoicing
    - Email Morgan Bostic @ [mbostic@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:mbostic@cityofsantacruz.com) if you have any issues with your invoicing.
    - Final [4C 2021-2023 Strategic Vision](#) was sent out in January. The Vision articulates CORE functions and the strategic priorities that will receive investment over the next 3 years.
  - 4C and the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative are co-hosting the [Carbon Sequestration Webinar Series](#)
    - 4/19 (Tuesday @ 3:30 pm); 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18 (Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm)
    - Register for sessions 1-4 [here](#)
    - Register for session 5 [here](#)
  - Community Economic Resilience Fund ([CERF](#)) and SGC Regional Climate Collaboratives ([RCC](#)) Working Groups
    - 4C is tracking CERF funding sources; 4C has formed working groups and helped draft comment letters to increase capacity for working on climate initiatives.
      - [ARCCA](#) RCC Draft Guidelines Comment Letter
      - [Ecology Action](#) RCC Draft Guidelines Comment Letter
    - An [Equity Survey](#) will be sent out to equity groups in the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties. A similar survey was sent to the Monterey Bay region.
    - Special April SCC Coastal Resilience Member Meeting - 4C members are invited to a meeting focusing on the Coastal Conservancy's strategic plan update.
3. **Adopted [4C Governance Bylaws](#)**
  - Steering Committee [Application Form](#) due date Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - 11 potential representatives to better reflect the membership; the structure will reflect the diversity of the org and encourage more diversity, rather than being local gov. heavy. The goal of the bylaws update was to address this.
    - No fee for EJ groups to join 4C

#### 4. Good News in Climate

- Regeneracion sponsoring a **Climate of Hope** event: climate resilience panel - equitable climate resilience and a healthy future for all. Nice gathering opportunity.
- **Community Action Fund** will be hiring a grant writer - the RFQ just closed, and proposals are being evaluated. The goal is to secure \$10M for climate work over the next 2 years. Funding will be allocated to invite equity folks to come onto the team. Fleshing out a grants tracker in Airtable, a searchable grant tracking platform for the region.
- **UCSC** is hiring a **sustainability and diversity educational programs manager** and investigating the social cost of carbon. UC is going carbon neutral by 2025 and have a lot of offsets planned; there will be an offset technical committee that is dialing in policies around additionality, ethics, and carbon sequestration.

#### 5. Program: Resilient Cities Catalyst: [Statewide Landscape Analysis to Inform California's Climate Resilience Grant Programs](#) - Jeb Brugmann & Amelia Smyth presented:

- Hilton Foundation initiatives: get a sense of the ground-level realities and points of view for how the funding can be used.
  - Public health stressors: not centering equity creates consequences, a lot of response to sudden on-set disasters, posture of response, lack of proper translation has been a double hazard to ESL households in order to find safety and protect themselves.
  - Equity issues are a concern when people try to get to a cooler environment on the coast and public places designed for cooling.
  - Not only from local fires, but a deficit of education and understanding. Woefully disconnected.
  - Need funding for prevention and public health.
  - Climate migrants re: WUI fires affecting those areas.
  - Purpose today is to gather input from 4C Membership on the following questions:
- What have you found to be the funding environment where support is needed to address these issues?
  - To the extent local jurisdictions are doing CAP plans, these issues are getting addressed; it is on a jurisdictional basis.
  - Need regulatory piece to get the interdepartmental benefit for plans
- Who most needs money to strengthen efforts in those areas?
  - Need general capacity on climate.
  - Way to de-silo (workshops).
  - Grant writing.
  - RCDs need money for water conservation.
  - Local landowners.

- Grants are long and a lot of work.
- What are your ideas?
  - Opportunity for OPR funding to be much more flexible to build the standing capacity required for local institutions.
  - State agencies need to figure out their best practices for OPR to reference.
  - The futility of the scale of issues we are trying to address that are decades in the making. How decisions get made, how investments are made pre-date a lot of the work that is underway.
  - Shifting decision-making capability.
  - Rules and metrics are based on the old system. We don't value things that will build real community resilience; things that are harder to measure.
  - Consistent funding, without much on the admin side.
  - Combining efforts!
  - Work together to build capacity that can benefit the whole.
  - Band width of local electeds to make it a priority.
  - Decentralized model of administrative leadership.
  - Sonoma County Regional Climate Agency - regional agency to work across sectors towards a climate agenda.
- Any thoughts on if you want the state to come up with a formula that then agencies can respond to? OPR's experience has been that this adds to your complexity?
  - Community choice energy programs are growing, and these programs are focused on mitigation, decarb, funding electrification, and other related programs. Variety of conversations. Mission-driven layer around decarb.
  - Leveraging.
  - How do policymakers get involved in the collab model?
- OPR is doing a statewide sample on equity to help make a case to the Governor's Office, \$275m dollars
  - Next steps are to continue to inform the group on how things are shaping up. Continuing to get ideas.

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## RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

### Regional Landscape Analysis, Agenda Setting Sessions

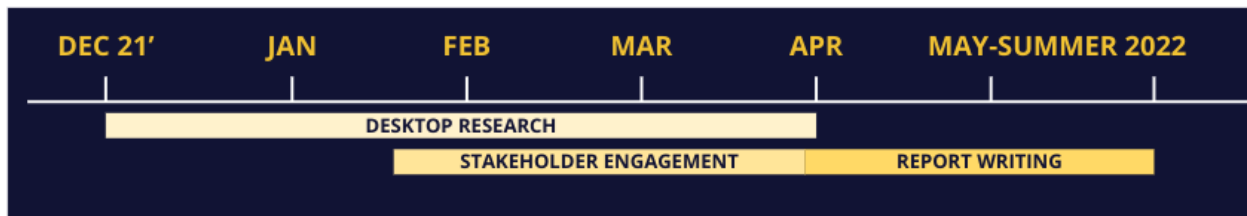
Supporting Historic Climate Investments in Communities Across California

The State of California is preparing to provide unprecedented levels of financial support for local climate resilience planning, capacity building, and project preparation across all nine state regions. The local and regional capacity building and efforts that these state funds can support can also assist localities' efforts to secure federal project planning, design, and capital funds, including funds soon to be available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC), Farallon Strategies, and CivicWell, recently received a grant from The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to conduct a statewide analysis on governance gaps and opportunities for regional climate resilience. The impetus for this work is the historic level of funding allocated in the FY 2021-2022 State budget to support climate resilience. The Legislature and Governor Newsom responded to California's significant climate change impacts by allocating \$3.7 billion for climate resilience (and \$15 billion for climate overall), and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) received \$275 million to distribute from 2022-2025. OPR should begin providing grant funding in 2022 for community-based organizations, non-profits, regional climate collaboratives, and municipalities to spearhead and/or further advance climate mitigation and adaptation across the State. Our goal in conducting regional engagement processes and related analyses is to highlight where gaps and opportunities exist to make the greatest impact through their grant programs. Our analysis will include an overview of needs and capacities across all the State's regions while answering critical questions related to governance structures.

### Regional Engagement Process

The agenda setting session with 4C and agenda setting sessions with other key constituencies across the region will serve as one key component of stakeholder engagement in the regional landscape analysis that will continue through early Spring of 2022 and conclude in a final statewide report.



### Session Objectives

The Agenda Setting session with 4C aims to provide an opportunity for Central Coast representatives to:

- Share what aspects of climate resilience work are most in need of greater and/or more stable funding;

- Discuss how funds could flow in a way that would build the greatest lasting organizational, institutional, community, and professional capacity in the region; and
- Consider what would be the most efficient channels for funding for different types of entities, the climate preparedness of different constituencies, and different types of climate resilience work (e.g., technical assessments, training and capacity building, project preparation).

### Session Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
:00 - :10	<b>Introduction to the Process</b>
:10 - :30	<b>Climate Resilience Gaps Poll</b>
:30 - 0:55	<b>Mechanics and Governance</b>
0:55 - 1:00	<b>Closing and Next Steps</b>

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### About the California Resilience Partnership

The California Resilience Partnership is a statewide, multimillion-dollar public-philanthropic effort led by Resilient Cities Catalyst in coordination with a diverse set of organizations and stakeholders, along with participation by representatives of California State agencies, to support collaboration on statewide priorities. This multi-sector model, expanding to regions statewide, will develop new partnerships to advance high-impact projects that tackle California’s complex resilience challenges in regions across the state. The CRP model is designed to attract philanthropic and other funders for high-impact, equity-focused resilience projects.