



## 4C Newsletter July 2023

### Central Coast Climate Resilience Practitioners:

Welcome to the 4C newsletter, where you will find a selection of climate news and events relevant to the Central Coast.

Consider joining 4C! To view our rate structure, click [here](#). Membership dues are waived for social / environmental justice organizations.

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## News and Updates

A collaboration between The FUND, a Native-led consulting firm, Evolve Equity, and researchers from UCSB and USC, the initiative began in late 2021 with the completion of a regional equity study and report, [Toward a Just and Equitable Central Coast](#), which centers around Eleven Principles and Priorities for Research and Action—number one being "*Respect the rights and experiences of Indigenous people.*"

In 2021 the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) released their [Kelp Action Plan](#) containing strategies and opportunities to address the kelp crisis proactively. This included the launch of a statewide [Kelp Recovery Research Program](#) through which OPC and California Sea Grant, in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), solicited proposals for “solutions-oriented” projects that would directly inform the efforts of resource managers to protect and restore kelp ecosystems statewide. Results from those projects are now available [here](#).

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## Events & Webinars

[Uplift Central Coast Coalition Community Convenings](#)  
Central Coast wide (in-person) | July 10th–13th

Join the [Uplift Coalition](#) for community meetings across the region for an opportunity to learn about the CERF planning process and project progress, meet with community members and organizations engaging in the work, and voice your experiences and insight on both the issues and challenges that face our communities and the opportunities and possibilities that are in the future of our Central Coast region. To register for your county's specific meeting find it on the link here. Virtual community update video is available [here](#) with slides [here](#)

[Register Here](#)

### [California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment Regional Workshops](#)

**July 11th–September 13th | 8:30AM–12:30PM**

Join [California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment](#) team for in-person workshops from July–September 2023 in each of the Assessment's nine regions of the state! During these meetings, attendees will be invited to give input on the draft framework for the Regional Synthesis Reports, identify local priorities for the Fifth Assessment to address, and begin identifying partners interested in being part of regional author teams.

[Register Here](#)

### [State Water Board Forum on Climate and Racial Equity](#)

**July 17th | 1:15–4PM**

This forum will serve as an opportunity for input on how the Water Boards should prioritize climate action related to our mission. Researchers, advocates, and community organizations will share about tools, experiences, and recommendations that the Water Boards can learn from to address disproportionate climate impacts. Members of the public are invited to listen in, and there will be time for input and questions. This is the first public event to inform the early development of the Climate and Racial Equity Strategy (CARES), a State Water Board Racial Equity Action Plan commitment.

[Register Here](#)

### [SGC's Catalyst Regional Roundtable Summer Series](#)

**July 21st in Palm Desert, CA & August 5th in Oakland, CA or virtual**

Following the inaugural Catalyst Conference earlier this year, SGC staff will host two regional roundtables bringing together diverse partners and communities around the theme "Scaling Government Innovation & Catalyzing Equitable Community Transformation." The goal of the regional convenings is to continue building momentum, developing partnerships, and identifying regional opportunities for equitable community investment as state and federal governments make major funding available.

[Register Here](#)

### [CA Adaptation Forum 2023](#)

**Pomona, CA | July 31st–August 2nd**

The draft program for this year's California Adaptation Forum is now live! The program features over 90 interactive activities – from

breakout sessions and workshops to tours and networking events, highlighting various aspects of climate adaptation and community resilience throughout California.

[Register Here](#)

See more events at [ARCCA's Climate Calendar](#) or [3C-REN Events and Trainings Calendar](#)

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## Funding and Job Opportunities

[Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Decision-Making RFP](#): On July 10, Lenfest Ocean News will open a RFP for elevating Indigenous ways of knowing in decisions Indigenous people have been historically excluded from. **More information is available through their newsletter.**

OPC is seeking applicants to help develop the [Senate Bill 1 Technical Assistance Program \(SB 1 TA Program\)](#). The goal of this first-ever [OPC TA Program](#) is to provide direct application services to qualified SB 1 Grant Program applicants to ensure equitable access to sea-level rise planning funds and coastal resilience resources. See the [Request for Proposals](#) for full details on this funding opportunity. The maximum amount for this project must not exceed a total of \$1,000,000. Due **July 13, 2023 by 5PM**.

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has made \$8.5 million in funding available through the [Regional Climate Collaboratives \(RCC\) program](#), which is part of the Community Assistance for Climate Equity suite of programs. The RCC program funds cross-sectoral partnerships to build capacity for climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience within under-resourced communities. Grantees will use the funds to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a focus on increasing access to funding for project planning and implementation. Read more in the [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) and [final guidelines](#).

### [Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program](#)

ICARP has published the final guidelines and application materials for the Regional Resilience Grant's first round of funding (\$9.4 Million). The first step to applying for the Regional Resilience Grant is filling out the [Intent to Apply Survey](#). The sooner you complete the survey, the sooner RRGF will send you access to the application. Applicants must submit their complete applications on **August 29, 2023 by 5:00PM**

### [Solicitation to Fund Core Climate Research for California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment](#)

The California Institute for Energy and Environment at the University of California, Berkeley, in partnership with the California Natural Resources Agency, has announced a new solicitation (RFP) to fund research that fills critical gaps in the scientific literature related to

understanding and adapting to climate change impacts in California. Submissions are due **July 17, 2023 by 5:00PM** PTD and should be submitted electronically to [ccca@berkeley.edu](mailto:ccca@berkeley.edu).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has released the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for up to \$575 million to help coastal communities increase their resilience to extreme weather events and impacts from climate change. The funds are available through the competitive [Climate Resilience Regional Challenge](#), managed by the NOAA Office of Coastal Management, and provided by the Inflation Reduction Act. The program aims to invest in collaborative, regional approaches to climate resilience, with an emphasis on equity, adaptation, and building enduring capacity. The closing date for letters of intent is **August 21, 2023**. Direct questions to [resiliencechallenge@noaa.gov](mailto:resiliencechallenge@noaa.gov).

[Amah Mutsun Land Trust](#) is hiring [Native Plant Program Assistant](#) and [Development and Communications Manager](#) positions.

Find more funding resources at [CAGrantsPortal](#), [ResilientCA](#), or [OPR Federal Grants](#)

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## In case you missed it

- [14th Annual California Climate & Energy Forum Resources](#)
- [30x30 Virtual Expo Series](#)
- [ICARP June Newsletter](#)

### *On-going webinar series*

- [CA Natural Resources Agency Secretary Speaker Series](#)
  - [UC Davis Climate Adaptation Research Center: Climate Adaptation Series All Available on Demand](#)
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## Why join 4C?

Benefits of Membership include:

- Network with climate leaders and practitioners in the Central Coast region
- Exchange knowledge re: best practices, replicable strategies, and innovative solutions on climate mitigation and adaptation
- Support for regional grant funding proposals and initiatives
- Find up-to-date climate change news, resources, opportunities, events
- Engage to align state, regional, and local efforts: research and applied science, policies, programs, plans, and projects
- Expand leadership and awareness on equitable climate action and adaptive solutions
- Participate in working groups
- We offer membership reciprocity with other select climate groups. See [our website for more information](#), or reach out to the email address below.
- We have a sliding scale for membership dues depending on size and

type of organization. Social and environmental justice groups join for free!

See [Membership Form](#) for details.

Questions or feedback? Email us: [centralcoastclimate@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastclimate@gmail.com)

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