



4C Newsletter Winter 2024

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.

News and Updates

Learn more about the Central Coast Climate Collaborative's 2022–2023 Steering Committee Members with our new [Steering Committee Testimony video](#) created by 4C's previous CivicSpark Fellow Julian Nesbitt!

NOAA released the draft designation documents for the [Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary](#) – the first Tribally nominated National Marine Sanctuary. Public comments due October 25, 2023.

Please take the [newly released survey on Understanding Perceptions of Climate Change and Marine Protected Areas](#) on climate change and California's marine protected areas (MPAs)!

- The purpose of the survey is to build a locally-focused understanding of concerns as they relate to climate changes and MPAs, as well as an understanding of potential solutions to help inform decision-makers into the future, and to inform the MPA Collaborative Network's ongoing climate initiative.
- No prior knowledge of climate change, ocean science, or MPAs needed.
- Share within your own network!

UC Santa Barbara's Ocean and Coastal Policy Center released a report on [Planning for Sea Level Rise on California's Coast: Status, Trends, and Recommendations](#)

New website for [Uplift Central Coast](#). This group encompassing six counties is in a unique position to create an economic development plan specific to the needs of the region it serves. Uplift Central Coast will work to determine how best to use CERF funds for maximum impact for residents, creating a comprehensive plan for how to allocate resources.

The River Network created a two-part toolkit on [Fostering Community Leadership](#) and [Fostering Community-led Research and Knowledge](#) that aims to build the capacity of organizations to serve as catalysts in supporting members of their communities stepping into leadership roles, as well as engaging them meaningfully in defining the scope of local climate change risks and impacts, and formulating and implementing equitable solutions alongside key partners.

[CA Coastal Dune Science Network](#) has received funding to conduct a state-wide dune inventory and performance framework to identify current conditions/resilience of dunes. For more information view the UC Climate Action Grant project [description](#). [Contact the team](#) if you can provide dune data (boundary delineation, drone imagery, historical dune presence).

Events & Webinars

[2023 Central Coast Sustainability Summit](#)

October 18, 2023 | 8AM–5PM

The event will bring together representatives from local governments and organizations to discuss common sustainability issues, share best practices, and seek partners in collaboratively addressing complex environmental and economic issues in our region.

[Register here](#)

[Impacts of Offshore Wind on Sea Turtles and Fish](#)

October 18, 2023 | 10AM–12PM

CMSF and expert scientists will discuss the known and unknowns about the impacts of floating offshore wind. A series of 4 brief presentations by researchers and industry experts will be followed by a Q&A session with State, Federal, and Tribal partners, as well as commercial anglers.

[Register here](#)

[Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Climate Resiliency Project News Conference](#)

October 23, 2023 | 11AM–12PM | Moss Landing, CA

Save the date and join the Transportation Agency of Monterey County, Assembly Member Dawn Addis and other elected officials and community partners to announce and celebrate the grant of \$1 million in State funding for the Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough climate resiliency project that will evaluate potential critical infrastructure updates to the sea level rise vulnerable transportation corridors along

the Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing.

[More info here](#)

[Climate Solutions Now Conference](#)

October 25–27, 2023 | 8AM–5PM

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Initiative for Climate Leadership and Resilience is hosting an all virtual conference on climate change and sustainability hosted by .

[Register here](#)

[Youth Climate Workshop](#)

October 28, 2023 | 10AM–3:30PM | Santa Barbara, CA

Opportunity for teens from across the Central Coast to gather in our new environmental building in downtown Santa Barbara with climate experts, to discuss and learn about climate anxiety, policy advocacy, everyday earth-friendly actions, and how to communicate about climate change.

[Register here](#)

[Planning for EV Readiness and Community Resiliency Efforts](#)

November 1, 2023 | 10–11AM

This event will be beneficial to anyone interested in local electric vehicle infrastructure planning, sustainability plans, data collection for green certifications, and generally working within communities that have a hesitancy towards change.

[Register here](#)

[Headwaters to Ocean Conference](#)

November 29–30, 2023 | Crown Plaza / Ventura, CA

California Shore and Beach Preservation Association (CSBPA) and Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) are excited to see you!

[Register here](#)

[6th National Adaptation Forum](#)

May 14–16, 2024 | Saint Paul, Minnesota

The Forum, hosted by EcoAdapt and the American Society of Adaptation Professionals, brings together adaptation professionals to innovate, network, and focus on established and emerging climate adaptation issues of the day. The goal of the National Adaptation Forum is to move beyond climate adaptation awareness into action by highlighting the breadth of adaptation activities occurring in the United States and around the world.

[Register here](#)

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

Funding and Job Opportunities

Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Decision-Making RFP – The Lenfest Ocean Program seeks to fund projects that elevate Indigenous Peoples in sharing their traditions, culture, knowledge, and wisdom to improve evidence-based decision-making for the management, conservation, and restoration of coastal marine species, habitats, and ecosystems. [More info here](#). **Due October 16, 2023.**

Marine Debris Challenge Competition – Sea Grant anticipates approximately \$16,000,000 will be available to support innovative, transformational research to application (R2A) projects that will address the prevention and/or removal of marine debris, with award periods of three years. This competition will support innovative research to application (R2A) projects that will address the prevention and/or removal of marine debris and provide the potential for transformational behavior change. [More info here](#). Partnership letter due **October 20, 2023**.

Equity and Access Grant Program – Three grant accounts will provide funding to California Tribes and CBOs to participate in CA Public Utilities Commission processes and make clean energy programs more accessible to underserved and underrepresented communities, including communities that are geographically and racially diverse and socio-economically disadvantaged. Varying due dates; **Equity, Engagement, and Education (EEE) Grant Account is due October 31, 2023**.

2023 WHALE TAIL® Grants – WHALE TAIL® Grants support experiential education and stewardship of the California coast and its watersheds. Grant projects can engage youth or adults and can take place anywhere in California. Education and stewardship projects relating to climate change as it impacts the coast and ocean are eligible and encouraged. Shoreline cleanup and coastal habitat restoration projects that have an educational component are also eligible for these grants. Webinar will be on September 20th. Register [here](#). **Applications due November 6, 2023**.

NASA Catalyst Funding – Draft solicitations are out now for this new program to develop an Earth observing system to catalyze biodiversity conservation at large scales, starting in California.

NOAA 2024 Effects of SLR Grant Funding – This grant program aims to help sea level rise adaptation and planning efforts through research, modeling, and testing mitigation strategies. Letters of Intent due **November 13, 2023**. Full proposals due **January 24, 2024**.

Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants – Projects selected through this funding opportunity will have a transformative impact for coastal communities and tribes across the country. They will help sustain our nation's fisheries, make significant strides in the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and

help protect coastal communities and ecosystems from the impacts of climate change. They will support efforts such as reconnecting rivers to their historic floodplains, outplanting corals to rebuild reefs, building living shorelines that protect coasts from erosion and sea level rise, and more. [Apply](#) by **November 17, 2023**.

[Climate Ready Workforce](#) – Sea Grant and the NOAA Climate Program Office, with support from the NOAA Office for Coastal Management, seek to establish programs aimed at placing people across the country into good jobs that advance climate resilience and assisting employers in developing a 21st century workforce that is climate literate, informed by climate resilience, and skilled at addressing consequent challenges. NOAA will assist communities in coastal and Great Lakes states, territories and tribes so they may form partnerships that train workers and place them into jobs that enhance climate resilience. [Letters of Intent](#) due **November 30, 2023**.

[Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities, Under the BIL and IRA](#) – Support opportunities for Tribes, and/or Tribal entities, and underserved communities to meaningfully engage in coastal habitat restoration activities. Funding will prioritize capacity building, science support, and restoration project activities that enhance resilience of Tribes, Tribal entities, and underserved communities and have the greatest potential to lead to habitat restoration in coastal, estuarine, marine, and Great Lakes areas. [Apply](#) by **December 19, 2023**.

[JOB: Climate Change and Energy Program Director at CivicWell](#). This dynamic leader will have experience working on climate change adaptation and resilience, climate equity, and/or clean energy initiatives in California. CivicWell's [Climate Change and Energy](#) portfolio includes a variety of high-impact [coalition](#) programs, projects, and conferences with statewide and national recognition.

[JOB: Director of Communications and Marketing at Community Environmental Council](#). Community Environmental Council (CEC) is hiring for the following position: [Director of Communications & Marketing](#). They will play a lead role in defining communications and marketing strategies and maintaining cohesive messaging and brand fidelity across all CEC programs and departments.

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

In case you missed it

- [CA Coastal Resilience Network Webinars](#)
- [ARCCA Learning Sessions](#)
- [2023 California Adaptation Forum \(CAF\) Resources](#)

- [14th Annual California Climate & Energy Forum Resources](#)
- [30x30 Virtual Expo Series](#)
- [ICARP Jan. Newsletter](#)
- [Strategic Growth Council February 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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