



4C Newsletter January & February 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.

Storm and Recovery Resources

We hope you are all safe and recovering from this past few weeks of intense storms. Below are resources to utilize for recovery and future storm preparations. Take care everyone.

[Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties](#)

[Santa Barbara County](#)

[San Luis Obispo County](#)

[Ventura County](#)

Statewide Resources

- Sign up for emergency alerts in your county through www.calalerts.org
- Download [Caltrans QuickMap](#), which gives realtime map information on closed and impacted roads.
- Find local shelters at [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#) and warming centers at [Warming Centers \(arcgis.com\)](http://WarmingCenters.arcgis.com)

In Climate News

Across the United States, governments and other funding entities are looking for bold, transformative ideas to build healthier and more equitable communities while addressing the climate crisis. In response, [SGC's Catalyst Model Hub](#) was developed to provide case studies, lessons, and scalable templates to support program administrators and funders in designing programs to achieve equitable and transformative outcomes in communities in California and beyond.

California Sea Grant released their [new 2024-27 Strategic Plan](#). The plan guides the investment in research grants and funding, education, communications and extension activities, which includes applied research and community engagement in key focus areas.

Read CivicWell's [2022 Impact Report](#) that summarizes CivicWell's work and helpful resources on climate change and energy, water, and policy as well as highlighting CivicSpark Fellows.

[Regional Resilience Grant Program Draft Guidelines Open for Public Comment](#). The Governor's Office of Planning and Research ([OPR](#)) and the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program ([ICARP](#)) are pleased to invite public comments on the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) Draft Round 1 Grant Guidelines. Public comment will be accepted from **January 17, 2023 until March 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** Please share your public comments during one of the [virtual public Guideline Workshops](#) (*General Overview Workshop Tuesday, January 24th 2023 1:00pm – 2:30pm & Central Coast Workshop Monday, January 30th 10:00am – 11:30am*) or email your comments [here](#) no later than **March 3rd at 5:00 p.m.** In Spring 2023, the RRGp team will publish the final guidelines online after incorporating the feedback from public comments.

Events & Webinars

[Webinar: CERF Economic Development Pilot Informational](#)

Wednesday, January 18th | 10am

The Employment Development Department in collaboration with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development has announced the availability of up to [\\$50 million in the CERF Economic Development Pilot Program](#). Full details on this program can be found [here](#). The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, February 13th by 3pm and applicants are encouraged to submit a notice of intent to apply by 5pm on January 23rd.

[Register here](#)

[Dancing with Sea, Land, and Fire: Monterey Bay Native Land Management & Food Security](#)

Saturday, January 21st | 9:30AM–12:30PM | Virtual/Santa Cruz, CA

This conference summarizes the last 10 years' eco-archaeological

research in collaboration with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band (AMTB), the researchers including members of the AMTB and Amah Mutsun Land Trust. The focus will be on food plants and animals, and the evidence for management of the land and sea shore by Native people.

[Register here](#)

[Webinar: Adapting to Global Environmental Change: How Can We Ensure Food Security in a Time of Uncertainty?](#)

Monday, January 23rd | 11AM–12PM

Dr. Meha Jain will present research examining the impacts of warming temperatures and groundwater depletion on agricultural production, the adaptive strategies farmers adopt to reduce those impacts, and the potential for different policy interventions to enhance mitigation efforts in this globally important agricultural region.

[Join here](#)

[CCC Local Government SLR Working Group Stakeholder Workshop](#)

Friday, January 27th | 9am–3:30pm

The Coastal Commission Local Government Sea Level Rise Working Group is hosting a stakeholder workshop on January 27, 2023 to discuss options for further development and implementation of sea level rise adaptation options, including through LCP updates.

[Join here](#)

[Webinar: 30x30 Onward Together in 2023!](#)

Tuesday, January 31st | 10:30am–11:45am

Please join the **California Natural Resources Agency** for a webinar to reflect on the shared progress in 2022 and hear about their plans for 30x30 in 2023.

[Register here](#)

[Webinar: The Climate Resilience District: A New Tool for Local Governments](#)

Wednesday, February 1st | 3–4PM

This webinar will discuss how the recently-passed SB 852 fills a significant gap in the framework of addressing climate change by giving communities and regions the means of establishing local entities which span jurisdictional lines and focus resources on the most urgent aspects of climate change as determined locally.

[Register here](#)

[Dune Restoration on the Pacific Coast](#)

February 1st–3rd | 9AM–3PM

A meeting for practitioners promoting dune resilience from Baja California Sur to British Colombia. A virtual meeting will be held February 1st with presentations and videos from meeting participants. Field trips will occur in two geographic locations (Fort Bragg area and Guadalupe/Goleta area) at four sites on February 2-3. Participants for the field trips must register for the individual field trips on this site (space is limited!). The group will reconvene virtually in the afternoon of Feb 3rd to discuss their experiences and next steps for dune restoration and expansion!

[Register here](#)

[Strategic Growth Council Catalyst Conference](#)

February 1st–2nd | Sacramento, CA

At the [SGC Catalyst Conference](#), hosted in partnership with the Milken Institute, participants will work together to understand the opportunities and barriers to building a pipeline of community-led climate projects. Over a two-day period, community leaders, funders, government policymakers, and academics will explore models that are helping to prepare underserved communities for investment and oversee project implementation, as well as innovative public-private partnerships that deepen investment and accelerate decarbonization.

[More information & register here](#)

[San Diego Estuaries Research Symposium](#)

Tuesday, February 7th | 9AM–12:30PM

This half-day virtual symposium will brief the science and management communities on research topics that relate to the health of ecosystems such as the Tijuana Estuary, San Diego Bay, and Los Peñasquitos Lagoon.

[Register here](#)

[Climate of Hope Forum](#)

Thursday, February 23rd | 4–6PM | Virtual

The fifth annual Climate of Hope Forum will have a theme of Climate ARTivism: Creative Action for Justice. The program will feature artists from a variety of backgrounds who promote healing, environmental justice, and community resilience through poetry, film, music, murals and other art forms. Free, donations are gratefully accepted. Presented by Regeneración and the Community Environmental Council.

[Register here](#)

[Webinar: A New Toolkit for Engaging Youth in Ocean Health and Conservation](#)

Wednesday, March 15th | 10AM

This webinar will provide an overview of a 'youth ocean action toolkit' supported by The Ocean Foundation and National Geographic Society. This toolkit – written by youth for youth – provides community examples of how youth can take action to conserve their ocean; demonstrates the benefit of MPAs for ocean conservation; includes links to resources and multimedia content; and features a strong social media component. The toolkit will be available this summer in English and Spanish.

[Register here](#)

[Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival](#)

Saturday, April 29th–Sunday, April 30th | Santa Barbara, CA

Save the Date! The Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival is returning to Alameda Park in 2023.

[Learn more and get the latest updates.](#)

[14th Annual California Climate & Energy Forum](#)

June 13–14, 2023 | Santa Rosa, CA

The CCEC Forum brings together several hundred local government staff, elected officials, and community organizations, to collaborate and learn from each other as they work to advance fair and equitable climate change and energy practices. This forum will feature engaging sessions, expert plenaries and keynotes, and new innovative activities to help climate and energy leaders and practitioners connect to learn about innovative projects and strategies, share best practices, and troubleshoot challenges.

[More information here](#)

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

Funding and Job Opportunities

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Availability of \$100 Million through Inflation Reduction Act for Environmental Justice Grants. The [EJG2G Program](#) (formerly known as the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement program) will provide an estimated \$70 million in funding. Of this, \$20 million will be for State governments to be used in conjunction with Community-Based Organization (CBO) partners, \$20 million will be for local government with CBO partners, \$20 million will be for Federally Recognized Tribal Nations with CBO partners, and \$10 million will be for U.S. territories and remote tribes with limited access to CBO partners. In total the Agency anticipates funding approximately 70 projects of up to \$1 million each for a 3-year project. Applicants interested must submit proposal packages on or before **April 10, 2023**, to be considered for the available funding. Applicants should plan for projects to begin on **October 1, 2023**. To attend the first webinar on **January 24th 11am–12:30pm** focused on [EJCPS](#), [join here](#). To attend the second webinar on **January 26th 11am–12:30pm** focused on [EJG2G](#), [join here](#).

[More EJ funding information here](#)

The [23-24 CivicSpark Partner Application](#) is now live! From September 2023 to August 2024, more than 100 CivicSpark Fellows will bring commitment, and drive to support community resilience projects across California, Colorado, and Washington. This year, there is an early deadline on January 27th and our priority application deadline on February 17th.

2023-24 Informational Webinars:

- **Thursday, February 9th, 1–2pm**
- **Thursday, April 13th, 1–2pm**

The Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) is pleased to announce the [2023 FRGP Proposal Solicitation Notice](#) and the [2023 FRGP Guidelines](#). The 2023 FRGP Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) includes a required pre-application phase that will be open from January 5, 2023 through **February 9, 2023**. Eligible applicants will be invited to submit a full application by **March 11, 2023**. The full application deadline is **April 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

As one of 20 nationally recognized fish habitat partnerships (FHPs) under the [National Fish Habitat Partnership](#) (NFHP) the California Fish Passage Forum (Forum) is pleased to announce its [FY2024 funding opportunity](#). Projects eligible for this funding will help advance the Forum's mission to protect and revitalize anadromous fish populations within the Forum's [geographic scope](#) by restoring freshwater habitat connectivity throughout their historical range. The deadline for proposal submission is **5:00 PM PT February 27, 2023**. Proposals must be received via the [Forum's FY24 online application](#). Learn more [here](#).

The [UC–CSU Environmental and Climate Change Literacy Projects](#) (ECCLPs) is an innovative partnership between the UC and CSU systems and community-based partners (CBPs), to advance prekindergarten through 12th grade (PK–12) climate and environmental literacy, justice, and action. The ECCLPs Executive Committee is seeking partnerships and collaborations by launching [ECCLPs Climate and Environmental Justice Literacy Initiatives](#) with the collective goal to educate all of California's high school graduates to be literate in climate change and environmental justice issues and solutions.

CAL FIRE will open the FY 2022-2023 Forest Health grant solicitation on December 15, 2022. Final grant guidelines, applications, supporting documents, and a recorded workshop will be posted on the [Forest Health Grantees Resources](#) web page. Application will be due by **3pm on February 28, 2023**.

[ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant Program](#). This program provides funding to help fill local, regional, and tribal planning needs, provides communities the resources to identify climate resilience priorities, and supports the development of a pipeline of climate resilient infrastructure projects across the state. Each project team, must complete the [intent survey](#) to indicate intent to apply for a Round 1 APGP grant. This survey is also a requirement for prospective Applicants to gain access to an individualized SharePoint folder where all application materials will be uploaded before **March 31, 2023**.

[State Coastal Conservancy Coastal Resilience Funding](#). The State of California has made an unprecedented investment in the resilience and accessibility of the coast. As a result, the [Coastal Conservancy](#) has significant funding available to non-profit organizations, public

agencies, and federally-recognized tribes for projects that benefit public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resiliency at the coast, coastal watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay. They anticipate that the majority of the funding will be allocated through SCC's ongoing pre-proposal solicitation. To learn more about this process, please visit the [here](#). View previous [webinar recording](#) & [slides](#) about funding and grant process.

[ARCCA's California Climate Resilience Grant Program Tracker!](#) This tracker provides ARCCA's *best estimation* of program development and grantmaking timelines for new climate resilience grant programs funded through last year's [climate resilience package](#).

[Jobs: California Air Resources Board](#) is anticipating increased hiring related to building decarbonization in the near future, both for zero-emission space and water heating as called for in the [2022 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan](#), and on embodied carbon in building materials as called for by [AB 2446](#). CARB is asking for potential applicants to prepare for their upcoming job announcements by taking/passing qualifier exams (see below for the dates the exams close).

- [Staff Air Pollution Specialist exam posting](#). **Closes 1/31/23**
- [Air Resources Supervisor I exam posting](#). **Closes 2/2/23**

[Jobs: State Coastal Conservancy](#) has two (2) new jobs posting in the Project unit, for a Permanent/Full-time Conservancy Project Development Specialist (CPDS) willing to underfill at Conservancy Project Development Analyst II (CPDA II) AND Conservancy Project Development Analyst II (CPDA II) willing to underfill at Conservancy Project Development Analyst I (CPDA I) – Project Managers.

- [Conservancy Project Development Specialist \(CPDS\)](#)
- [Conservancy Project Development Analyst II \(CPDA II\)](#)

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

In case you missed it

- [Strategic Growth Council January Newsletter](#)
- [ICARP Newsletter](#)
- [30x30 Virtual Expo Series](#)
- [Resilience through Restoration Webinar Series](#)
- [CA Extreme Heat Symposium press release here](#), [California Governor Newsom's opening remarks here](#), [a link to a recording of all the Symposium panel conversations here](#), and the link to California's [Extreme Heat Action Plan here](#).

On-going webinar series

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

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.

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