

## 4C Newsletter | May 2025



We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather as the summer season approaches! This newsletter includes 4C updates, news, and events relevant to the Central Coast, including:

- Provide news and updates from the region and beyond
- Detail available funding and grant opportunities related to climate
- Announce events and webinars that are occurring this spring

Would you like to include an announcement or regional update in a future newsletter?

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## 2025 4C Member Activities

### Thank you for joining the 4C's Grant Funding Workshop!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 4C's Grant Funding Workshop! The session featured presentations on current funding opportunities—including grants from OPC, the State Coastal Conservancy, Strategic Growth Council, and CAL FIRE—followed by breakout discussions where participants identified regional funding needs, project concepts, and opportunities for collaboration. Key themes included regional coordination on Prop 4 funding, advancing coastal and ocean resilience strategies, and scaling nature-based solutions and regenerative agriculture. We're grateful for the active engagement, insightful discussion, and we look forward to sharing next steps soon and continuing this

momentum together!

## Grant Writing Technical Assistance and Funding Workshops

Through funding from the [Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative \(GLI\)](#), 4C members will have the opportunity to access **grant writing technical assistance in 2025 and 2026**, which will include workshops dedicated to grant funding opportunities.

### Our Menu of Services:

- **Funding Readiness:** Opportunity Mapping, Stakeholder Mapping, Project Conceptualization and Refinement, Strategic Guidance
- **Application Assistance:** Overall Coordination/Application Development Timeline, Narrative/Budget Review, Stakeholder Engagement
- **Post-Award Startup Support:** Project Management Templates, Grant Management Systems, Administrative Procedures

If you are interested in becoming a member and/or signing up for grant writing technical assistance, please contact us at [centralcoastclimate@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastclimate@gmail.com).



### Join Us for a Joint Happy Hour with ARCCA During the 2025 CECC Forum!

4C staff will be attending the [16th Annual California Climate & Energy Forum](#) on July 9-10, 2025 in San Jose, CA!

### Join 4C staff and members for Joint Happy Hour with ARCCA:

**Where:** San Pedro Square Market

**Date:** July 9th, 6-8pm

**More details to come!**

## Become a 4C Member

Not yet a member? Please consider joining today. Benefits of membership include:

- Network with climate leaders and practitioners in the Central Coast region
- Exchange knowledge on 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. We also 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.

## News & Resources

### Regional

### Climate Resilient Monterey Bay Grant Gains Momentum with Regional Action Network Launch

Now seven months into the 5-year Climate Resilient Monterey Bay grant, CMSF has officially launched the Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network (MBCAAN), bringing together 22 organizations to support coordinated regional climate action. Despite federal transition challenges, the initiative is strengthening partnerships and building long-term capacity for inclusive, community- and Tribal-led adaptation efforts across the region. Interested in joining MBCAAN? Contact Coordinator Emily Franc at [emily@californiamsf.org](mailto:emily@californiamsf.org).



## **Santa Barbara County Moves to Phase Out Oil Drilling**

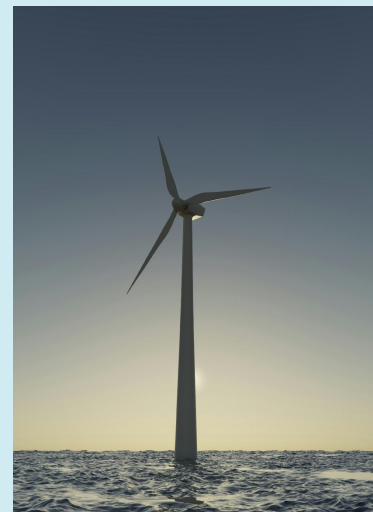
On May 13, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to begin developing an ordinance to phase out oil drilling, marking a major step toward protecting community health and the climate. Backed by broad public support and over 50 organizations, the move aligns with the county's Climate Action Plan and its goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030. County staff will return in October with a proposed timeline, budget, and next steps for the ordinance process. [Learn more.](#)

## **New Central Coast AgLink Connects Land Stewards to Regenerative Agriculture Incentives**

The Community Environmental Council has launched the [Central Coast AgLink](#), a new platform designed to connect land managers and agricultural producers with funding and resources to support regenerative agriculture practices. The tool helps streamline access to incentives and technical assistance, accelerating the region's transition to more climate-resilient farming.

## **CMSF Leads Efforts on Environmental Monitoring Guidance for Offshore Wind Development**

Scientists from CMSF and Cal Poly Offshore Wind team, alongside CA DFW and the OPC, are collaborating to complete the Environmental Monitoring Guidance Interim Memo by July 2025 to provide key recommendations for baseline data collection and cost-effective monitoring strategies to support responsible offshore wind development. CMSF is also helping the Monterey Bay Aquarium organize a West Coast summit on floating offshore wind impacts planned for October 2025. [Learn more.](#)



## **Santa Cruz's West Cliff Vision Wins Resilience and Sustainability Award**

Congratulations to the City of Santa Cruz and Farallon Strategies for receiving the 2025 Resilience



and Sustainability Award for “A Resilient West Cliff, Accessible to All.” This community-driven vision emerged after 2023 storm damage and sets a bold path for coastal resilience, equitable access, and sustainable shoreline management. With over 1,500 community touchpoints, the plan prioritizes nature-based solutions, pedestrian and bike access, and long-term adaptation through a newly adopted five-year Roadmap.

## RCPWG Leads Monterey Bay Adaptation Roadmap into Next Phase

The Regional Climate Policy Working Group (RCPWG) is advancing the Monterey Bay Adaptation Roadmap with strong community engagement. Following a successful first workshop focused on local climate concerns, the group is now moving into the project prioritization phase, guided by a detailed spreadsheet of adaptation measures and community feedback. Stay tuned for more updates!

## Funding & Grant Opportunities and Resources



## Navigating the Federal Funding Landscape

### [Trump Administration - Executive Actions Tracker](#)

Tracks executive orders and presidential memos (164), rescinded executive actions (106) - primarily from Biden’s administration, and select agency actions (29).

### [Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration](#)

## [Actions](#)

Tracks cases (244) organized by category/executive action challenged. Categories include Environment, Government Grants, Loans, and Assistance, and more.

## [Federal Energy and Climate Funding Updates & Resources](#)

Crowdsourced document compiling slides from CCEC-hosted “huddles,” official documents, articles, professional opinions, opportunities for action, and more.

## [Fed Resource Directory](#)

Crowdsourced document compiling numerous resources meant to provide federal employees and contractors with support navigating the current environment.

## [Guide to Archived Federal Environmental Data, Tools & Websites](#)

Guide to finding alternative places to access important environmental government data being removed from public online sources. Includes a curated list of archived data, cloned web tools, archived websites, and other data recovery trackers.



## **State Opportunities**

### [Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development Program \(BUILD\)](#)

#### **CA Energy Commission**

\$200,000,000 available to provide incentives and technical assistance to adopt advanced building design and all-electric technologies in new, low-income all-electric homes and multifamily buildings.

**Eligibility:** Private and public owners or developers, nonprofits, Tribal communities

**Deadline:** Rolling

### [County-wide and Regional Funding Program](#)

#### **State Water Resources Control Board**

Various grants to fund drinking water projects that address drought-related and contamination issues, especially for state small water systems and domestic wells serving

disadvantaged communities and low-income households. Total funding amount per project is dependent on eligibility and availability of funding at time of application.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits, Public Agencies, and Tribal Governments

**Deadline:** Rolling

### [Watershed Restoration Grants](#) **CA Department of Fish and Wildlife**

\$200,000,000 available to fund restoration projects that address drought, urgent degrading water and habitat conditions due to climate change impacts, Wetlands and Mountain Meadows Restoration, wildlife corridors, Proposition 1, or Proposition 68.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits, Public Agencies, and Tribal Governments

**Deadline:** Rolling

### [Disaster Relief, Recovery, and Resilience Fund](#) **League of California Community Foundations**

Various grants to support the relief, recovery, and resilience for natural hazard events in communities through a statewide coalition of community foundations.

**Eligibility:** Community Foundations

**Deadline:** Rolling

### [Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program](#)

The Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program provides funding to local and regional governments in California to develop sea level rise (SLR) adaptation plans and implementation projects that enhance coastal resilience. With \$19.97 million currently available, the program supports projects in two tracks: pre-planning and planning (Track 1) and implementation (Track 2, anticipated in mid-2025). Technical assistance is available to disadvantaged communities, small or rural areas, tribes, and other eligible applicants.

**Deadline:** The next deadline for full Track 1 proposals is July 3, 2025

### [California Coastal Conservancy Grants](#)

The State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) offers ongoing grants for projects that enhance public access, natural resources, working lands, and climate resilience across California's coast and the nine SF Bay Area counties. Priority is given to nature-based solutions and advancing projects from concept to implementation. Grants typically range from \$200,000 to \$5,000,000.

**Eligibility:** Eligible activities include property acquisition, project planning (feasibility, design, community involvement), and construction/monitoring.

**Deadline:** Ongoing



### [BEACON Awards Are Open](#)

Apply for a Beacon Award Today and showcase your agency's leadership in climate action and sustainability. From reducing greenhouse gas emissions to advancing climate resilience and innovation, local agencies are invited to apply for recognition across multiple award categories. Applications are due Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

## **Regional Opportunities**

## [3C-REN Commercial Energy Savings Program](#)

3C-REN Commercial Energy Savings Program is a locally driven program that provides incentives and resources to businesses in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties to help businesses achieve their energy goals. The program offers incentives for energy efficiency upgrades, flexible solutions for small to medium-sized businesses, support for businesses seeking to lower greenhouse gas emissions, among other services.

### [Get Help Going Electric: Free DCAP Application Assistance Sessions This Summer](#)

The Driving Clean Assistance Program (DCAP) offers income-eligible Californians up to \$12,000 in incentives to replace older vehicles with electric ones, plus support for EV charging and leasing. Through August, CEC is hosting free in-person and virtual sessions to help applicants complete the DCAP application and access these savings. Join an upcoming clinic in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, or online to get started on your clean transportation journey.

### [California E-Bike Incentive Project Application Launching May 29th](#)

The California E-Bike Incentive Project provides up to \$2,000 of point-of-sale incentives to support the purchase of a new electric bicycle (e-bike).



### [Apply for the Home Electrification Accelerator Program!](#)

Santa Barbara Clean Energy's Home Electrification Accelerator Program (HEAP) can help you make the switch and transform your home with rebates, fast and free permitting, and resources and information.

### [Heat Clean Program Launching May 8th](#)

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District launched the Heat Clean Program on May 8. This voluntary program provides vouchers of up to \$12,000 to help households replace a wood-burning fireplace or stove with an electric heater such as a heat pump or electric fireplace insert.



## **Events & Webinars**

### **Wildfire Evacuation and Survival Workshop in Lompoc** **Saturday, May 31st | 10:00am - 1:00pm**

Wildfires can strike with little warning — will you know what to do?

Join the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council for a FREE Wildfire Evacuation & Survival Workshop at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc. This event is designed to help individuals and families prepare for wildfire emergencies with confidence and clarity. Whether you are a resident, caregiver, or community leader, this workshop is a must-attend to help protect lives and property when every second counts. [Register here](#) (Required).



## **Climate Bond Grant Office Hours: Webinar for Central Coast Resilience Projects** Thursday, June 5 | 11am - 12pm

Following the passage of Proposition 4, California will invest \$10 billion to boost climate resilience statewide, including major funding for the State Coastal Conservancy. To support local efforts on the Central Coast, the Conservancy will host a Climate Bond Grant Assistance Office Hours webinar offering guidance on funding opportunities for sea level rise adaptation, wildfire resilience, and more. [Register here.](#)

## **Climate Fridays Santa Barbara** Friday, June 6th | Meeting: 3:30-5pm; Happy Hour: 5-6pm CEC's Environmental Hub 1219 State St, Santa Barbara

Join CEC, the Society of Fearless Grandmothers Santa Barbara, and the Santa Barbara Sierra Club on the first Friday of each month. At these events, climate activists, students, community partners, and friends gather to learn about regional climate change issues and how to take collective action to protect our planet. June's gathering will focus on actions for a healthy ocean in preparation for World Oceans Day on June 8. Stick around after the meeting for our quarterly happy hour to enjoy complimentary refreshments and network with the community. [Learn more and register.](#)

## **Call for Proposal: 13th Annual Central Coast Sustainability Summit** Proposal Due: June 20, 2025 at 5:00pm Event Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

The 13th Annual Central Coast Sustainability Summit is hosted by UCSB in collaboration with regional partners. The planning committee is seeking proposals for presentations and panels that showcase impactful sustainability programs across the Central Coast. For more information, contact Jewel Persad at [jewel.persad@ucsb.edu](mailto:jewel.persad@ucsb.edu) or (805) 893-8367. [Learn more.](#)

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