



4C Newsletter | October 2024

Hello 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. Today's newsletter includes:

- News and updates from the region
- Funding and grant opportunities related to climate
- Upcoming events and webinars

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News and Updates



The Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative Launched in October

The [Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative](#) kicked off their efforts in Guadalupe and Lompoc this month with a kick-off event and a check presentation with Senator Monique Limón. The Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative is a multi-year collaborative effort

supporting community-based organizations and local governments across Santa Barbara County and the Central Coast. Through a \$1.625 million grant, the initiative will focus on capacity building, planning, project development, and community engagement to address air quality, extreme heat, water supply, food security, and wildfire risk. See below for recent coverage of the initiative:

- [Guadalupe-Lompoc Initiative website](#)
- [Guadalupe-Lompoc initiative receives \\$1.6M to build climate resiliency in North County \(Santa Maria Times\)](#)
- [Senator Limón Secured \\$1.6 Million in State Funding for Climate Projects in North County Santa Barbara](#)



NOAA Launched their Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant Program in Moss Landing

Regional leaders and environmental organizations gathered at Moss Landing Marine Labs on October 11, 2024 to celebrate a \$71.1 million federal grant awarded to the Central Coast. The grant supports regional adaptation projects for climate resilience of Monterey Bay coastal communities, including projects that address sea level rise, wildfire, and drought. The funding will support fire risk reduction across 7,000 acres, coastal habitat restoration to mitigate flooding in vulnerable areas, and the creation of a revolving fund for climate adaptation. During the event, local, state, and national leaders emphasized the importance of collaboration with the U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta highlighting Monterey Bay's research institutions as key partners in reducing climate risks. NOAA's Rebecca Smyth praised the proactive approach, noting how communities are organizing to prepare for future climate challenges. See below for coverage of the event:

- [Local Leaders Celebrate Monterey Bay Climate Resilience Grant \(Santa Cruz Sentinel\)](#)
- [The California Marine Sanctuary Foundation is putting a \\$71 million grant into action \(Monterey County Now\)](#)
- [Monterey Bay area climate change-focused projects get \\$71 million in federal climate change fund awards \(Lookout Santa Cruz\)](#)

Central Coast Sustainability Summit was held in Santa Barbara

It was great seeing many of our regional partners in Santa Barbara at the [Central Coast Sustainability Summit!](#) Local leaders, agencies, and institutions convened in Santa Barbara to discuss sustainability on California's Central Coast. Breakout sessions dove into crucial topics like decarbonization, community resilience, sustainable transportation, waste management, regenerative agriculture, and climate education. We hope to see you again next year.

- [Central Coast Sustainability Summit kicks off at UC Santa Barbara \(KEYT-TV\)](#)

MBEP is seeking nominations for local awards

The Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) is seeking nominations for two prestigious awards. The two awards are for the Public-Private Partnership Award and the Community Impact Award. These awards recognize outstanding collaborations and individuals or organizations making a significant difference in the Monterey Bay region. Whether it's a public-private partnership driving economic progress or a community leader addressing critical needs like education, health, or sustainability, we want to celebrate those creating lasting impact. [Nominate a deserving project, organization, or individual today!](#)

Uplift Central Coast released their Regional Plan Part II Report

Uplift Central Coast has released its [Regional Plan Part II Report](#), which identifies impactful, equitable ways to improve the local economy. The report, submitted to the State of California, was developed with the input and engagement of more than 4,140 community and industry leaders, outlining strategies to address the barriers and opportunities of the Central Coast.

Funding & Grant Opportunities



Next Ocean Protection Council (OPC) deadline for SB1 Grant Program is December 20th, 2024

Track One proposals (projects in the Pre-planning, Data Collection, and Planning Phases) are now being accepted through a rolling, quarterly process. See the [SB 1 Grant Program Solicitation \(PDF\)](#) for details on this funding opportunity. Applicants must use the [SB 1 Track 1 Proposal Template and Instructions \(.docx\)](#), and be sure to address the minimum criteria listed in the [SLR Adaptation Criteria](#). While the SB 1 Grant Program operates on a rolling, quarterly basis, and proposals can be submitted at any time, all projects must be brought to Council meetings for funding approval and award. The following interim deadlines are in place to ensure projects can be reviewed and considered for funding in time to be brought to OPC's quarterly Council Meetings.

Get a Super-Efficient Heat Pump Water Heater FREE with

Current Rebates!

Central Coast residents who are 3CE customers can now get a super-efficient heat pump water heater from the nonprofit SunWork. [Learn how you can replace your old gas water heater and significantly reduce your home's carbon footprint.](#)

Events & Webinars

Philanthropy California - October's Grant Writing Training for Salinas and the Central Coast

October 29 | 8:30 am - 4 pm PST

Philanthropy California's next in-person grant writing training in Salinas is open for registration on the Climate Capacity website. This is open to Grant writers of small to mid-size community-based organizations, nonprofits, local governments, and Tribes in these regions. Development, planning, and program staff who want to build organizational grants capacity. This is an in-person Salinas training, and if you cannot make it, there will be a final training of the year, coming up in Fresno in November. [Register here!](#)

Passive House California Webinar: High Performing Buildings with Less Lumber

October 29 | 12 pm - 1:30 pm PST

Passive House California has an upcoming webinar on "Advanced Framing: Quality and High Performing Building with Less Lumber". The 90-minute webinar is scheduled for October 29 at Noon and offers 2 AIA Learning Units. [Register here!](#)

SLO County Climate Justice Alliance: Environmental Justice Grant Technical Assistance Webinar

October 30 | 12 pm - 1:00 pm PST

Please join the SLO County Climate Justice Alliance on Wednesday October 30th from 12-1 pm PT for an informational webinar with two of the EPA's Environmental Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs), the WEST EJ Center and CCEEJ, to learn more about:

- Incoming environmental justice funding opportunities, and
- WEST EJ and CCEEJ's ability to provide technical assistance with such grant opportunities.

You can [register here!](#)

What the California Legislature Achieved on Climate in 2024

October 31 | 10 am - 11:30 am PST

Climate progress in the California legislature in 2024 was nowhere near what is needed to address the accelerating climate crisis. While our leaders must do more to rein in climate pollution and challenge Big Oil's political influence, there are signs of hope to build on. This year, climate champions introduced bills to defend and grow California's clean energy economy as well as make polluters pay for the costs of addressing the climate crisis. SB 59 (Skinner) aims to transform California's more than 1 million electric vehicles into a source of affordable, reliable, resilient, and clean backup power. SB 1374 (Becker) seeks to support schools' and apartment dwellers' use of solar power. And AB 1866 (Hart) was designed to require oil companies to accelerate the plugging and clean-up of their idle wells. In this webinar, we will discuss the key climate and energy legislation that passed, bills that were watered down or failed, and strategies to increase climate ambition in California. [Register here!](#)

Monterey Bay Economic Partnership: State of the Region

November 8 | 9 am - 5 pm PST

This year's MBEP State of the Region event will feature a diverse range of topics aimed at driving regional economic recovery and development. We will explore strategies for ensuring good jobs, housing for all, reducing the digital divide, and examining the impact of local, state, and federal policies and legislation on our region. The event promises to be an informative and engaging experience for all attendees. Our 2024 Annual State of the Region event will take place in person on Friday, November 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the CSUMB University Center. Join us for a day filled with insightful cross-sector conversations addressing key regional issues. [Register here!](#)

Philanthropy CA Free Webinar: Data for Grant Writing

November 12 | 11 am PST

Join this free webinar to learn how to use Census data to demonstrate the need that your organization serves. You'll learn to use key online data tools to find the information you need to support your grant writing. The California Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications (OCPSC) is partnering with the US Census Bureau to provide data learning opportunities for community partners. [Register here!](#)

Climate Resilient California and Californians Summit

February 26 - 28, 2025

The California Leaders in [Climate Resilience Summit](#) will take place on February 27 -

28, 2025, at UCLA. This event, organized by the Committee of Climate-Resilient California and Californians (CR2C), will gather state officials, city mayors, county administrators, researchers, philanthropists, and entrepreneurs to discuss climate impacts on California communities and develop resilience strategies.

Consider joining 4C!

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.

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