



## 4C Newsletter September 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

NOAA just released the draft designation documents for the [Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary](#) – the first Tribally nominated National Marine Sanctuary. NOAA is hosting [in person and virtual workshops](#) on the Sanctuary and public comments starting in September. Public comments **due October 25, 2023**.

Biodiversity Day, taking place on Thursday, September 7, 2023, marks the anniversary of the launch of the [California Biodiversity Initiative in 2018](#). It's a great time to pause and appreciate our state's unique natural resources, as well as reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where we want to go as a state. More information and events [here](#).

[CA Natural Resources Agency](#) seeks input on the final [Nature-Based Climate Solutions: California's Climate Smart Lands Strategy](#). Comments due September 15, 2023.

Provide input for [CA's 5th Climate Change Assessment](#). The Virtual Regional Workshop geared towards the California Coast will be on **October 3rd, 10AM-12PM**. [Register here](#).

From Aug. 30–Sept. 13, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is hosting a fishing and camping gear donation drive to support [CNRA's Outdoors for All Initiative](#), CDFW's equity efforts to broaden engagement with underrepresented populations, and

the Hunter/Angler Recruit, Retention, Reactivate (R3) program to provide resources for underrepresented and underserved (or low-income and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)) communities to participate in recreational fishing and outdoor activities. All donations will be distributed to organizations that encourage BIPOC and low-income communities to enjoy the outdoors.

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## Events & Webinars

### California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment Regional Workshops

**July–October | In-person or virtual**

Join California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment team for in-person workshops from July–October 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 for in-person events](#)
- [Register here for CA Coast Virtual Session October 3, 2023 10AM-12PM](#)

### 30X30 Biodiversity Showcase Webinar Celebrating Biodiversity Week

**September 6, 2023 | 10:30AM–12PM**

Join CA Natural Resources Agency in celebration of CA biodiversity week as we explore with several 30x30 biodiversity tour guides to learn more about the places they care about and the work they are doing to protect, steward, and restore biodiversity across the state.

[Register here](#)

### Integrating Passive House standards with CALGreen for Multifamily Buildings — Across California's Climate Zones

**September 12, 2023 | 12–1PM**

In order to mitigate the impacts of climate change, it is critical that we take steps to design and build multifamily buildings (affordable multifamily in particular) to the optimal decarbonization potential. Passive House standards are cost effective and reliable protocols for achieving mitigation of, and adaptation to the impacts of climate change. This webinar will address the integration of Passive House standards for multifamily projects across California's many Climate Zones.

[Register here](#)

### Climate Resilience and California's MPA Network

**September 28, 2023 | 2PM**

This webinar will focus on a review of important take-aways from the Climate Resilience and California's MPAs document released by OPC

and Ocean Science Trust in 2021. OPC and other key report staff will provide a presentation followed by a panel Q&A session. The webinar serves as an introduction to the MPA Collaborative Network's 14 Community Forums on Coastal Climate Change to be held in October and November.

[Register here](#)

### [Build Climate Rural Climate Resilience & Workforce Capacity](#)

**September 19, 2023 | 9AM–12:30 PM**

Explore strategies for building climate resilience and economic opportunity in rural communities.

[Register here](#)

### [2023 California Land Recycling Conference: People, Partnerships, Progress](#)

**September 26, 2023–September 28, 2023 | Carson, CA**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 and the CA Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Office of Brownfields in collaboration with the Center for Creative Land Recycling is excited to announce the continuation of the California Land Recycling Conference (CALRC)! CALRC is the premier event for community, municipal, and redevelopment professionals focused on the beneficial reuse of underutilized and contaminated properties.

[Register here](#)

### [Planning for Sea Level Rise on California's Coast](#)

**October 5, 2023 | 11AM–12PM**

Please join the California Coastal Resilience Network for *Planning for Sea Level Rise on California's Coast* by Dr. Charles Lester and Samantha Rozal of UC Santa Barbara's Ocean and Coastal Policy Center. Drawing from research funded by the OPC, this webinar will discuss the state of sea level rise adaptation planning on California's outer coast, including the status of community vulnerability assessment, adaptation planning, and the updating of local coastal plans (LCPs).

[Register here](#)

### [30X30 Partnership 2023 Gathering](#)

**October 11 and October 12, 2023 | Riverside, CA**

Connect with other nature lovers, be inspired, share knowledge, and learn how you can help 30x30 become a reality in different regions. Celebrate community stories from across California about how lands and coastal waters are being conserved and cared for through 30x30 efforts. Co-create new tools, partnerships, and approaches to build the solutions we need.

[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. Proposals due **September 22, 2023**.

[Register here](#)

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

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## Funding Opportunities

### [Community Resilience Centers Program Round 1 Application Webinar Series Released](#)

– The Community Resilience Centers (CRC) program team proudly presents the full Application Webinar Series! No matter which CRC grant type you're considering applying for, we have an informational webinar for you to refer to as you are developing your application. The webinars in the series are listed below:

- [CRC R1 Final Guidelines & NOFA](#)
- [CRC Round 1 Planning Grants](#)
- [CRC Project Development Grant](#)
- [CRC Round 1 Implementation Grants](#)

[Community Based Engagement Services RFP](#) – The Uplift Coalition is pleased to announce we are seeking proposals from qualified Community-Based Organizations experienced in outreach and engagement to diverse and underserved communities in one or more of the six counties that make up the Central Coast CERF region. [Apply here](#) by **September 11, 2023 at 5 pm**.

[Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Grant Program](#) – accepting applications for this new grant program to support California Native American tribes in reacquiring ancestral land, addressing impacts of climate change on their communities, and conserving and protecting biodiversity. The deadline for submitting standard preliminary project proposals is **September 29, 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](#). **Apps 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.

**[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.**

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

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## In case you missed it

- **[ARCCA Learning Sessions](#)**
- **[2023 California Adaptation Forum \(CAF\) Resources](#)**
- **[14th Annual California Climate & Energy Forum Resources](#)**

- [30x30 Virtual Expo Series](#)
- [ICARP August Newsletter](#)
- [Strategic Growth Council August 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.

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