



# Round 1 Applicants Profiles

## Regional Climate Collaboratives Program



The RCC program (SB 1072, Leyva 2018) works to build and harness capacity within communities throughout California to advance equitable climate outcomes. The program is designed to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a focus on increasing access to funding for project planning and implementation. The program funds collaboratives of cross-sector partners to conduct capacity building activities with and within under-resourced communities.

In the first round of the program, SGC received tremendous interest from 43 collaboratives across the state to support local and regional capacity and technical assistance strategies including a wide variety of partners, strategies, and climate-change related issues. SGC was able to fund six of these collaboratives. We are committed to sharing about applicants to this program in order to build

awareness of these efforts across other state programs, philanthropic partners, and other interested entities in the work of these collaboratives. This document includes profiles on 23 applicants who opted in to sharing more about their work.

If you would like more information on any initiative listed here or to connect directly, we have included contact information for each applicant. Please note that because many of these collaboratives were developed for the purposes of the RCC program at a specific moment in time, the partners may wish to modify elements of their proposals for future opportunities. For questions about SGC's RCC program, please reach out to [CACE@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:CACE@sgc.ca.gov)

# ALIANZA COMMUNITY THRIVES (ACT)

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## REGION

Riverside and Imperial Counties

## PARTNERS

Alianza Coachella Valley, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), Lideres Campesinas, si Collective (Studio Shaffer Lutsko)

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions creating a solid, aggressive, focused and diverse public-private-community hub (partnership) in the Salton Sea region to coordinate, plan, and advance projects that would increase the competitiveness and readiness of our region to capture public dollars that would strengthen the resilience of our communities.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Solidarity economics, ecosystem resilience

## SUMMARY

The collaborative focuses on building upon the Salton Sea initiative: An exploration of how to foster an equitable, inclusive, sustainable economy in a rural desert economy. The public-private-community hub would include representatives from the impacted communities, non-profit organizations, local tribes, labor, employers, academic institutions, private sector, philanthropy, and government. The approach would be centered on equity, sustainability, and environmental justice with an intersectional focus on infrastructure, environment, public health, economic development, and workforce development and its connection to the Salton Sea. The partnership would seek to accomplish 1) Policy alignment under a common framework to guide investments and development 2) implementation of projects that advance an inclusive and sustainable Salton Sea economy. The co-applicants in this application would



be critical to integrating additional participants; preparing stakeholders inclusive of community members to engage; identifying public and private funding opportunities that align with a regional vision for sustainable communities; analyzing project readiness; and providing best practices to be project ready.

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# AMADOR, ALPINE, CALAVERAS, TUOLUMNE (AACT) NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne counties

## PARTNERS

Amador Resource Conservation District, Calaveras Resource Conservation District, Tuolumne Resource Conservation District, Alpine Watershed Group, Carbon Cycle Institute, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

## MISSION

The AACT Natural Working Lands Collaborative envisions working with communities within the AACT region are looking to design and scale climate management practices with an emphasis on economic and workforce development in under resourced communities.

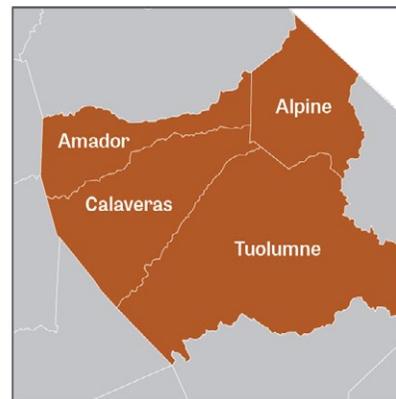
## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate smart-management, carbon sequestration, economic development

## SUMMARY

This collaborative focuses on the AACT region experiencing severe climate impacts from facing drying wells to intense wildfires resulting in threats to safety and damage to infrastructure. As the threat of wildfire grows so do several related climate, human health, and economic related issues. Agriculture is facing equally challenging scenarios within the changing climate, threatening communities who depend on the industry. This collaborative would focus on the potential natural and working lands have for immediate, affordable, and scalable carbon sequestration. The project would ultimately build capacity for sustained engagement in the effects of climate change on Natural and Working Lands that are resulting in poor air quality, extreme drought conditions, and wildfire-related safety threats that communities are facing with increased frequency across

the region. The collaborative would also build capacity within the proposed region for planning, education, and implementation of projects that enhance the resiliency of the region's communities and essential natural resources.



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# CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE OF SONOMA

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## REGION

Sonoma County

## PARTNERS

Daily Acts Organization, Regional Climate Protection Authority, Latino Service Providers, Petaluma People Services Center and Petaluma Blacks for Community Development

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions achieving its 2030 carbon neutral climate goal by addressing the unique priorities and needs of each community and supporting equitable implementation and capacity building. They would pilot new models of community-centered climate planning and action in several under-resourced communities throughout Sonoma County, with a focus on under-resourced census tracts in Petaluma and Santa Rosa.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate action network, workforce development, community engagement, carbon neutrality

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on a series of three main engagement strategies to build capacity and support implementation towards achieving climate goals. The first is developing an Equitable Climate Action Network in Petaluma with community-based organizations (CBOs), groups who represent Communities of Focus, and City representatives to understand needs, build capacity and share resources. The second is providing workforce development for Latinx youth through the Promotores Verdes program as they educate and engage their community on climate related issues. The third is hosting community education and listening workshops throughout the county to share information, understand community priorities, and identify capacity-building

needs. The Collaborative would help prioritize and fund the highest impact climate actions, facilitate sharing of best practices, leverage resources, support local organizations to secure funding for their climate projects, and support local policymakers to develop climate policies that prioritize the needs of under-resourced communities.



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# CLIMATE SAFE LAKE

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## REGION

Lake County

## PARTNERS

County of Lake, North Coast Opportunities, and Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (Co-applicants) and the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority Joint Powers Authority (Public Water Districts, Lake County Watershed Protection District, Cities of Lakeport and Clearlake, Fire Protection Districts [Kelseyville, North Shore, South Lake, Lakeport, and Lake County) and Tribal Governments (Middletown Rancheria, Habematolel Pomo, Robinson Rancheria, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians)

## MISSION

The mission of the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority JPA collaborative is to proactively mitigate all disasters that are climate related. The collaborative envisions that all Lake County communities have the capacity to co-manage the many climate change-related risks they share and, through collaboration, empower them to take action.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Fire resiliency, biomass waste utilization, climate adaptation and planning

## SUMMARY

This collaborative will focus on climate change impacts affecting Lake County, including unparalleled wildfires, drought, sustained heat waves, and flooding. It will also address the slow death of the County's conifer forests due to drought and insect infestation, which substantially affects the region's watershed and wildfire risk. The collaborative will engage in seven goals around building capacity including but not limited to: tracking progress and evaluating outcomes, engaging in peer-to-peer learning sessions, building collaborative partner capacity plan, creating a Regional Climate Action Plan, creating a Waste Woody Biomass Utilization and Bioenergy/Biochar Deployment Plan, establishing a Partner Assistance Fund,



and establishing a Fire Resiliency Standing Committee.

The collaborative will continue its efforts to build social infrastructure, expand and deepen community engagement and decision making, and make equity-centered processes central. The Partner Assistance fund will be used to build participants' capacity with grant writing assistance, stipends, and other measures. The Waste Woody Biomass Utilization and Bioenergy/Biochar Deployment Plan will lead to a Woody Biomass Working Group and establish a facility that will allow for economic development. The Fire Resiliency Standing committee will address the gap around locally based fire resiliency coordination.

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# COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR RESILIENCE IN SONOMA COUNTY

## REGION

Sonoma County



## PARTNERS

Greenbelt Alliance, Sonoma County Office of Climate Resilience; Sonoma Ecology Center; La Luz; LosCien; Evette Minor; Soluna Outreach Solutions; Nuestra Comunidad

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions a new era of shared decision-making between local governments and community members in four of Sonoma County's most underserved areas. The collaborative would help community leadership groups create partnerships to design, fund, and build climate resilient greenspace corridors in their communities.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Greenspace infrastructure, natural resource management and climate adaptation, community, corridor plan



## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on four communities that are home to some of Sonoma County's lowest-income residents and have higher proportions of LatinX and African American residents, and other people of color. These communities experience higher rates of disease and poorer overall outcomes, compared to more affluent areas in Sonoma County and have less access to greenspaces, which contributes to poorer health and other outcomes. Lack of greenspaces also increases their vulnerability to climate hazards, including extreme heat, extreme precipitation and flooding, and wildfires. This project would engage each of the communities with an opportunity to design local green spaces that meet their needs. By linking sensitive habitat outside the built environment, the corridors would increase the health and resilience of the overall landscape, which would reduce climate risks across Sonoma County. The collaborative also looks to support economic growth in these communities as community members equipped

with new job skills find employment in the green economy, and local small businesses develop new, green-economy products or services. They envision these communities would be healthier, safer, and more resilient to the effects of climate change because of the greenspaces they create, and that their corridors would improve the health and resilience of the broader Sonoma County landscape as a system, making everyone in the County safer from climate hazards.

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## (C4 COMMUNITY CLIMATE RESILIENCE) COLLABORATIVE

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### REGION

Contra Costa County

### PARTNERS

The Watershed Project, Contra Costa Resources Conservation District (CCRCD), SOS Richmond, Urban Tilth, Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation (CVL), Mithun

### MISSION

This collaborative envisions a future where all communities in our region have access to green, healthy spaces that provide social, health, and mental benefits, achieved through developing actionable plans and projects. They are looking to build the capacity of under-resourced communities in unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County by creating spaces to facilitate communities, County-level agencies, and other organizations working together to promote tangible projects that enhance creek and shoreline climate resilience.

### AREA OF FOCUS

Creek and shoreline climate resilience, climate adaptation planning, climate equity

### SUMMARY

This collaborative builds the capacity of three Communities of Focus (CoF) that have converging risk factors and opportunities to develop model projects: North Richmond, Bay Point, and Montalvin Manor-Bayview-Tara Hills. All three communities have capacity-building needs in relation to developing actionable climate projects. With training, these communities co-design projects that address community preferences to reduce climate vulnerability and enhance community-centered outcomes. The collaborative would focus on three broader opportunities (a) The Coalition advances community engagement in Climate Action Plans, including school students, youth, young adults, unhoused people, and the broader community, through outreach, education, and messaging. This will inform about climate risks and opportunities for their community; (b) The Coalition builds the CoF capacity to mobilize themselves,



advocate and seek representation, policy changes, and funding for climate resiliency projects, and (c) The Coalition collectively proposes policies, projects, and funding to enhance the disadvantaged CoFs' health, resilience, and accessibility to green spaces.

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# HIGH-SPEED RAIL NEIGHBORHOODS COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

Fresno County



## PARTNERS

Chinatown Fresno Foundation, Downtown Fresno Foundation, Highway City Community Development Corporation, Jane Addams Community Development Corporation, Lowell Community Development Corporation, South Tower Community Land Trust

## MISSION

This collaborative envisions building vibrant neighborhoods from under-resourced communities surrounding the proposed High-Speed Rail Station in Fresno County. The collaborative's vision is to see its challenged neighborhoods of Chinatown, Downtown, Jane Addams, Highway City, Lowell and South Tower thrive as leaders in a future of climate resilience.



## AREA OF FOCUS

High speed rail, transportation, housing

## SUMMARY

The organizing principle of the collaborative is the spine of the California High Speed Rail corridor through the Fresno community. The service area includes 80,944 individuals who are confronted daily with extreme heat, from concentrated auto and freight train emissions, pesticides, increasing wildfire smoke, escalating costs of living, power outages, and ground water scarcity. Many work jobs in agriculture or adjacent industries are inextricably tied to weather patterns and availability of nonrenewable resources. That project itself is the most significant California response to climate change, innovating in mass transit. This infrastructure line concentrates negative impacts in communities and creates barriers to cross neighborhood connectivity. The collaborative is looking to build awareness of those impacts and identify community driven responses to this climate and infrastructure change.

This collaborative would focus along three fronts that impact climate outcomes: improve active transportation connectivity, expand affordable housing, and develop pathways for local business success.

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# LOS ANGELES FOOD RECOVERY ALLIANCE

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## REGION

Los Angeles County

## PARTNERS

Los Angeles Food Policy Council, Food Forward, FoodCycle LA, Hollywoods Food Coalition, Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, North Valley Caring Services, Polo's Pantry

## MISSION

This collaborative envisions leveraging collective power and advocating directly for policies and funding opportunities that are reflective of the food recovery space. They assess the collective capacity among organizations distributing food in the Los Angeles region; evaluate potential models for a collaborative regional food recovery network; and assist in the implementation of agreed-upon actions.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Food recovery, food deserts, hunger relief, food waste

## SUMMARY

This collaborative will focus on the communities of East LA, and the Antelope Valley which are extremely impacted by the climate emergency through the increased heat and the ongoing drought. Not only are they food deserts, but their lack of water makes them difficult environments to create urban gardening programs without major capacity support. The increasing heat makes the distribution of food extremely costly due to refrigeration and results in higher transportation costs overall. The collaborative is looking to develop infrastructure led by key stakeholders to identify capacity building opportunities to recover food. In addition, they would work with a diverse representation of our food recovery organizations and organize around cross jurisdictional coordination and spotlight best practices to further a cohesive model on education, training,

policy advocacy, and public awareness. By increasing food recovery capacity, the collaborative is looking to develop a regional hub that minimizes waste at the consumer level and that achieves it through feeding people.



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# LOWER KERN RIVER PARTNERSHIP

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## REGION

Kern County

## PARTNERS

River Partners, CSU Bakersfield, Bakersfield College, Kern River Corridor Endowment, Bring Back the Kern, Kern River Parkway Foundation, Kern River Fly Fishers Council, White Wolf Wellness Foundation, Bakersfield American Indian Health Project, Kern River Conservancy.

## MISSION

The Lower Kern River Partnership envisions building climate resilience for the southern San Joaquin Valley by fostering reconnection of nature and people over 36 miles of river channel and floodplains extending from the mouth of the Kern River Canyon to the river's end through the City of Bakersfield and Kern County.

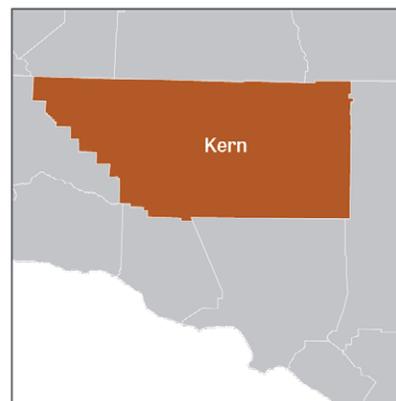
## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate refuge, rivers, restoration

## SUMMARY

This collaborative focuses on restoring river corridors as climate refuge for communities and wildlife. Shaded river corridors serve as the first line of community resilience in a changing climate, especially for valley towns: they ameliorate heat through shading, they safely convey flood flows past communities, they provide broad connected areas for water to spread out and sink into the ground for use during droughts, and they provide migration pathways for people and wildlife seeking refuge from changing conditions. Through this partnership numerous institutions and partners would gather around a combined interest of growing and expanding river-based projects that have

demonstrated success while engaging in new climate science, diversifying the voices, and seeking deep partnerships with communities that rely on the river. By delivering funds to these elements, this project would build the capacity of an entire generation of Southern San Joaquin Valley residents to restore and steward their river parkway benefitting regional public health, environmental quality, and quality of life.



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# MONTEREY BAY AREA CLIMATE JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE

## REGION

Monterey County

## PARTNERS

Regeneración, County of Monterey, City of Watsonville, City of Santa Cruz, City of King Community Development Department, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), Central Coast Climate Collaborative, Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council, NAACP Santa Cruz County, Community Bridges, Community Action Board, MILPA Collective, CHISPA (Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Association), Center for Community Advocacy, Mujeres en Acción, Building Healthy Communities, Youth Alliance, Central Coast Energy Services, Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA)

## MISSION

The Monterey Bay Area Climate Justice Collaborative envisions building broad, inclusive, cross-sector, functional network of organizations who, by collaborating, create jobs, improve health outcomes, increase community well-being and reverse economic and race-based disparities through activities that rapidly reduce emissions and make the region more resilient in the face of climate change impacts.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate Justice, Regional Planning, Frontline Engagement, Farm Workers

## SUMMARY

This collaborative focuses on the region's predominantly agriculture-oriented communities that are being strongly impacted by climate change already. The 2020 CZU wildfire 1 mile north of Santa Cruz caused weeks of unhealthy smoke exposure for outdoor workers before farms supplied them N95 masks. The 2018 extreme storm events caused work stoppages and took acres of farmland offline for the season. Heat exposure is becoming an increasing issue, especially in the berry hoop-houses and greenhouses common in



the north of our region. These impacts affect residents in multiple intersecting and cascading ways like public health, environmental challenges, and economic losses. The collaborative would build capacity by focusing on some of the following key formation strategies: compensating staff position in frontline groups, facilitating race and trauma informed relationship building, establishing democratic governance processes, funding community access services, and providing grant writing consultant facilitation to develop competitive projects for state and federal grant programs.

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# MY COMMUNITY MY HEALTH (MCMH) COALITION

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## REGION

Los Angeles County

## PARTNERS

AltaMed Health Services Corporation (AltaMed), Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM), Inclusive Action Promesa Boyle Heights, and the Social Model Recovery Systems, Tobacco Cessation Learning Collaborative

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions engaging in a power-building and community-driven regional approach to climate resilience planning and action that is supported by cross-sectoral partners for Southeast Los Angeles (SELA).

## AREA OF FOCUS

Public health, environmental racism, climate change mobilization initiatives

## SUMMARY

Historically, communities of color, like SELA a primary AltaMed service area, have long experienced multiple forms of environmental racism, which have resulted in disproportionately higher levels of air pollution, low access to safe and clean outdoor spaces, increased bio-hazard accidents, with a subsequent inadequate response to them, and overall worse environmental quality. This collaborative would focus on community mobilization, public relations, capacity-building, and partnerships and advocacy to address climate change and long-term effects of environmental racism. Three core spheres for action – (1) critical education and Power literacy, (2) skills building and capacity building, (3) Community-Driven Processes, Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change Projects and Advocacy – would allow for engagement with the collaborative's priority population around identifying health priorities, understanding root causes of health disparities in their community, and building their capacity for action.



Capacity building gaps that would be addressed include bringing in partners, launching and evaluating environmental justice and climate action programs, leveraging qualitative and quantitative data to create the Action Plan, environmental health/justice grant making and administration, and creating a capacity building toolkit.

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## PARTNERING ACROSS GENERATIONS

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### REGION

Santa Clara County

### PARTNERS

Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, SunWork Renewable Energy Projects, Peninsula Interfaith Climate Action

### MISSION

This collaborative envisions addressing a greatly neglected gap in the equitable transition to clean energy: low-income seniors who are often people of color with long histories of socioeconomic injustice with physical challenges, safety issues, and cognitive difficulties with new technology and communication

### AREA OF FOCUS

Elderly population, climate resilience, home energy upgrades, environmental justice

### SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on bringing together the collaborative with the Low income/Disadvantaged elderly communities of focus to build capacity and create actionable plans about how to ensure that one of our most vulnerable communities is strengthened against the worst stresses of climate change to come. The collaborative would create a Community Engagement Action Plan, a Network Building Plan, and a Sustainable Funding Plan. The Collaborative would also identify needed areas of training and cross-training between leaders and ways to provide this, e.g., workshops focused on developing facilitation skills that center on community engagement and decision making, equity-centered processes, and developing skills and resources for identifying promising grant opportunities and writing competitive proposals. Each partner brings in different expertise that would serve as project areas for these target communities including: safety repairs and home energy upgrades to low-income seniors, low-cost solar panel and heat pump water heater



(HPWH) installations to homes and nonprofits by training and utilizing volunteer workers, a network of faith-based climate activists, and public education and engagement on climate change and solutions ranging from EV adoption and building electrification to policy and plant-forward diets. This collaborative would ultimately work to address climate change and ensure better physical, emotional and financial security to our under-resourced elderly.

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# RAMONA BARONA CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

San Diego County (specifically Ramona and Barona regions)

## PARTNERS

Ramona Municipal Water District, Barona Band of Mission Indians, Ramona Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Ramona

## MISSION

This collaborative will bring together public agencies, business interests, community leaders, local non-profits, tribal interests and residents to build social capacity and connections in the area so the community can plan, fund, and implement climate mitigation and adaptation projects and break down the silos that exist among the various groups.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate resilience, groundwater sustainability, climate adaptation planning

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on compiling data from county, state and federal sources on climate impacts to the region and communities of focus to develop a local climate action plan. The area has traditionally not applied for nor received any substantial grant funding. The actionable plan will define a sustainable vision for the area in the face of climate change, particularly regarding drought and heat impacts, flooding, renewable energy, and maintaining a thriving business and residential community. The collaborative will demonstrate how a water district and tribe can serve as anchor institutions to help the surrounding community, serving as a model for under-resourced rural areas. The collaborative will also demonstrate how to successfully communicate climate change to rural areas, which due to politics, have

not been engaged on this topic. An additional goal of the Collaborative is to identify community leaders among our disadvantaged residents, so that they can better advocate for themselves. The ultimate goal of the Collaborative will be to identify and successfully apply for grants in year 3 and beyond that provide climate benefits to our under-resourced census tracts and tribes.



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# REDESIGNLA- COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

Los Angeles County

## PARTNERS

Council for Watershed Health, Active San Gabriel Valley, API Forward Movement, Community Partners DBA Los Angeles Walks, Community RePower Movement, Day One, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gente Organizada, Nature For All, Pacoima Beautiful, Proyecto Pastoral care of Promesa Boyle Heights, River in Action, Willowbrook Inclusion Network

## MISSION

The ReDesignLA-Collaborative envisions community-based organizations across the LA Region moving from an “add-on role” within municipal-led project processes to a community-led and/or community-partnered project process that results in healthier watersheds and more resilient communities prepared for the realities of climate change.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate resilience and adaptation, stormwater management, community-based organizations

## SUMMARY

In the years ahead, the County of Los Angeles will see an investment of billions of dollars in parks and stormwater infrastructure projects intended to mitigate climate change impacts and improve the health of our urban forests and watersheds. Throughout the region, there are many Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) eager to initiate projects with these funding resources. However, many lack the capacity to address climate, water, and urban forest challenges. The ReDesign Collaborative has established successful processes of providing technical assistance (TA) and building the capacity of CBOs to develop and implement multi-benefit projects that integrate stormwater capture and increase local climate preparedness. The collaborative is looking to expand by replicating its successful process



of recruiting, training, and engaging CBOs in a network of shared learning to develop projects and proposals that address their community priorities, with a particular focus on projects that address a lack of open space, biodiversity and habitat, and local water supply issues. This program will look at all aspects of design through the lens of climate resilience and adaptation, in addition to ensuring that Los Angeles County communities in need have access to technical and funding resources.

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# RURAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

Butte, Plumas, and Tehama counties

## PARTNERS

North State Planning and Development Collective – Chico State Enterprises, Butte County Fire Safe Council, California Health Collaborative, Maidu Summit Consortium, Plumas Corporation, Tehama County Resource Conservation District

## MISSION

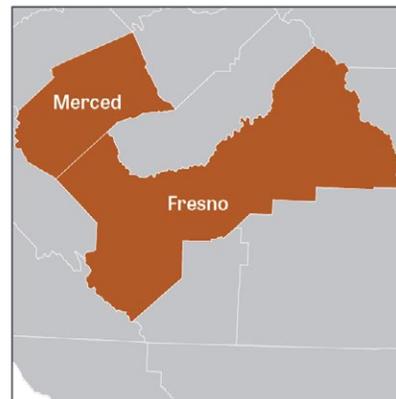
The collaborative envisions is establishing integrated priorities for collective action, addressing the region's greatest climate vulnerabilities of wildfire, high heat, and drought with the goal to protect human health, preserve critical environmental services, and support economic vitality.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate resiliency, JEDI principles, climate action plan, natural resource management

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on establishing and supporting a collaborative decision-making group of diverse stakeholders across Butte, Plumas, and Tehama counties, centering outreach and engagement efforts on historically marginalized, under-resourced, and high-risk communities. The proposed region faces numerous climate-related challenges including high-heat, drought, wildfire frequency and intensity, watershed health, and threats to biodiversity. The collaborative intends to develop and reinforce relationships across agencies and organizations, and set near-term regional priorities based on an analysis of existing plans, policies, projects and funding opportunities and an assessment of the region's most pressing needs. Ultimately, the collaborative intends to increase collaboration, garnering cross-sectoral support for broadly impacting and integrated strategies. Goals for the collaborative include creating synergy across organizational objectives



through the development of a Regional Climate Action Plan and Community Climate Solutions Inventory, increasing implementation partnerships, and supporting existing work through the provision of a Capacity-Building Toolkit and technical assistance.

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# SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RURAL CLIMATE JUSTICE NETWORK

## REGION

Fresno and Merced Counties

## PARTNERS

SocioEnvironmental and Education Network, Central Valley Leadership Roundtable, University of California, Merced, University of California, Davis, Higher Education for All, Valley Eco

## MISSION

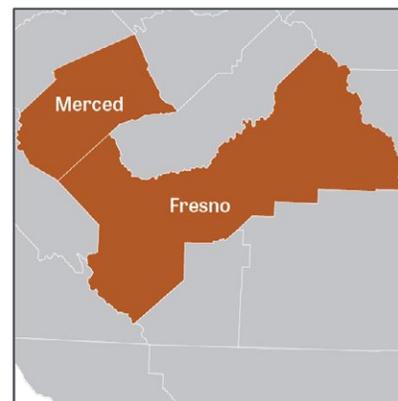
The collaborative envisions achieving climate resilience in the vulnerable communities of the San Joaquin Valley through a 3 level CAS Engagement – Children, Adults, and Structural Support. The combined expertise of the collaborative would work to build a stronger future for themselves through multiple grassroots and advocacy building strategies through improving the educational opportunities for the youth and future community leaders.

## AREA OF FOCUS

K-12 students, educational needs, climate justice, youth development

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on helping rural disadvantaged communities become resilient against climate change and environmental injustice by empowering community stakeholders through bilingual information and education, and financially supporting their efforts. The collaborative would work with local advocates and unincorporated grassroots organizations to help them achieve their goals to improve quality of life and create engagement opportunities in their communities. The grant would partially fund the efforts of up to 8 grassroots advocates per year like a “start up.” In parallel, the educational team would work with community leaders, teachers, and students to identify educational needs, as many of these communities are in or near the 100th percentile of CalEnviroScreen for education. The collaborative would address capacity gaps by supporting the work of grassroots leaders



(CVLRT, HEFA and others) in the Communities of Focus through financial support, grant writing guidance and technical training, conducting community engaged research to understand concerns relating to climate change and land repurposing, and provide education outreach – all crucial elements of climate resiliency so that the next generation is informed and prepared with skills and tools to advocate and mitigate climate change impacts.

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## SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER AUTHORITY AND MEMBER BANDS

### REGION

San Diego County

### PARTNERS

San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority (IWA), La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians; Pala Band of Luiseno Indians; Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians; Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians; San Pasqual Band of Luiseno Indians.

### MISSION

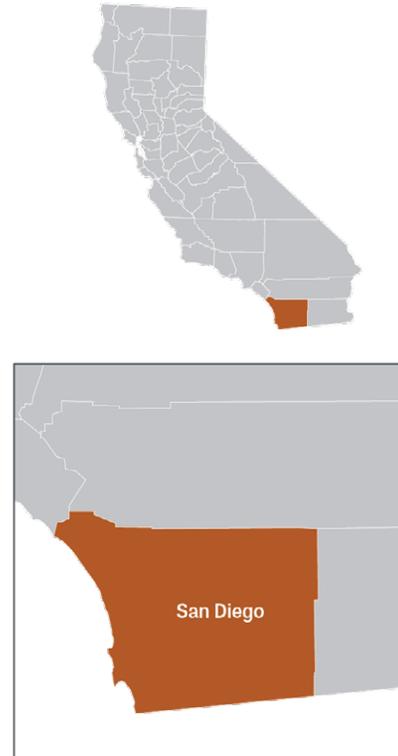
The San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority and member Bands collaborative envisions providing for the protection, development and management of the resources of the member Tribes and the success of future generations. They hope to do so by creating the plans and infrastructure, both administrative and construction, that would provide for the resilience of the Tribes to the challenges presented by climate change.

### AREA OF FOCUS

Tribes, Planning and Engineering, Climate Change Mitigation and Resiliency

### SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on protecting Tribal Lands from the effects of climate change, including drought, wildland fire, and cultural decay stemming from the stifled economic growth, and support the general welfare of the Tribal Partners. The relationship and dependence that the Tribes have on the surface and ground waters associated with the Upper San Luis Rey Basin means that the partners need to have a voice in the water management in the area and to protect the water rights they won after a legal battle that began in the 1960's. The collaborative is looking to engage in planning that is consistent with the needs of the IWA and the Tribes and create a Planning and Engineering Department within the IWA to provide the Tribes with professional support and assistance in meeting the goal



of climate mitigation and resiliency. The long-term result would be the creation of a working group that is housed and staffed by the Tribes, which would allow Tribal members to obtain education and experience to benefit the quality of their lives, and the lives of all the partners members, as they achieve resilience to sustain themselves through climate issues.

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# SAN MATEO/ SANTA CLARA COUNTIES REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

## REGION

San Mateo and Santa Clara counties



## PARTNERS

Coastal Quest, Acterra, Belle Haven Community Development Fund, Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast, Climate Resilient Communities, Community Agency for Resources, Advocacy and Services, Rise South City, San Jose Conservation Corps, South Coast Sustainable, The Tenacious Group

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions historically under-resourced marginalized communities in need of climate justice in Santa Clara County and San Mateo County equipped to adapt to the impacts of climate change in the region and able to implement strategies and develop just and equitable social and physical infrastructure required for residents and natural systems to become resilient and flourish.



## AREA OF FOCUS

Community-based organizations, community engagement, climate planning process

## SUMMARY

Through the collaborative, communities that historically do not have access to the resources (financial and education) to build a resilient community to the impacts of climate change will have a pathway forward. The San Mateo/ Santa Clara Counties Regional Climate Collaborative (SM/SCRCC) will provide a platform for the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in the region working directly or tangentially on climate to obtain access to education, training, and technical assistance (related to grant writing and digital platforms). The SM/SCRCC creation and development will be informed by the identified needs of community members that reside within the communities of focus through an engagement process that prioritizes frontline communities. While there are many wealthy communities in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, the marginalized communities are

often overlooked and do not receive adequate resources to enable their communities to become resilient. There are many reasons for this lack of investment including historical systemic barriers as well as a lack of knowledge on ways to navigate government and philanthropic funding systems. The collaborative will focus on bringing these communities to the forefront, train and equip residents and CBOs with essential resources to acquire resources, and navigate government climate planning processes so their voices and influence are integrated into the outcomes of these processes.

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# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

## REGION

Santa Barbara County

## PARTNERS

County of Santa Barbara, City of Guadalupe, City of Lompoc, Los Amigos de Guadalupe, Community Environmental Council, Children and Family Resource Services in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Education Office on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Promotores Network, Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, Cachuma Resource Conservation District on behalf of the Wildfire Resilience Collaborative, California Marine Sanctuary Foundation on behalf of the Central Coast Climate Collaborative, Santa Paula Latino Town Hall on behalf of the Central Coast Climate Justice Network, Fund for Santa Barbara

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions aligning local, regional, and State goals through developing Climate Action plans, enhancing water resilience, building capacity, creating educational programming, and more as they work towards addressing climate change.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Water sustainability, climate action plan, water resilience, peer-to-peer learning

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on Northwest Santa Barbara County which includes small suburban and rural communities that are generally lower income. Santa Barbara County is the second fastest warming region in the US and regularly experiences wildfires and drought. To date, Santa Barbara County is facing its third driest year in the past 128 years and has received less than half of its normally expected rainfall amount. The Cities of Guadalupe and Lompoc and local service providers and community-based organizations (CBOs) within the region all face budgetary and staffing constraints, limiting their ability to develop and implement policies, programs, and



projects to address climate change. The Collaborative would provide funding, training, and technical assistance to the Cities on facilitating equitable community engagement and in support of pursuing funding for community projects. The Collaborative would also coordinate training and peer-to-peer activities for residents and organizations, and provide stipends, childcare, food and language access services.

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# SANTA CLARA RIVER REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

Santa Clara County

## PARTNERS

TreePeople, Friends of the Santa Clara River, Santa Clara River Conservancy, Restoration Science LLC / University of California Santa Barbara, Marine Science Institute, Stillwater Sciences, Ventura County Resource Conservation District

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions a unique opportunity to bring together dozens of communities, leaders, landowners and scientists to heal one of the last remaining natural rivers in Southern California – The Santa Clara River.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Watershed plan, community climate solutions, wildfire management

## SUMMARY

This collaborative brings together communities across the watershed in long-term partnership, to collectively understand the climate-related needs and concerns of the most vulnerable residents, and to build achievable and sustainable paths to climate resilience for the watershed region. This collaborative would focus on two very significant concerns that stand out related to restoration of the Santa Clara River and climate-related challenges: wildfire and water supply. The collaborative hopes to work towards remedying these climate related challenges through the three areas of community engagement, climate solutions, and increased capacity. The project would research and recommend options for a long-term management framework to support collaborative relationships and watershed wide



activities across multiple jurisdictions, and work with the Collaborative members to refine and take action toward implementation. The projects would also include expanding partnerships within the Watershed, community outreach, funding strategy development/ applications, and project planning for invasive plant removal, native plant restoration, and other benefits to local communities.

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# SOCAL COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS COLLABORATIVE

## REGION

Los Angeles , Orange , San Diego Counties



## PARTNERS

Integrative Development Initiative, Strength Based Community Change (SBCC), Innovation & Intersection Associates (IIA), (Community in Resistance for Ecological and Cultural Empowerment) (CRECE), New Beginnings Garden (NBG), Community Borderlands Collaborative (CBC)

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions a world where people step into caring, harmonious relationships with one another and the earth to build up and sustain wide-spread community and environmental health. The collaborative seeks to build, support, and uplift food-system based organizations and centers, as critical nodes, so that transformative climate action can be nourished and sustained within local communities, shared region, and across the state.



## AREA OF FOCUS

Community-based food systems, ecological farming, social justice

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on communities facing climate issues such as poor air quality, water scarcity, impoverished soils, and increasing temperatures. These communities also lack integrated local food and organic resource recovery systems and face substantial amounts of food insecurity alongside limited access to financial resources to meet basic needs and to support systems transformation. The collaborative partners would support each other in deepening and elevating actionable work related to food and green space access, community composting, justice-oriented policy development, community-based learning and knowledge sharing, community building through gathering, developing value-aligned financial and legal capacity building, and building a diverse skill set of anti-oppression tools. The projects areas for this collaborative are intended to

build capacity for meaningful, effective, and sustained climate action through both deep and broad community engagement, cultivating relational leadership at both the regional and local level, ongoing & summative knowledge sharing, critical tool & template development, direct project implementation support, peer-to-peer learning, and community co-designed formative, implementation & effectiveness evaluation processes.

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# VALLEY-DESERT COMMUNITIES CLIMATE COLLABORATIVES

## REGION

Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties



## PARTNERS

Kern Community College District (KCCD), Building Healthy Communities (BHC), Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC), Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK), Community Services Employment Training (CSET), Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF), Kern Inyo Mono Building Trades Council (KIM BTC), City of Arvin, City of Bakersfield

## MISSION

This collaborative is a coalition of 5 regional climate action collaboratives that envisions small municipalities in the southern San Joaquin Valley, Sierra Mountain, and Tribal communities have the technical assistance and support to address community needs.



## AREA OF FOCUS

Climate resilience, community engagement, climate adaptation planning

## SUMMARY

This collaborative would focus on Climate related challenges common across the four subregions west of the Sierras include extreme heat, poor air quality, diminished water availability, and poor infrastructure. This collaborative would facilitate the dissemination of technical assistance; realize the benefits of economies of scale in the development of a capacity building toolkit; and streamline peer-to-peer learning and the sharing of best practices. The collaboratives project would provide resources for the communities to meet in geographical sub-regions, discuss their climate priorities, develop lists of projects, and identify needs for technical assistance and capacity resources in order to be successful when applying for funding. The outcome of the Valley-Desert Communities Climate Collaboratives project would include: five sub-regional climate action plans, five technical assistance and capacity-building needs

inventories, and a shared Capacity Building toolkit that would be hosted online to make it easy for collaborative members to access and for project team to update.

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# VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

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## REGION

Ventura County

## PARTNERS

Ventura County Community Foundation, Central Coast Climate Collaborative; Central Coast Climate Justice Collaborative; Community Environmental Council; Santa Paula Latino Town Hall; Ventura County Resource Conservation District

## MISSION

The collaborative envisions equitable and sustainable climate action within the fastest-warming region in the continental United States to secure the futures of our diverse communities, varied environments, and wildlife in the fastest-warming county in the contiguous U.S.

## AREA OF FOCUS

Agricultural workforce, climate mitigation and adaptation, environmental justice partners

## SUMMARY

The State of California's Climate Change Assessment Report (2018) identified six major threats for the Central Coast: wildfire and smoke; sea level rise; extreme heat; drought; heavy rain events; and water supply. These threats disproportionately impact low-income communities and the agricultural sector, hence farmworkers. Therefore, this collaborative's focus would be the largely agricultural and low-income communities of West Ventura County, specifically South Oxnard, Santa Paula, Nyeland Acres, El Rio, Westside Ventura, and Saticoy. The collaborative seeks to empower all community members, with special focus on those most impacted by global warming, to become catalysts for change. The collaborative would: identify priorities and develop projects to bolster local climate resilience, build the capacity for residents most impacted



by climate change to voice their concerns and possible strategies for offsetting the impacts of the climate crisis, encourage and enhance the voices of underrepresented communities in our region on environmental issues, and prepare for and secure future funding opportunities.

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