

Attachment B: Project Descriptions for RCC Round 1 Finalists

This is a full list of the twelve applications that were invited to participate in finalist interviews (in alphabetical order).

Collaborative of Native Nations for Climate Transformation & Stewardship

Award Amount: \$1,750,000

Region: Central Coast & Border Region (San Diego, Riverside, Imperial, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange County, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties)

Managing Stakeholder: Climate Science Alliance (Fiscal Sponsor: California Wildlife Foundation)

Co-Applicants:

- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
- Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples
- San Diego State University-Community Climate Action Network

The Collaborative of Native Nations for Climate Transformation & Stewardship's (CNNCTS) proposal aims to formalize and expand the existing Climate Science Alliance Tribal Working Group, a network of 20+ Tribes in San Diego, Riverside, Imperial, and San Bernardino counties. The CNNCTS would extend and solidify partnerships in areas covered by the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples (Los Angeles and Orange County) and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Santa Barbara and Ventura County) and add San Diego State University Community Climate Action Network as a strategic research partner. The partners propose a collaborative model that would advocate for the equal valuation of knowledge systems, advance Indigenous management practices and stewardship, and support organizational capacities and community norms.

The proposed communities of focus include the Tribal communities located on the 25 Tribal reservations in the region and the diaspora of Indigenous people across Southern California that have been historically excluded from land-use, stewardship, and climate adaptation planning for their ancestral lands. The project's approach would build capacity through coordination, career development training, and economic development programs. The CNNCTS plans to offer capacity building, training, and technical assistance, a micro grants process to seed fund Tribal projects, Indigenous Fellowships, an Esri Tribal Hub of Knowledges, and travel support to bolster involvement in activities that would support Tribal capacity to respond to climate change threats.

Eastern Coachella Valley Climate Justice Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,749,723

Region: Inland SoCal (Riverside County)

Managing Stakeholder: Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Co-Applicants:

- Desert Healthcare District and Foundation
- Desert Recreation District

- Kounkuey Design Initiative
- Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

The Eastern Coachella Valley Climate Justice Collaborative's (ECV-CJC) proposal aims to advance climate resilience and equity in the region through: strengthening relationships with an existing network of climate resilience leaders; identifying and overcoming barriers to obtaining funds through capacity building and technical assistance; and informing policies to better reflect opportunities in the region. The partners propose to work directly with community members to help under-resourced communities access funding and address resource gaps from historic disinvestment in these communities.

The proposed communities of focus include the unincorporated communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley in Riverside County, including Thermal, Oasis, Mecca, North Shore, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. These communities would receive climate resilience support through the program and community voices would lead the collaborative's engagement efforts with stakeholders, decision-making bodies, and potential funders. The project's approach would center community engagement through door-to-door canvassing, phone and text banking, surveys, outreach at traditional tribal events, and community meetings. ECV-CJC would develop educational materials and workshops about climate resilience opportunities, provide technical assistance for grant applications, and develop a capacity building toolbox that includes a Community Climate Solutions Inventory, tools for accessing TA, recorded training sessions, and a list of federal, state, and private funding opportunities for climate resilience.

Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,750,000

Region: Los Angeles County

Managing Stakeholder: Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Co-Applicants:

- SELA Collaborative
- Tree People
- GRID Alternatives
- Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office

The Gateway Cities Regional Climate Collaborative's (GCRCC) proposal aims to strengthen and formalize existing relationships among partners who would leverage individual skills, knowledge, practices, and networks for a community-driven response to climate change. The newly formed GCRCC proposes to develop an Action Plan—following the SELA Collaborative's model for community engagement—by uplifting community voices while simultaneously educating community about issues being addressed. The proposed communities of focus include historically underserved and under-resourced communities in Southeast Los Angeles, including: the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, South Gate and Vernon, and two unincorporated Los Angeles County communities, Florence/Firestone and Walnut Park.

The project's approach would use the SELA Collaborative's 4-stage model for engaging community in planning: (1) data collection, research, analysis and establishment of baselines for the given topic; (2)

community engagement designed to inform the community about the topic, identify and understand community concerns, and gain community input on crafting assessments and recommendations; (3) development of publicly available reports and plans; and (4) establishment of up to two Advisory Boards consisting of community members and experts in a given field related to the project. The GCRCC would also create a clean energy workforce development program to develop skills to secure living wage jobs by identifying potential partners at community colleges and trade schools in the region, trainee recruitment plan in collaboration with Hub Cities (SELA Collaborative member organization), and a holistic workforce development program drawing upon new and existing regional community resources.

Marin Climate Justice Collaborative

Award Amount: \$996,390

Region: Bay Area (Marin County)

Managing Stakeholder: Canal Alliance

Co-Applicants:

- Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice
- Multicultural Center of Marin
- Play Marin
- Marin City Community Services District
- San Rafael City School District
- Marin Audubon Society
- Community Action Marin
- Greenbelt Alliance
- Marin County
- City of San Rafael

The Marin Climate Justice Collaborative's (Marin CJC) proposal aims to ensure a future for low-income residents and communities of color in Marin County at risk of displacement from climate change and development by building capacity and leadership for equal protection and climate resilience. The proposed communities of focus include the communities in the Canal District of San Rafael and unincorporated Marin City, who face disproportionate risk from sea level rise and flooding in the Bay Area and have a shared history of underinvestment.

The project's approach would include: (1) developing actionable plans and projects; (2) building trusted relationships amongst Marin CJC partners through unity of purpose; (3) embedding community engagement and equity in participatory planning and climate-related local decision-making; and (4) building capacity and leadership around climate resilience. The Marin CJC, an emerging collaborative, builds on existing social infrastructure and relationships and would conduct extensive outreach and engagement to bring resident perspectives and voices to community planning and placemaking processes. The partners propose to: conduct resident surveys and community trainings on placemaking and environmental justice to establish local awareness; engage youth and students in planning and resilience activities; convene Community Placemaking Forums to explore and co-create planning vision; create Health Community Plans; establish anti-displacement and workforce training needs for low-

income renters; and produce Healthy Community Maps and Green Development Zones for communities of focus.

Orange County Climate Justice Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,721,305

Region: Coastal SoCal (Orange County)

Managing Stakeholder: Orange County Environmental Justice

Co-Applicants:

- Climate Action Campaign
- Santa Ana Active Streets (fiscally sponsored project of Charitable Ventures Orange County)
- Madison Park Neighborhood Association
- Cooperacion Santa Ana

The Orange County Climate Justice Collaborative's (OCCJC) proposal aims to work in the city of Santa Ana—the county seat—to create a model for other Orange County cities to follow and create their own equity-centered Climate Action Plan (CAP) and climate policies. The partners propose to implement programs within communities of focus to mitigate current climate impacts and environmental injustices. The partners identified the most park-poor, polluted, and under-resourced communities to begin outreach and engagement around key projects. In collaboration with these communities, the OCCJC would develop project proposals for climate-focused capital improvement projects, provide education on water and energy conservation projects for residents, train residents for green jobs in the renewable energy sector and soil remediation, and conduct community empowerment trainings to increase active transportation.

The OCCJC would facilitate bi-monthly coalition meetings with community groups to ensure participation and leadership from communities of focus and facilitate equitable implementation of climate strategies in the transition to zero carbon. Partners would also lead and collaborate on key CAP projects such as worker training, soil lead remediation, urban greening, and facilitating active transportation. The project's approach includes regularly scheduled meetings with city staff and county agencies to address environmental injustices, design community-centered policies and plans, and create a replicable model of a climate-resilient city and CAP for Orange County. To ensure the project would be sustained after the grant period, the OCCJC would review funding opportunities in every coalition meeting to create a hub for raising and allocating funds.

Rural Northern California Climate Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,749,999

Region: North State (Tehama, Butte, Plumas Counties)

Managing Stakeholder: North State Planning and Development Collective - Chico State Enterprises

Co-Applicants:

- Butte County Fire Safe Council
- California Health Collaborative

- Maidu Summit Consortium
- Plumas Corporation
- Tehama County Resource Conservation District

The Rural Northern California Climate Collaborative's (RNCCC) proposal aims to establish priorities for collective action, addressing the region's greatest climate vulnerabilities of wildfire, high heat, and drought. The partners propose to establish 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 RNCCC plans 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.

The proposed communities of focus include under-resourced census tracts across Butte, Plumas, Tehama counties. The project's approach would develop a Regional Climate Action Plan, a Community Climate Solutions Inventory, a Capacity-Building Toolkit, and an online interactive map and regional data hub. The RNCCC would build and strengthen partnerships that cross jurisdictional boundaries and provide trainings on grant application development and project management, regional funding support, and grant technical assistance.

San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,750,000

Region: San Joaquin Valley (San Joaquin County)

Managing Stakeholder: San Joaquin Council of Governments

Co-Applicants:

- Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton
- GRID Alternatives North Valley
- Public Health Advocates
- Stockton Service Corps
- University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research

The San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative's (SJRCC) proposal aims to foster community-led solutions that meet the needs of members affected by climate change in under-resourced communities. The partners propose to engage and build capacity at multiple scales through community outreach, a collaborative stakeholder partnership structure, and a community advisory board (CAB). Planned activities include providing educational workshops and trainings, conducting gaps/needs assessment and prioritization of existing plans and projects, developing a regional climate research clearinghouse and directory, and creating an action plan to pursue further research and funding opportunities to implement plans and projects that meet identified community needs. Proposed activities are aimed at leveraging existing social infrastructure, current plans and projects, funding, and expertise to advance regional climate resilience and adaptation priorities in communities of focus.

The project's approach could be broken down into three phases, one phase for each year of the grant term. The first phase would focus on alignment by reviewing existing plans and projects, assessing

strengths and needs of CAB participants, and identifying priorities across communities of focus. Phase two would focus on capacity building through a series of community workshops and activities to increase knowledge and awareness about climate risks, a training series focused on information about state and federal grant programs, and development of a Regional Capacity Building Toolbox. In phase three, SJRCC would work directly in communities of focus with stakeholders and residents to prepare for implementation of projects prioritized in the community's respective sustainable neighborhood plan.

San Joaquin Valley Climate Justice Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,748,192

Region: San Joaquin Valley (Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern Counties)

Managing Stakeholder: Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Co-Applicants:

- Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment
- Central California Environmental Justice Network
- Community Water Center
- Self Help Enterprises
- Central Valley Air Quality Coalition
- Jakara Movement
- Council on American-Islamic Relations
- University of California Merced Community and Labor Center

The San Joaquin Valley Climate Justice Collaborative's (SJV-CJC) proposal aims to center community-led priorities in climate resilience funding opportunities and local policies and plans. The partners propose to: engage residents in underserved communities in visioning and prioritization processes; educate state and local agencies on policies and plans that protect resources for disadvantaged communities most impacted by climate change; inform local plans to increase investment in existing communities; identify and pursue funding to develop and implement plans prioritized by residents; develop transformative climate communities plans; plan community resilience centers; and increase access to basic and reliable infrastructure, appliances, and other resources to improve climate resilience.

The proposed communities of focus include two to six disadvantaged unincorporated communities in each of Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern Counties. The project's approach would center community engagement on climate resilience through door-to-door canvassing, phone and text banking, surveys, and monthly community meetings to identify priorities in each community, followed by coordination across organizations to identify region-wide priorities. The SJV-CJC would create a list of potential funding opportunities across public and private sources to fund identified climate priorities and provide technical assistance for communities to apply for these funding sources. Simultaneously, SJV-CJC would monitor opportunities for engagement on local and regional climate-related plans, such as county General Plans, Regional Transportation Plans, and Climate Action Plans. Ongoing outreach and education would be conducted to raise community awareness and engagement of disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Siskiyou Climate Collaborative Program

Award Amount: \$1,500,000

Region: North State (Siskiyou County)

Managing Stakeholder: Siskiyou Economic Development Council

Co-Applicants:

- Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
- UC Cooperative Extension, Siskiyou
- Siskiyou County SMART Workforce Center
- Nathan Johnston (Facilitator)
- Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Alliance

The Siskiyou Climate Collaborative Program's (SCCP) proposal aims to develop and implement climate adaptation and capacity-building strategies that support climate resiliency plans and projects within Siskiyou County. Through community engagement, the partners propose to create an equity-centered community process to develop a Climate Resiliency Plan (CRP) that would bring climate resilience funds to the communities of focus and provide a foundation for plans and policies focused on fire and climate resiliency.

The proposed communities of focus include the towns of Dorris, Dunsmuir, Etna, Fort Jones, Montague, Mount Shasta, Tulelake, Weed, and Yreka, and tribal lands for the Karuk and the Quartz Valley Tribes. The project's approach would bring structured and facilitated engagement opportunities through inclusive outreach, accessible community meetings, educational events, virtual platforms (e.g., website), and feedback forms to understand and synthesize the region's climate resilience needs in an actionable planning document (i.e., the CRP). The SCCP would be established over the three-year grant period: year one would focus on outreach and community engagement; year two on drafting a CRP and developing actionable plans and projects, and year three on finalizing the CRP and implementing a technical assistance program to bring additional funding to local climate projects. In addition, anti-displacement fire and drought resiliency strategies and a website that communicates climate change's local effects would be created within the first two years of the SCCP's initiation and refined over the course of the grant.

Southern California Tribal Regional Climate Collaborative

Award Amount: \$1,749,911

Region: Coastal SoCal & Inland SoCal (San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino Counties)

Managing Stakeholder: Pala Band of Mission Indians

Co-Applicants:

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| • Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association | • Barona Band of Mission Indians |
| • Prosper Sustainably, LLC | • Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians |
| | • Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians |

- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
- Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians
- Jamul Indian Village
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Band of Mission Indians
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians
- Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
- Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians
- Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

The Southern California Tribal Regional Climate Collaborative's (SCT RCC) proposal aims to advance the climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience goals of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Member Tribes. The SCT RCC would identify the climate related needs and priorities of each Tribe, match their needs and priorities to available funding and other assistance, and provide technical assistance to secure needed funding. The partners plan to be a source of funding, partnerships, and resources and a forum to exchange ideas, lessons learned, and expertise among partners while providing training and capacity building for Tribes to increase their internal climate-related capabilities.

The SCT RCC would conduct community engagement within individual tribal communities with the authorization of and in partnership with each Tribe, and primarily seek to support leaders and designated representatives of Tribes in conducting outreach and engagement within their respective communities. The project's approach would seek to advance climate change projects and plans for all California Tribes and communities through a website—developed and managed by SCT RCC—that includes: a Capacity Building Toolbox (trainings, templates, tools, datasets, resources, meetings); grant writing, outreach, and climate project planning guides and toolkits; a database of climate funding assistance opportunities; a climate services provider directory; and a Community Climate Solutions Inventory. The SCT RCC also plans to develop and conduct three 12–16-week grant writing training/technical assistance programs with weekly modules, assignments, and group Q&A sessions, and convert this into an online, self-paced training program.

[South Lassen Watersheds Group – Regional Climate Subcommittee](#)

Award Amount: \$1,190,124.42

Region: North State & Sierras (Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama Counties)

Managing Stakeholder: Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

Co-Applicants:

- Butte County Fire Safe Council
- Roundhouse Council
- RCD of Tehama County

The South Lassen Watersheds Group (SLWG) is an existing collaborative proposing to create a Regional Climate Subcommittee (RCS), nested within the SLWG, focusing on capacity-building activities to strengthen local coordination, knowledge, and skills, and plan and implement climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency projects. The RCS would work on applied projects and serve as a forum for partners to share lessons learned, build collective capacity, advance work with other partners, and coordinate climate change response efforts across a larger landscape. Addressing catastrophic wildfire, both in recovery and prevention, and the link to landscape work is common to all RCS partners.

The proposed communities of focus include Warner Valley, Greenville Rancheria, Paradise, Magalia, Mill Creek, Manton, Mineral, Paynes Creek, and Rancho Tehama. The project's approach would include supporting partners to identify and advance localized climate change mitigation and adaptation projects and convening co-applicants to build relationships across organizations, share lessons learned, and connect to funding opportunities, training, and assistance programs. The partners propose to constitute an action-oriented peer-learning group within the SLWG that empowers co-applicants to achieve more successful and equitable climate outcomes by allowing partners to focus on the unique circumstances and challenges within their community, learn and be part of a collective effort to build more climate resilient communities within the SLWG and larger region, as well as share lessons with communities and counties in the greater SLWG area.

2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative

Award Amount: \$799,993.75

Region: Los Angeles County

Managing Stakeholder: Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Co-Applicants:

- Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxha Conservancy
- Perez-Pacheco Consulting, Inc.
- Climate Resolve
- Council for Watershed Health
- UCLA Native Nations Law & Policy Center

The 2030 Resilient Networks Collaborative's proposal aims to build the capacity of Tribes and Tribally-led organizations in partnership with environmental experts in the region. By creating a methodology that outlines best practices for developing and conducting projects with Tribes, a proposed result of the grant would include Tribes, organizations, and government agencies operating within Los Angeles County and the State having a greater understanding of how to authentically engage with Tribes, and the proper and sustainable resources and knowledge that Tribes could bring to climate discussions. The Tribally-led collaborative proposes this project would create a blueprint for Federal and State-recognized Tribes in California to match the capacity of large, corporate organizations with experience in climate-related projects and become primary contenders for future climate-resilience funding.

The proposed communities of focus include disadvantaged communities within the greater Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians' ancestral homeland and tribal territory and traditional Tongva region. The project's approach would conduct research and outreach to Tribes, government entities, and non-

governmental organizations in the region of LA County to discover technical assistance services that are being offered to Tribes, existing needs of tribes, and how to reframe services based on the cultural and climatic needs of tribes. Partners would develop a Tribal Capacity Building Toolbox that includes: climate-related state and federal grant opportunities; worksheets and best practices for GIS mapping and climate tool application components; climate data to understand key climate risks facing the region; data on community priorities identified for local tribes; and information about community-led processes used to develop climate-related plans and projects.