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To: California Strategic Growth Council Members

From: Lynn von Koch-Liebert, SGC Executive Director

Re: Executive Director Report to the Council – February 28, 2023

Organizational and Staffing Updates

- SGC welcomed Amar Cid as our new Deputy Director for Community Investment & Planning.
- The Community Assistance for Climate Equity Team welcomed Markie Price as Program Associate.
- Diana Zamora-Reyes, a California Council of Science and Technology Science Fellow, was assigned to the Climate Change Research team.

Investment Program Updates

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC)

Staff: Marc Caswell, Shep Wilbun, Jessica Lopez, Justin DeWaele and California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) Staff Team

- SGC and HCD announced the release of the Round 7 Application and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), with approximately $750 million in available funds, on January 30, 2023. Applications for AHSC Round 7 will be due April 4, 2023.
- Awards are expected to be presented to Council for adoption in August 2023, with staff seeking to inform applicants of their award status in time to plan for the Spring deadlines of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.

Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)

Staff: Sophie Young, Jerry Rivero, Jennifer Kim, Sarah Newsham, Anna Jane Jones, Rebecca Avilés, Jessica Ison, and California Department of Conservation (DOC) Staff Team

- The public comment period for the TCC Round 5 Draft Program Guidelines closed on December 21, 2022. The Final Guidelines are presented for approval and adoption at the February 2023 Council Meeting. Staff plans to release the Notice of Funding Availability in March 2023.
- Staff held several outreach and capacity building workshops over the past few months:
  - Round 5 Draft Guidelines Workshops: One virtual workshop on December 6, 2022 and three in-person workshops between December 8 and 15, 2022 in Tulare, Riverside, and San Jose. Staff collected public input on the draft guidelines.
  - Round 5 Capacity Building Workshops: Multiple virtual workshops on specific program topics are taking place between January 11 and March 1, 2023. Specific sessions included "Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities 101," "TCC Planning Grants," "TCC Implementation Grants," "TCC Support for Rural/Unincorporated Communities," "TCC Support for Tribal Communities," and "TCC Round 5 - Equitable Housing Strategy."
- In January 2023, TCC Staff started executing grant agreements with Round 4 TCC Implementation Awardees for $100K in Post-Award Consultation (PAC) Support Grants ("Support Grants"). This bridge funding, offered for the first time, is used to assist the Grantee and Partners in successfully carrying out the TCC PAC Process, which will result in a signed and executed TCC Implementation Grant Agreement.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

Staff: Shanna Atherton-Bauer (DOC) and Department of Conservation Staff

- SALC staff are in grant agreement negotiations on the 25 easement projects, 20 capacity grants, and three planning grants awarded at the December 15, 2022 Council meeting. Staff anticipate entering into agreement on all easement and capacity grants by February 28, 2023.
- Staff have drafted Round 9 SALC Program Guidelines, which will be available for public comment from February 10 through March 17th. Two hybrid public comment workshops will be held the week of March 13th. Revisions to the Guidelines include:
  - o General:
    - Applying investment targets program-wide (previously only applied to Acquisitions)
    - Incorporating tribes into the definition of disadvantaged communities consistent with California Air Resource Board (CARB) guidance
  - o Capacity:
    - Administrative revisions
    - Specifying that SALC capacity grants may be provided to tribes to develop new 501(c)3 organizations, such as a Tribal Land Trust, that will partner with them to meet the goals of SALC
  - o Acquisitions:
    - Reducing the match requirement for easements from 25% to 10%
    - Increasing the amount the program will cover for fee acquisitions where a tribe or tribal non-profit is the applicant or co-applicant, or where a tribe or tribal non-profit will become the owner of the conserved land from 75% of a hypothetical easement's fair market value to 100% of the fair market value of the property.
    - Revising eligibility criteria language for consistency with a CFCP amendment
    - Encouraging development of management plans as part of acquisition projects located within or adjacent to priority populations to reduce potential burdens caused by agricultural operations
  - o Planning:
    - Providing 100% funding for planning applications that benefit priority populations
    - Increasing the number of points a planning application receives for providing priority population benefits
- SALC staff closed one easement project and one fee acquisition project between December 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023. These projects have resulted in the permanent conservation of approximately 3,086 acres of agricultural land in three counties.
- SALC staff have requested extensions on 25 easement grants (Rounds 3-6) and 6 planning grants (Rounds 5-6). A complete list is available upon request. Reasons for these extensions include delays due to COVID, staffing shortages, changes in project structure, issues acquiring match, and complications arising out of match funder requirements.
- Two SALC projects withdrew between December 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023. One project totaling 299 acres withdrew due to the appraised easement value coming in significantly under the estimated easement value. The other (304 acres) withdrew after being awarded 100% project funding via the Agricultural Land Mitigation Program.

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Climate Change Research Program (CCR)

Staff: Elizabeth Grassi, Montrai Spikes, Emely Anico, and Natalie Obaldia

- CCR has contracted with the UC Davis Center for Regional Change to:
  - Compose a white paper addressing institutional barriers faculty face in doing community-based participatory research (CBPR).
  - Create an asset map of research units at UC and CSU campuses that have experience in CBPR and capacity to offer training and coaching.
  - Identify and select teams of academic and community partners to participate in pilot capacity-building programs, including previous and current CCR-funded partners.
  - Draft description for pilot capacity-building program and description of strategy for capacity building in partnership with UC/CSU CBPR units.
- An additional portion of the retuned funds will be used in collaboration with UCOP to further facilitate and leverage research partnerships and provide technical support for $100 million in state funded climate research initiatives.
- CCR co-hosted a workshop on the community participation engagement model with the California Council on Science and Technology on February 23rd.
- Staff continues to support the California Fifth Climate Change Assessment team on developing engagement and communication plans.
  - Engagement staff are working with the leadership of the UC and CSU systems to discuss the climate research priorities at each institution and consider how we can leverage each other's work to advance the state's climate goals.
  - The Fifth Assessment hosted the first of quarterly briefings on January 23rd for all State agencies and departments to encourage collaboration on Fifth Assessment deliverables, resulting in participation from over 100 individuals across 31 agencies/departments.
  - The Fifth Assessment team released the final list of research topics that will inform the original climate research as well as other deliverables of the Fifth Assessment alongside an explanation of the topic identification process.
  - The Fifth Assessment hosted two workshops in January to review the Tribal Research Program's grant guidelines which are open for public comment until February 1st.
  - The Fifth Assessment team connected with the National Climate Assessment team to learn more about their engagement strategies and opportunities to coordinate efforts.

Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program

Staff: Coral Abbott, Lisa Hu, Dora Monterroza, Jess McCool, and Jessica Cervantes

- Staff released CRC Round 1 Draft Guidelines for public comment December 7, 2022 – January 27, 2023. Staff hosted 7 public workshops to overview the proposed Draft Guidelines, facilitate discussion, invite public comment, and provide optional regional networking time. Presentations were recorded, posted, and translated into Spanish.
- Staff received over 700 public comments from more than 100 commenters during this period. Staff are synthesizing, analyzing, researching, and incorporating feedback received and hosting follow-on discussions with subject matter experts and interagency leads in anticipation of bringing Final Guidelines to the Council for adoption in April 2023.
- Program staff continue to meet directly with cross-sector stakeholders across federal and Tribal, state, regional, and local levels. Staff have presented at various forums, developed

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communications materials, and worked with the communications team to update the website to increase awareness of the program.

- Staff continue to coordinate closely with SGC teams and OPR staff on ICARP's Adaptation Planning Grants, Regional Resilience Grants, and Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grants programs to share best practices, public input, and align funding.

Proposition 84 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant Program (WRRG)

Staff: Michael Maguire (OPR), Elizabeth Grassi, Department of Conservation (DOC) Staff Team

- OPR staff produced a case study for the California Adaptation Clearinghouse that synthesizes the Prop 84 projects and how they can inform future integrated wildfire resilience planning efforts.
- One of the grantees, Sonoma County, was granted a time extension and the close date for this grant is February 28, 2023. The grantee will then have an additional 30 days to submit final invoices, reports, and deliverables.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)

Staff: Kirin Kumar, Ena Lupine, Blanca Escobedo, Nancy Cheng, and Sarah Risher

- **Regional Climate Collaboratives Program Full Applications:** Staff is working on finalizing grant agreements with the six RCC Round 1 grantees that were awarded in December. The CACE team developed RCC R1 awardee profiles as well as unsuccessful R1 applicant profiles that are available on SGC's website to help promote the excellent unfunded RCC proposals to other interested funders and collaborators. Staff is also working on developing the RCC Round 2 draft Guidelines, which will be released on March 15 for public comment. SGC will hold public workshops to gather feedback on the draft Guidelines in late March and early April, and staff will bring the final RCC R2 Guidelines to Council for approval at the June 29 Council Meeting.
- **Regional Climate Collaboratives Technical Assistance:** The RCC Application TA team launched the capacity building phase of RCC R2 TA with regular bi-weekly office hours and consultation calls with prospective applicants in February 2023. SGC also kicked off a new contract to provide implementation technical assistance to RCC Round 1 grantees. The contractors carrying out the RCC Implementation TA will be Amplify Communities, Farallon Strategies, and Ersoylu Consulting.
- **Technical Assistance Guidelines Update:** CACE staff presented the Technical Assistance Guidelines for State Agencies (TA Guidelines) to the HiAP Task Force's Grant Programs, Contract and Funding Equity Work Group and solicited feedback to incorporate in the 2023 update of this document. Staff aims to finalize this TA Guidelines update by summer 2023.
- **Tribal Technical Assistance Pilot:** CACE staff is in the process of holding key informant interviews with a variety of Tribes, tribal-serving organizations, state agency staff, and other stakeholders to inform the development of a Tribal Technical Assistance Pilot (Tribal TAP). The program will work with 3-5 Tribes to evaluate capacity building needs, provide trainings, grant application assistance, planning support, and implementation support with the goal of helping to build long term readiness to meet climate goals on an ongoing basis.

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Collaborative Policy Initiatives

Health and Equity Program (HEP)

Staff: Kirin Kumar, Jazmine Garcia Delgadillo, Michael Jimenez, and Kimberli Davila.

Health in All Policies (HiAP)

Staff: SGC partners with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Institute (PHI) to staff the Health in All Policies Task Force. The Task Force brings together almost 30 agencies, departments, and commissions to integrate health and racial equity considerations into programs and policies that advance State priorities.

- **HiAP Task Force Workgroups Convene Monthly.** The Grant Program, Contract, and Funding Equity and Equity in Data and Access to Information workgroups have continued to meet monthly. Workgroups continue to refine action plans and have begun to work on short-term actions. During the Grant Program, Contract and Funding Equity meeting in January, the SGC Community Assistance for Climate Equity Program gave an overview of the SGC Technical Assistance Guidelines and solicited feedback from members to inform a future update. Meanwhile, the Equity in Data and Access to Information workgroup hosted the Department of Water Resources for a briefing on the Policy Paper: Disadvantaged Communities Nomenclature Within the State of California: Findings and Conclusions A Recommendation Document in January. HiAP Task Force members had an opportunity to discuss recommendations and opportunities to address variations in disadvantaged communities nomenclature. In February, the Grant Program, Contract and Funding equity workgroup received an overview of the California Grants Portal and discussed opportunities to maximize its use and amplify when doing outreach and engagement of communities on grant programs. Additionally, the Equity in Data and Access to Information workgroup heard from the California Department of Public Health on the Asian and Pacific Islander Data Disaggregation Highlights based on AB 1726.
- **Safe & Equitable Communities Roundtable Meeting.** The second Safe & Equitable Communities Roundtable Meeting took place on January 25th. During this meeting, Public Health Institute's (PHI) State of Equity program and Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ) facilitated a Lived Experience Panel comprised of community justice advocates that allowed panelists to reflect on their lived experiences, and how State policies have impacted their lives and their community. Participants also had an opportunity to hear a presentation summarizing the Beyond Violence Prevention report, and had an opportunity to discuss its recommendations on State action for safer communities in California.
- **Technical Assistance on CA HiAP Approach and Implementation**. HEP met with staff from the Vermont Department of Health, and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Department of Health to discuss the CA HiAP Task Force, including best practices and lessons learned from the 2022 relaunch.
- **Technical Assistance for the California Digital Equity Online Public Survey and Phone Survey**. HEP reviewed and provided feedback on the inclusion of health and racial equity considerations in the California Digital Equity Online Public Survey and Phone Survey of the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy, California Department of Technology. HEP also contributed to their health statewide stakeholder map. Jazmine Garcia Delgadillo, Health and Equity Program Manager serves as a Co-Chair of the Heath Outcome Area Working Group to support the California State Digital Equity Plan.

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- **Presentation for Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Equity Workgroup.** On February 3rd, HEP participated in a panel presentation for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Equity Workgroup on the HiAP Task Force, and current efforts to advance equity in state grants, procurement processes, and contracts.

Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)

Staff: HEP and SGC Program and Administrative Managers

- **2023-2025 Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP).** In February, HEP launched an updated REAP with goals and actions for implementation from 2023 to 2025. The 2023-2025 REAP involves all facets of SGC and newly includes program-specific goals, actions, and measures for meaningful implementation and advancement of racial equity priorities. The REAP incorporates key considerations shared by Councilmembers and stakeholders at the October 27, 2022, council meeting and annual REAP update; topics include (but are not limited to) community payment strategies across State advisory and community bodies, procedural and distributional equity, transparent data-driven metrics and strategies, and creating alignment with statewide racial equity advancement initiatives (such as the California Reparations Task Force and State Truth and Healing Council). New, program-specific goals include (but are not limited to) implementing advance pay practices for State grants and contracts, providing technical assistance and capacity building, improving tribal community engagement, building equity and community engagement in State data and communications systems, and more. HEP continues to lead cross-programmatic efforts to assist SGC in developing and implementing racial equity-driven commitments within the REAP, including goals that were newly developed for 2023 and ongoing strategies that have been operationalized since 2019. The updated REAP builds on the inaugural 2019-2022 REAP that made SGC the first inter-agency, State-government entity in the U.S. to host a public REAP.
- **OPR Guidelines Input – Environmental Justice Element.** In support of the OPR Planning Program, HEP provided a review of the OPR General Plan Guidelines Environmental Justice element, including recommendations for further embedding health and racial equity within OPR's guidance. This input builds on feedback HEP provided on the OPR General Plan Guidelines Community Safety element in 2022.

Racial Equity Resource Hub

Staff: HEP and the Communications Team

- **Updates to the Racial Equity Resource Hub.** The HEP team continues to collect a variety of resources from state entities and partner organizations and has worked with SGC Communications and External Affairs to host these new resources in their respective categories within the Racial Equity Resource Hub. In December, the Resource Hub added fifteen new recourses. In the upcoming month, the Racial Equity Resource Hub will host a blog post from the Office of Planning and Research to continue to highlight the racial equity work undertaken by the SGC Council. Additionally, the Racial Equity Resource Hub will host over twenty new resources, including resources from State agencies and local governments.

Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE)

Staff: SGC partners with the Public Health Institute's (PHI) State of Equity program to host a racial equity capacity-building program for California State government institutions and employees. CCORE brings together approximately 40 agencies, departments, boards, and offices to build a people-power

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movement inside of California State government to advance racial equity by deploying organizing principles inside and outside of the system.

- **CCORE Learning Cohort[1] Updates.** In January 2023, the CCORE Learning Cohort teams participated in intensive sessions to guide their implementation of the racial equity tool, attended a peer exchange to build their racial equity communication skills and learn from and with each other, and team coordinators convened for additional training to support their leadership. In February 2023, the Learning Cohort participated in training on the 4th step the racial equity tool focused on strategy identification, root cause mapping, and performance measures for racial equity. On February 22nd the CCORE Learning Cohort hosted executive sponsors, team coordinators, and invited racial equity leaders from within state government convened to discuss aligning a vision for a racially just California and supporting community building across the movement for racial equity in state government.
- **CCORE Transformative Leadership Cohort.** The CCORE Transformative Leadership Cohort (TLC) has been introduced to State of California employees and is currently accepting applications. As a next step in launching this pilot, CCORE staff are hosting community conversations & connection opportunities in February, March, and April 2023 to reflect, reroute, and organize for the launch of TLC. These offerings are an opportunity for folx who have already applied to TLC, are working on applying, are interested in applying, or need support in applying. Each conversation will be centered around the barriers & challenges of centering Black, Indigenous People of Color workers & learners within the institution of government. For more information email CCORE@phi.org.
- **Research Project: State Government Racial Equity Policy & Budget Framework.** CCORE staff are hosting a Goldman School Master of Public Policy student to gather and develop recommendations for 1) key components of a racial equity policy and budgetary framework to be applied at a State government institutional level, and 2) strategies and approaches to build the capacity of State government leaders and organizations to apply racial equity principles to their organizational practices. A number of State entities and non-governmental partners will serve as subject matter experts in this effort and research findings will be presented in May 2023.
- [1] **CCORE Learning Cohort 2022-2023 background.** The participants for the CCORE Learning Cohort include seven teams, each with up to 12 people from the following California state entities: California Conservation Corps, Department of Finance, Department of Health Care Access and Information, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Parks & Recreation, Department of Social Services, and California Health and Human Services Agency (including Departments of Public Health, Aging, Developmental Services, Healthcare Services, Rehabilitation, and State Hospitals, the Office of the Surgeon General, Center for Insights and Innovation, and the Medical Emergency Services Agency).

Natural and Working Lands

Staff: Emily Tibbott

- Following from EO N-82-20, staff supports CNRA's Natural and Working Lands (NWL) Climate Smart Strategy, including assessment of progress after the first year of implementation. Staff

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also contributed to the NWL elements of the 2022 State Scoping Plan, recently released in final form.

Regional Planning Initiatives

Staff: Marc Caswell, Justin DeWaele

- The final California Comeback Plan included a $600M investment in augmenting the existing Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP) 2.0 funds. The program focuses on implementing regional plans in ways that reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT), accelerate infill housing development in furtherance of the 6th Cycle RHNA goals, increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and reducing vehicle miles traveled. The REAP 2.0 program is managed by a joint team across HCD, SGC, OPR and CARB. The $600M is spread across three allocations: a non-competitive $510 million MPO allocation, a $30 million competitive rural and Tribal allocation, and a $30 million competitive high impact/transformative (HIT) allocation.
- All REAP 2.0 applications were due on December 31st, 2022. The Interagency Team is currently reviewing applications and providing TA to applicants as necessary.
- Awards are likely to be announced sometime in late Spring / Summer 2023.
- SGC Staff, in conjunction with OPR, continue to manage the State/MPO Working Group that consists of the planning directors of the 18 MPOs and members of key state agencies (SGC, OPR, HCD, BCSH, CalSTA, CTC, Caltrans, CARB). The Working Group held its first hybrid meeting in Sacramento on Friday, October 28th. The Group used that meeting to have an in-depth policy discussion centered on VMT Reduction, where the group discussed ways to improve collaboration and communication towards this goal.
- The OPR/SGC Regions Working Group convenes monthly and has addressed a variety of topics relating to California's diverse regions, defining regions, and regional program implementation. The group is now assessing its progress and defining its goals for 2023.

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Staff: Sean Kennedy, Emily Tibbott

- In November 2022, SGC staff initiated a two-month public nomination process for the Land Equity Task Force. The process was promoted via an SGC press release, established State public outreach channels, and targeted outreach to approximately 40 community-based organizations, advocacy groups, and academic institutions engaged in land equity across California. SGC received 26 eligible nominations. Nominations were reviewed according to the process shared at the October SGC meeting with input from a six-person public member advisory panel.
- Following the review, SGC staff has identified seven individuals to serve on the Task Force. An additional six members have been identified through State and State-affiliated entities, per the guidance in the authorizing budget bill language. A list of recommended nominees will be presented at the February 28 Council meeting.

Media Clips

California Strategic Growth Council

- [Yo! Venice] Mayor Karen Bass Appoints Key Administration Figures to Tackle Homelessness, Sustainability and Infrastructure: Mayor Karen Bass appointed new Deputy Mayor of Public

Works Randall Winston. Previously, he was appointed Executive Director of the *California Strategic Growth Council* by Gov. Jerry Brown and led investments of $1.3 billion into community resources throughout California.

- [CaliforniaCityNews.org] California Consulting Releases List of Municipal Grants: This article is a summary of municipal grants in California. It mentions upcoming funding for Community Resilience Centers Program and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (Round 7).
- [CalBike] CalBike Response to Governor's ATP Clawback: CalBike is disheartened by Governor Gavin Newsom's preliminary budget, which claws back almost half of the historic increase to the Active Transportation Program (ATP) of $1.1 billion. *California's Strategic Growth Council* has asked decision-makers to address the gap between the vision for a more climate-friendly and equitable transportation system and infrastructure spending decisions.
- [All Davis Enterprise] State funds ag easements near Davis: Nearly $4 million in grants from the *California Strategic Growth Council* will be used to purchase two agricultural conservation easements near the city of Davis, preserving nearly 340 acres of farmland in perpetuity.

Climate Change Research Program

- [California Council of Science & Technology] Introducing the 2023 Class of CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellows: CCST introduces their new 2023 class of Science & Technology Policy Fellows. One of the fellows, Diana Zamora-Reyes, has been placed at the *Climate Change Research Program* at the Strategic Growth Council.
- Gradient Raises $18M in Series A Funding: Gradient, a company built by thermal scientists to rethink HVAC and build products that are good for the planet and great at cooling and heating homes, announced that it closed a Series A funding round of $18 million. Gradient has secured more than $9M in non-dilutive government grants from the U.S. Department of Energy, California Strategic Growth Council, and California Energy Commission grants, in addition to venture funding.
- Policy Brief: The Future of Agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley: By 2040, average annual water supplies could decline by 20 percent, constrained chiefly by the transition to groundwater sustainability under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, but exacerbated by climate change and increased environmental regulations.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities

- [The California Aggie] Davis secures state funds for agricultural conservation easements: On Dec. 15, 2022, the city of Davis, Yolo Land Trust and Solano Land Trust received nearly $4 million in grant funds from the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program, a division of the California Strategic Growth Council's *Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program*.
- [California Grants Portal] Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Round 7: Announcement for $750 million in funds for Round 7 of the A*ffordable Housing and Sustainable Communities* Program. Describes AHSC as program that "funds land-use, housing, transportation, and land preservation projects to support infill and compact development that reduce greenhouse gas ('GHG') emissions."
- [The Mercury News] Affordable homes near downtown San Jose land key real estate financing: A development of affordable homes at a busy train station next to downtown San Jose has landed financing to the tune of $28.7 million from the *Affordable Housing and Sustainable*

Communities program, $25 million from Santa Clara County and $17.25 million from the city of San Jose.

- [Press Banner] Making Affordable Housing a Reality in Scotts Valley: Scotts Valley leaders seek to build more affordable housing. "Programs such as the *Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities* program can help cities become more vibrant. AHSC...provides financing for affordable housing, transportation, urban greening, and other community programs."
- [Roseville Today] California's Largest Affordable Housing Program Adopts All-Electric Requirement: The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program recently approved its first-ever guidelines for projects to be all-electric with no connections to gas infrastructure starting in 2023.
- [Lookout Santa Cruz] It's time for Watsonville to move forward, but also to protect farmland: One of the most significant benefits of renewing the Watsonville's urban limit line (ULL) would be that in the the city will be able to apply for and receive funding from the "*affordable housing and sustainable communities"* program, which funds land-use, housing, transportation and land-preservation projects.

Transformative Climate Communities

- [Spectrum News 1] Proposed budget cuts for urban greening programs could leave communities at risk from extreme heat: State budget cuts to the Community Resilience Centers and Regional Climate Resilience programs could worsen extreme heat outcomes for already vulnerable communities. South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z), which won a *Transformative Climate Communities* grant last year, is working to change that.
- [City of Oakland] Oakland Wins State of California Prohousing Designation: The State of California's Housing and Community (HCD) Development Department announced that the City of Oakland is the first Bay Area city to win the State's "Prohousing" Designation. Because of the Prohousing Designation, Oakland's future applications will receive bonus points on several key state funding opportunities for affordable housing and transportation infrastructure, including the *Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC)* and *Transformative Climate Communities (TCC)* programs.
- [Asian Journal] State of California Recognition Will Give City of San Diego an Advantage in Competing for Housing Funding: The City of San Diego earned a "prohousing designation" from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Jurisdictions that receive the prohousing designation are given preference when applying for housing, transportation and infrastructure programs. These programs include the A*ffordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC)* and *Transformative Climate Communities (TCC).*

Community Resilience Centers

- [National Resources Defense Council] CA Clean Buildings Progress Report: 2022: This article is an excerpt from NRDC's Year-End Series Reviewing 2022 Climate & Clean Energy Developments. It mentions both the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program and Community Resilience Centers program.

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