



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

To: California Strategic Growth Council Members
From: Lynn von Koch-Liebert
Re: Executive Director Report to the Council – September 8, 2021

Organizational and Staffing Updates

- SGC has a new Executive Director, Lynn von Koch-Liebert. Lynn was formerly the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Consumer Services at the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH) since 2017. As a member of the BCSH executive team, Lynn played a key role in a number of important initiatives to strengthen the housing finance system and enhance cross-agency collaboration to address affordable housing, transportation, and climate goals. Early in the response to the pandemic, Lynn stepped in to coordinate the state's COVID-19 Housing Advance Planning efforts leading to the 4-P's framework (People, Protections, Preservation, and Production). Most recently, she led the effort to design and implement the California COVID-19 Rent Relief program. Additionally, she contributed significantly to the Housing and Transportation Committee and the Climate Action Team. Lynn has a Master in Public Affairs degree from Princeton University and a Master of Science degree in international security from Cranfield University in the United Kingdom.
- SGC has a new Special Assistant, Lois Kim. Lois Kim is a graduate of UC Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree and served as a leader in a number of student-led environmental initiatives. She majored in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning – City and Regional Planning and minored in Religious Studies. Her previous work experience includes serving as a Staff Scientist at Partner Engineering & Science Inc. and a Student Assistant at the Institute of Transportation Studies.
- SGC has a new AHSC Program Manager, Marc Caswell. Prior to joining SGC, Marc was an Associate Planner at Alta Planning + Design, managing transportation planning efforts, grant-writing, and community engagement campaigns across the United States. At Alta, Marc also led the development of transportation components of more than 20 AHSC applications for clients across Southern California. Earlier in his career, Marc worked for the City of Long Beach Public Works Department, as well as numerous advocacy organizations including Climate Resolve, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, and Urban Habitat. Marc received a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) from UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.
- SGC has a new AHSC Program Associate, Jessica Lopez. She joins SGC as Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program Associate after serving as an Executive Fellow at GovOps through the California Capital Fellows Program, where she worked on managing several interdepartmental efforts. Prior to that role, she worked at the Community Development Resource Group where she worked with developers and cities to apply to public agency funding sources for affordable housing and transit services and amenities.

Investment Program Updates

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC)

Staff: Saharnaz Mirzazad, Shep Wilbun, and California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) Staff Team

- AHSC has received 54 applications for Round 6. The total requested amount is \$1.1B to build 6012 units with 5415 of them being restricted units. AHSC team has started the review process. The applicants will receive the threshold letters in August and Initial Score letters in September. SGC initially was planning to use AHSC Round 6 Guidelines for another Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in fall 2021. SGC cannot execute this plan due to legislatively mandated changes that would require a Guidelines update process. Due to the high quality of applications and need to provide funding to build affordable housing as quickly as possible, the staff is seeking the Council approval to add another \$380M to the existing NOFA. If the Council approves the staff request to increase the NOFA amount, the award timeline needs to be reevaluated and will be communicated through updated NOFA published by HCD.
- BRIDGE Housing and The Unity Council are planning a groundbreaking ceremony for Fruitvale IIB in Oakland on August 26, 2021.

Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)

Staff: Saharnaz Mirzazad, Sophie Young, Alex Gallo, Jerry Rivero, and California Department of Conservation (DOC) Staff Team

- TCC Round 4 Guidelines Research: Staff started conducting research on priority policy topics to consider in the Round 4 Guidelines update, if the Legislature allocates funding to TCC this summer. Research topics include infrastructure maintenance in disadvantaged unincorporated communities, tribal accessibility, brownfields, microgrids, food access, community land trusts, community development financing mechanisms, and updates to workforce development and anti-displacement.
- Pew Health Impact Grant: TCC received a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust's Health Impact Project for approximately \$60,000 through April 2022 to further develop the TCC Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUC) Investment Framework. The grant will fund a collaborative effort between SGC and the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability to continue to develop an equitable investment framework for DUCs using the Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach. If the Legislature allocates funding for TCC, the program will post the DUC investment framework and solicit public comment as part of the Round 4 Guidelines update process.
- Several Implementation and Planning grantees reported that the SGC's TCC investment catalyzed additional funding to their TCC project areas. The City of Oakland (Round 3 Implementation Grant) received a \$1M federal Economic Development Administration grant to support small businesses in the TCC project area and flatlands of Oakland. The City of Pomona (Round 3 Planning Grant) secured \$1.2M to build a new City park and additional funds for pedestrian improvements in the TCC planning area. The Environmental Health Coalition (Round 3 Planning Grant) secured \$500,000 from the City of San Diego to build the Boston Avenue Linear Park in the TCC planning area.
- Transform Fresno (TCC Round 1 Implementation Grant) held two major project milestone events in July:
 - On July 8, 2021 the Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for electric vehicle charging station at Fresno Housing Authority sites, which is part of the Clean Shared Mobility Network project. One of Transform Fresno's largest infrastructure projects, the project will install a network of 42 new charging stations, 42 electric vehicles, 200 electric bicycles, and a mobility hub to provide clean and affordable transit through Downtown, Chinatown, and Southwest Fresno. Acting Executive Director Jessica Buendia gave remarks on the importance of collaboration and the overall TCC investment.



- On July 28, 2021 the Fresno Metro Ministry held a press conference highlighting the St. Rest + Food to Share project, which will repair and improve an aged and underutilized 6,800 square foot building and transform it into a community serving Food to Share food recovery, distribution center, and commercial community kitchen area. The St. Rest + Food to Share Hub partnership will leverage Food to Share's relationships with a growing network of food donors (28 FUSD schools, 4 retail outlets, farmers, packers, etc.) and 49 community-based food receiver organizations to use this site as a storage and distribution center for the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area. Deputy Director Saharnaz Mirzazad gave remarks on the impact of food access in the project area.
- **Green Together:** Northeast San Fernando Valley (TCC Round 2 Implementation Grant) reached a major milestone related to their Indicator Tracking Plan (ITP). "MaRTy" the robot arrived in Pacoima in August to continue local surface, air, and mean radiant temperature monitoring at the LA Streets Cool Pavement site in Pacoima. Through the ITP, these measurements will help develop an interactive map showing microclimate heat profiles of the Green Together project site.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

Staff: SGC partners with Virginia Jameson and her Department of Conservation Staff Team

- **SALC Round 7 Grants:** Acquisition pre-proposals were due June 1, 2021. SALC received 23 acquisition pre-proposals totaling 29,656 acres and \$65.18M in requested funding. The interagency committee met July 13, 2021 to review project eligibility related to the program's infill requirements. It was determined that 19 proposals could move forward to the final applications stage. Planning grant preproposals, which are optional, were due July 1, 2021. Five were received.
- The interagency committee met August 12, 2021 to review comments received by the program following two racial equity listening sessions and one general listening session to inform SALC Round 8 Guidelines. Based on the comments received and interagency committee feedback, SALC staff will propose updates to the guidelines.
- SALC staff held a final application workshop on August 10, 2021 to support SALC Round 7 applicants.

Climate Change Research Program (CCR)

Staff: Elizabeth Grassi, and Nicole Hernandez

- The CCR program has requested \$20M to fund Round 4 of the program as part of SGC's request for appropriation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF).
- The program is also positioned to serve a key role in California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment proposed through the Climate package that includes two new staff positions focused on lifting the CCR's Program model of community and partner-driven research to inform engagement.
- The CCR Program's Research Investment Plan (RIP) guides the development and implementation of the program and provides a foundation for all the Council's research investments. In 2018, the Council directed staff to review and update the RIP every three years. Staff plan to bring the next update to the Council in the winter of 2022. We are working closely with OPR, the California Natural Resource Agency (CNRA), and other member agencies as they conduct stakeholder engagement to ensure research and knowledge gaps are captured. The partnership allows for leveraging and coordination on stakeholder engagement to support multiple State policy efforts. Staff



will seek input and strategic direction from the Council, key staff, and CCR's Steering Committee throughout the year.

- The CCR team has begun the process of closing out three of CCR Round 1 research grants. This process will include inviting the staff of SGC member agencies to attend an exit interview for each project, and surveying grantees and partners about their experiences participating in the program.

Tribal Government Challenge Program (TGC)

Staff: Elizabeth Grassi, Coral Abbott, Ena Lupine, and the California Energy Commission (CEC) Staff Team

- SGC, in partnership with the California Energy Commission (CEC), continues to administer \$1.35M in funds that support eight (8) Tribal Planning Grants and a contract to conduct a statewide California Tribal Gap Analysis.
- SGC and CEC staff continue to support Prosper Sustainably, lead contractor for the California Tribal Gap Analysis, to conduct outreach to Tribes to encourage them to take the survey. In July, SGC coordinated with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Prosper Sustainably for a presentation on the gap analysis during the California Climate Investments Webinar for Tribal Governments. SGC and CEC have also helped coordinate State agency speakers for Prosper Sustainably's biweekly California Tribal Energy and Climate Exchange (TECX) meetings where they promote participation in the Gap Analysis, provide space for discussion on climate and energy related opportunities, and feature State resources relevant to Tribes.

Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant Program (WRRG)

Staff: Juliette Finzi Hart (OPR), Elizabeth Grassi, Department of Conservation (DOC) Staff Team

- The Proposition 85 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grant (WRRG) team successfully executed grant agreements with four California communities, including the County of Los Angeles' project, which was approved for funding at the Council's April 2021 meeting (Agenda Item 5B).
- The team is currently receiving progress reports from grantees indicating that all projects are underway and progressing well.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)

Staff: Kirin Kumar, Ena Lupine, Coral Abbott, and Sarah Risher

Regional Climate Collaboratives and Partners Advancing Climate Equity:

- The Partners Advancing Climate Equity (PACE) cohort concluded Phase 1 of the program, during which they built skills and knowledge needed to support community-led climate action through virtual training, peer learning sessions, and the development of community needs assessments. Phase 1 culminated in a resource fair attended by 11 State agencies who shared information about funding programs and other resources to PACE cohort members. Cohort members are continuing work on their needs assessments and in October will begin Phase 2, wherein participants will receive tailored technical assistance to advance goals identified during their time in the cohort. Staff is currently coordinating with the Project team on a technical assistance strategy for Phase 2, which will include: support identifying and pursuing grants, network and partnership development, building the capacity of PACE leader's networks to engage in climate



action, technical and policy trainings, and continued support building out community needs assessments.

- The CACE team has started a robust engagement process to inform the RCC Guidelines, should funding be appropriated for the program in the current budget. Program staff coordinated a convening to discuss the program vision, purpose, and intended outcomes with stakeholders, including community-based organizations, technical assistance providers, community foundations, and local and state government staff. The convening is a follow-up to a similar event hosted in 2019 by the Greenlining Institute. Program staff also started conducting key informant interviews with stakeholders who have experience building capacity in under-resourced communities to inform program design. Broader engagement is anticipated after funding is appropriated.

Climate Change Investments Technical Assistance Program:

- On August 9, 2021 the CACE team launched a second round of BOOST with the release of an application survey. For the upcoming round of the BOOST Program, SGC will select 5-7 disadvantaged and/or low-income communities to receive capacity-building support in the form of trainings, partnership development, community engagement planning and implementation support, grant application assistance, and communications support. The application is open to all California cities and towns that are designated as low income and/or disadvantaged communities, with priority given to communities with demonstrated staff capacity challenges.
- Staff continues to implement the Technical Assistance Guidelines by hosting conversations with State agency partners interested in creating a new technical assistance program and/or expanding their current offerings. In these conversations, staff provide thought partnership, support on getting started, and are exploring potential inter-agency partnerships on future TA programs.
- Staff is working with Harder+Company Community Research and ChangeLab Solutions to evaluate the California Climate Investments Technical Assistance (CCI TA) Program and uplift effective technical assistance strategies. A part of this evaluation, the evaluation team is carrying out geo-spatial analysis of the communities benefiting from TA, conducting interviews with CCI TA providers and recipients, and surveying previous CCI TA recipients for feedback on the program. The evaluation team is currently in the process of analyzing the survey results.
- Staff continue to manage and support a variety of technical assistance contracts and activities including assistance for applicants to AHSC, SALC, CARB's Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), and CDFA's Climate Smart Agriculture Programs, in addition to the ongoing implementation of the California Climate Investments Technical Assistance Program Evaluation.

Collaborative Policy Initiatives

Health and Equity Program (HEP)

Staff: Kirin Kumar (interim program manager), Bo Chung, and Michael Jimenez

- The HEP team is currently in the process of filling the Program Manager and Analyst roles.
- Staff hosted an information session with Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)/SGC summer interns to assist with aligning internship projects with health and racial equity priorities, where appropriate.
- Staff hosted a monthly virtual culture share event for staff to share stories and experiences of current cultural events they celebrate or observe. The August event centered on Korean Liberation Day.



- Provided feedback on an early internal draft of the Planner's Guide to Specific Plans, lead by OPR: HEP and PHI HiAP staff provided feedback on an early internal draft of OPR Planner's Guide to Specific Plans, specifically on health, equity and community engagement sections of the guidelines.
- Provided presentation on cultural competency at California Climate Investments (CCI) branch meeting, August 17, 2021.
- Provided input and technical assistance on an equity analysis within the OPR Coast to Coast project. The OPR-led project seeks to identify potential areas of cross collaboration and learning between the European Union and California as they both work to decarbonize their transport towards a more equitable and sustainable model. This analysis will be the basis of more long-term partnership between the EU and CA.

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 Taskforce. The Taskforce brings together approximately 20 agencies to integrate health and equity into programs and policies that advance State priorities.

- HEP received a presentation from partners at UC Berkeley, Othering & Belonging Institute (OBI) on 4 Listening Sessions OBI co-hosted in May and June 2021. The presentation included a comprehensive slide deck and talking points outlining stakeholder recommendations for future HiAP policy priorities. These results supplement State Key Informant Interviews (fall 2020) and a statewide online survey (March 2021). SGC's partnership with OBI was funded through a contract to build capacity around stakeholder engagement and information gathering efforts centered around the Task Force.
- At the September 8, 2021, Council Meeting, HEP staff will join a panel discussion of other SGC staff implementing racial equity strategies, showcasing the results of the HiAP Task Force Stakeholder Engagement and Strategic Planning processes.
- The HiAP Partnership (SGC, PHI, CDPH) is planning to reconvene the HiAP Task Force to identify and coordinate next steps for advancing health and racial equity across State Government in early Fall. An event is being planned for late September, titled "Racial Equity and HiAP," and will bring together state employees, community voices, and prospective HiAP members. SGC will co-host the event with the PHI and CDPH. This event is intended to bring together past and prospective HiAP collaborators, setting the stage for a formal, forthcoming Task Force relaunch.

Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)

Staff: Kirin Kumar (interim program manager), SGC Program and Administrative Managers, Bo Chung, and Michael Jimenez

- Presented GARE workforce survey recommendations to OPR/SGC/CV leadership and staff: HEP staff will present results, methodology, and recommendations of survey at August 10 OPR/SGC joint meeting – CV staff will also attend.
- With SGC Leadership, HEP conducted review and inventory of REAP actions and their status. Inventory will be used to inform forthcoming 2-year update on the REAP. HEP staff assisted the coordination of this year's highlights and provided technical assistance and tools to SGC teams to implement REAP strategies.

- HEP provided support to the Racial Equity Working Group. The group met with the Governor's Office Tribal Affairs team to discuss alignment opportunities and presented on the SGC Health and Equity Program's Othering and Belonging Institute survey outcomes.

Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE)

Staff: SGC partners with the Public Health Institute (PHI) to host a racial equity capacity-building Program for California State government institutions and employees. CCORE brings together approximately 30 agencies, departments, boards, and offices to build a people-power movement inside of California State government to advance racial equity by deploying organizing principles inside and outside of the system.

Sessions/Learning Year Updates

During this reporting period, CCORE held three training and peer exchange sessions on the use and application of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity's (GARE) Racial Equity Tool (RET). These were held on July 14, July 18, August 18, and August 25, 2021. The peer exchange format allows for participating agencies to exchange ideas, learn from each other, and collectively tackle systemic barriers that are not limited to any single agency.

The 6 key steps in the Racial Equity Tool are:

1. Racial Equity Results (Outcomes)
2. Data Collection and Analysis
3. Community Engagement/Partnership
4. Strategies for Racial Equity
5. Implementing Strategies
6. Communications, Evaluation, and Accountability

During this reporting period, CCORE also held three special sessions that engaged groups beyond the "usual" participants.

- On July 27 and 28, 2021 CCORE held meetings with alumni from the 2018 and 2019 CCORE cohorts, focused on understanding their progress actualizing their Racial Equity Action Plan, understanding what their current priorities are, and identifying areas of skill building that still need attention. PHI will use this to feed into planning for future program offerings.
- On August 11, 2021 CCORE hosted a special peer connection convening designed to connect staff across CA state government who are in formalized equity-focused roles. Many of these staff are new, and several are working as solo practitioners in their organizations. Participating agencies included: Department of Education, Department of Transportation – Office of Race and Equity, and SGC and OPR. This convening provided an opportunity to revisit participants' engagement in the CCORE Learning Cohort and hear how their agencies or departments plan to address racial equity priorities in 2022.
- August 17, 2021: CCORE team coordinator meeting: At this convening Team Coordinators and Executive Sponsors will have a chance to meet with peers across sectors to enhance the network of state government practitioners. CCORE staff will also review the remaining learning objectives and process for completing the cohort.

- On August 18 and 25, 2021 the Learning Cohort continued its progress on the Racial Equity Tool training module. The August 18, 2021 session focused on equipping participants to complete the final three steps of the 6-step RET process: Strategies for Racial Equity, Implementing Strategies, and Communications, Evaluation, and Accountability. These three steps build off previous work to identify desired racial equity results and outcomes, data collection and analysis, and community engagement. On August 25, 2021 each participating team presented the final results and iteration of their RETs at an Applied Learning and Peer Exchange.

Land Use Planning and Economic Development

Staff: Emily Tibbott, Egon Terplan, and Bo Chung

Partnership with High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA):

- Staff are partnering with HSR staff to support project delivery, specifically reviewing site and station community planning activities in the Central Valley.
- Staff is coordinating with HSRA on exploring immediate projects to work with Fresno partners on station area site beautification, site activation, and community engagement.
 - Staff coordinated with local stakeholder, Central Fish Co of Fresno, to support the “559 Night Market” event supporting local Fresno Chinatown businesses with food, entertainment, and family activities.
- Staff is exploring the potential to work with a more rural station community – possibly Madera or Hanford – regarding integrated planning scenarios that account for development and agricultural lands protection needs.
- Staff continues work with HSRA's Environmental Services staff to support ongoing conservation community partnerships, particularly in the Northern Region, in order to effectuate better design and mitigation practices.

Land Conservation Initiatives:

- Since the passage of Executive Order N-82-20, staff has supported stakeholder outreach regarding the specific elements of the Executive Order and their timing. As part of an inter-agency policy team, staff is playing an active role in the drafting of the CNRA-led Climate Smart Lands Strategy, which is set to be released for public comment this month.
- Working as part of a steering committee composed of leadership staff at the California Department of Conservation (DOC), California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and CARB, staff has initiated a series of agency-targeted educational workshops on conservation and housing. The purpose of the series is to break down silos between conservation and housing programs, planning, and policy, such that efforts in both arenas better support cross-sectoral needs and on-the-ground outcomes in service of State planning priorities.
- Staff is involved in inter-agency leadership efforts regarding the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including how to minimize local economic impacts, and how to support regional land use planning. In addition, staff is exploring how to incorporate SGMA needs in the SALC Program.

Regional Planning initiatives:

- Staff successfully pushed for inclusion in the California Comeback Plan of a \$500M in investment in augmenting the existing Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP) funds. The proposed new program would focus on reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and accelerating infill development. The current REAP program (initiated in 2019) was



focused on helping regions meet their higher RHNA targets. This proposed augmentation would also expand to allow for both planning and infrastructure investments across housing and transportation. While the expanded REAP program would remain housed at HCD, they would collaborate on program guidelines and application review with SGC, OPR and CARB. Staff worked collaboratively with HCD in the development of the Trailer Bill Language.

- Staff finalized a contract with UC ITS pursuant to AB 285 (Friedman, 2019) to produce a report assessing the state transportation system. The team is kicking off work in June 2021 with a team of researchers from UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC Davis.
- Staff continue to manage the State/MPO work group that consist of the planning directors of the 18 MPOs and members of key state agencies (SGC, OPR, HCD, BCSH, CalSTA, CTC, Caltrans, CARB).
- Staff produced a final memo from a team of UC Berkeley students describing a process map of the various policy levers and roles of state agencies (CARB, HCD, Caltrans, CTC, OPR, SGC) in supporting/regulating the regional planning process across California's metropolitan regions. This process map was vetted by representatives across numerous state agencies.

Media Clips

California Strategic Growth Council (SGC):

Center for American Progress: Learning From California's Ambitious Climate Policy:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2021/04/16/498242/learning-californias-ambitious-climate-policy/>. (04/16/2021)

Transformative Climate Communities (TCC):

- **Biden's Climate Pledge For First Time Pushes U.S. Beyond California Goals:** <https://www.kqed.org/science/1974253/for-first-time-bidens-climate-pledge-pushes-u-s-beyond-california-goals>. (04/27/2021)
- **National Resources Defense Council: Governor Newsom Taps Budget Surplus For Clean Energy:** <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/alex-jackson/governor-newsom-taps-budget-surplus-clean-energy>. (05/14/2021)
- **Fresno Bee, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Mayor Paul Leon:** State funding is helping transform Fresno's underserved neighborhoods in key ways: <https://www.fresnobee.com/opinion/readers-opinion/article252193113.html> (06/18/2021)



- **TCC-Funded Vista Verde Development Celebrates Grand Opening in the City of Ontario:** <https://nationalcore.org/representative-norma-j-torres-tours-vista-verde-affordable-apartment-homes/>. (06/28/2021)
- **Ribbon Cutting: Transformative Climate Communities Grant Supports New Publicly Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Affordable Housing Sites in Fresno:** <https://www.yourcentralvalley.com/news/local-news/new-ev-chargers-now-available-near-low-income-housing-units-in-fresno-2/>. (07/08/2021)
- **FOX 26 News, Fresno: New EV charging stations in southwest Fresno:** <https://kmpfh.com/news/local/new-ev-charging-stations-in-southwest-fresno>. (07/08/2021)
- **California Planning and Development Report: SGC Funding Supports Vulnerable Communities During Pandemic:** <https://www.cp-dr.com/articles/cpdr-news-briefs-july-27-2021>. (07/27/2021)
- **The Business Journal Announces New TCC Partnerships in Fresno; Brings Affordable, Fresh Produce Options to Low-Income Communities:** <https://thebusinessjournal.com/community-partnership-to-bring-more-fresh-food-to-southwest-fresno/>. (07/28/2021)
- **Bakersfield.com: Community Voices: Bakersfield Desperately Needs Equitable TCC Funding:** https://www.bakersfield.com/opinion/community-voices/community-voices-bakersfield-desperately-needs-equitable-tcc-funding/article_65e2cdb8-f625-11eb-b8f4-133a684cd736.html. (08/06/2021)

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC):

- **Construction kicks off for AHSC-supported Rose Hill Courts redevelopment:** <https://urbanize.city/la/post/rose-hill-courts-public-housing-redevelopment-related-los-angeles>. (06/24/2021)



- **(VIDEO) LA This Week, ft. Kevin de Leon: LA's Rose Hill Courts is Getting a Make-Over:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vI_YC7s-VU. (06/24/2021)
- **ABC10: Modesto breaks ground on 74 new affordable apartments:** <https://www.abc10.com/article/news/local/modesto/modesto-new-affordable-housing-complex/103-9799d94e-3195-49ee-ac1b-99741f66487f>. (07/01/2021)
- **Affordable Modesto housing project Archway Commons II breaks ground, adding 74 rental units:** <https://www.modbee.com/news/economic-mobility-lab/article252473003.html>. (07/01/2021)
- **Groundbreaking Ceremony Celebrates New AHSC-Funded Transit-Oriented Development in Santa Ana:** <https://nationalcore.org/groundbreaking-ceremony-celebrates-new-transit-oriented-development/>. (07/13/2021)

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Project (SALC):

- **Ed-Hat, Santa Barbara: Land Trust Brings New Funding To Conserve 1,000 Acre Jalama Canyon Ranch:** <https://www.edhat.com/news/land-trust-brings-new-funding-to-conserve-1000-acre-jalama-canyon-ranch>. (05/11/2021)
- **The Record-Courier: Easement will preserve scenic Mono County Valley:** <https://www.recordcourier.com/news/2021/may/25/easement-will-preserve-scenic-mono-county-valley/>. (05/25/2021)
- **California Farmland Trust: San Joaquin County Easement Creates 200-Acre Greenbelt Near Farmington:** <https://www.cafarmtrust.org/san-joaquin-county-easement-creates-200-acre-greenbelt-near-farmington/>. (06/03/2021)
- **Eastern Sierra Land Trust secures conservation easement on Ullman Ranch:** <https://sierrawave.net/eastern-sierra-land-trust-secures-conservation-easement-on-ullman-ranch/>. (07/08/2021)



- **GV Wire: What Will Become of Fallowed Valley Farmland?**
<https://gvwire.com/2021/06/08/what-will-become-of-fallowed-valley-farmland/>. (06/08/2021).

Climate Change Research Program (CCR)

- **UCR News: \$1 million project helps tribal nations adapt to climate change:**
<https://news.ucr.edu/articles/2021/04/29/1-million-project-helps-tribal-nations-adapt-climate-change>. (04/29/2021)
- **UCI News: Climate change is driving plant die-offs in Southern California, UCI study finds:** <https://news.uci.edu/2021/06/21/climate-change-is-driving-plant-die-offs-in-southern-california-uci-study-finds/>. (06/21/2021)
- **LA Times: Climate change causing ‘striking loss’ of plants in Southern California’s deserts and mountains:** <https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/entertainment/story/2021-06-23/uci-study>. (06/23/2021)
- **UCI News: California’s carbon mitigation efforts may be thwarted by climate change itself:** <https://news.uci.edu/2021/07/22/californias-carbon-mitigation-efforts-may-be-thwarted-by-climate-change-itself/>. (07/22/2021)

