



# CAPITAL REGION CLIMATE READINESS COLLABORATIVE

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## Creating a Climate-Ready Capital Region

The Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative (CRC) is a public- private, multi-sector network of organizations working together to advance climate resiliency efforts in our region. Together, through knowledge exchange, targeted learning opportunities, and project coordination, we advance innovative climate solutions.

### What Is Climate Readiness

Climate readiness is about taking targeted action to preserve and improve our region's economy, infrastructure, and resources while safeguarding our community members' health, safety, and quality of life.

### The Need for Collaboration on Climate Change

From heat waves to flooding to agricultural productivity, a wide range of impacts threaten the Capital region. We are already seeing changes in our climate and environment, like extreme heat events, more extreme weather events, earlier snow melt, milder winter temperatures, longer fire seasons, and water shortages. These effects disrupt multiple sectors and highlight the importance of cross-regional and cross-sectoral collaboration to effectively build resilience in our communities and businesses.



Many organizations are already responding to these key vulnerabilities, but there is much more to be done. By developing and implementing a set of comprehensive adaptation strategies, our region can increase its resilience, protect its unique resources and assets, strengthen its economy, leverage new opportunities, and ensure a healthy and prosperous future.



# Rising to the Climate Challenge Together

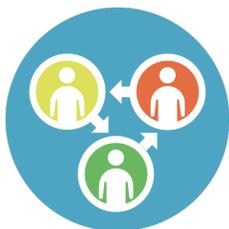
Our purpose is to provide a forum for regional engagement for leaders from government, business, agriculture, academia, and community groups. The helps stakeholders come together across market and jurisdictional boundaries to share information and best practices, leverage efforts and resources, avoid duplication, identify critical needs and strategies, and develop funding strategies.



## Joint Fundraising Proposals

Through our multidisciplinary network, CRC paves the way for leaders in the Capital Region to pursue grant funding based on strong cross-sector or multi-jurisdictional partnerships, as State opportunities increasingly require. Robust collaboration ensures that we maximize climate investments for our region.

Most recently in 2018, CRC coordinated a grant application to Caltrans' SB-1 Transportation Adaptation Planning Grant program and was awarded nearly \$500,000 to model the urban heat island effect in our 6-county region, develop heat mitigation and adaptation strategies, and engage with priority populations.



## Quarterly Adaptation Exchanges

CRC organizes workshops with experts to ensure that our region's, planners, policymakers, advocates, and practitioners stay informed and identify opportunities for collaboration. Through interactive discussions, participants identify actionable strategies to move the needle on climate readiness.

Previous workshops have covered topics including the intersection of extreme heat, air quality, and the transportation sector; flood risks to our region; adaptation opportunities for natural and working lands, including carbon farming, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the mental health impacts of climate change.



## State Policy Engagement

CRC develops robust comment letters on State policies and funding guidelines collectively with our members, and also through the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation, coordinating directly with key state agencies to create resilient and livable communities throughout California.



## Project Ideation and Design

CRC provide coordination and guidance to its members to help identify project concepts and support grant efforts that support CRC's mission of regional economic, ecological, and public benefits. CRC also provides support letters for members, showcasing strong regional and cross-sector support.