

Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, April 25 – 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Library Galleria - East Room
828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Agenda

2:00 Welcome and Collaborative Updates

Jenny Welch, Project Manager, Local Government Commission

Kathleen Ave, Climate Program Manager, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Chair of the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative (CRC)

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, County of Placer

2:20 Emergency Response, Disaster Preparedness and Climate Adaptation Planning

Michael McCormick, Senior Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Vance Taylor, Chief of Access and Functional Needs, Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Yoon Kim, Director of Advisory Services, Four Twenty Seven

3:45 Networking Break

4:00 Rural Communities and Forests: Building Resiliency in a Changing Climate

Michael Pickard, Area Representative, Sierra Nevada Conservancy

4:25 San Francisco Extreme Heat Response Plan

Tara Connor, Community Planning Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health

Cyndy Comerford, Policy and Planning Manager, San Francisco Department of Public Health

Teri Dowling, Community Planning Manager, San Francisco Department of Public Health

4:50 Closing Remarks

Jenny Welch, Project Manager, Local Government Commission

Kathleen Ave, Climate Program Manager, SMUD and Chair of the CRC

5:00 Adjourn

Speaker Biographies

Jennifer Montgomery is a native Californian who has lived in Placer County for almost 30 years. A former small business owner who also worked at the Sierra Business Council and Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, she has represented the 5th District in Placer County for the past 7 years. As well as serving on the board of the Local Government Commission, she serves on the boards of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the Sierra Climate Adaptation & Mitigation Partnership, among others.

Michael McCormick was appointed in June 2011 by Governor Brown as a Senior Planner in the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Michael is leading a number of efforts to implement the Governor's goals around land use, climate change and organizational change. He recently returned from Washington D.C. where he worked with NOAA and the White House Council on Environmental Quality on implementation of President Obama's Climate Action Plan. He is passionate about successful institutional transformation - by leading the development of partnerships, tools, resources, guidance and programs that support strong action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing community resilience to the impacts of a changing climate.

Luis "Vance" Taylor is the Chief of the Office of Access and Functional Needs at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Vance is responsible for ensuring the needs of individuals with disabilities and persons with access and functional needs are identified before, during and after disasters and integrated within the state's emergency management systems. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Vance was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy as a child and uses a power chair. He has worked in Washington, D.C. as an advisor for two different members of Congress, directed security policy at a national association and been a principal at a top-ranked homeland security and emergency management consulting firm, Catalyst Partners, LLC. Vance is a nationally recognized public speaker and advocate for individuals with disabilities.

Dr. Yoon Kim is an adaptation expert with a decade of experience supporting the mainstreaming of climate change into planning and decision-making. At Four Twenty Seven, Yoon leads the Advisory Services and works closely with public and private sector entities at different levels to assess climate risks, support adaptation planning, inform climate policy and governance, and build capacity. Prior to Four Twenty Seven, she worked on state-level coastal adaptation policy issues in California and supported developing countries' mainstreaming of adaptation into national and sectoral planning and policy-making.

Michael Pickard is the South Central Region Area Representative for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. He works with a wide range of partners and stakeholders to plan and implement forest and watershed improvement projects. Michael holds a Bachelor of Science in Forest Hydrology from Humboldt State University, and a Master's degree in Environmental Science with a focus on forest and mountain hydrology from the University of California, Merced. Michael lives in Mariposa County with his wife and daughter.

Tara Connor earned her BS in Environmental Biology from Radford University in 2010. Her work in Public Health started shortly thereafter at the Virginia Department of Public Health in the Environmental Health branch. Her work focused on well and septic designs, permits, and inspections. She moved to San Francisco in 2014 and started working for the San Francisco Department of Public Health in the Emergency Preparedness & Response branch, mainly focusing on community planning and education around emergency preparedness.

Cynthia Comerford is the Manager of Policy and Planning at the San Francisco Department of Public Health. She is responsible for leading and advancing opportunities to use policy, leverage strategic initiatives and to engage

other sectors to improve public health. In this capacity, she works on state and federal legislative affairs and is the Director of the Health Department's Climate and Health Program and Health Impact Assessment Program. Her efforts focus on creating healthy and equitable cities, and she has extensive experience in public health, climate change, community design, transportation, healthy housing, human trafficking, and emergency planning.

Teri Dowling is the Community Planning Manager for the San Francisco Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch. Her work includes collaborating closely with other City Departments and community based organizations to support a more resilient city and to address the emergency response needs of persons with access and functional needs. In addition to her work with the Department of Public Health, Teri currently serves as a commissioner and Chair of the Marin County Commission on Aging. She holds a Masters in Public Health and has work for the Department of Public Health for over 40 years in a variety of positions including serving as the Director for HIV Counseling/Testing and the Director of Senior Information, Referral and Health Promotion.

Resources

Cal OES MyHazards

<http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/>

Case Study: Integrating Climate Risks Into Local Planning in Alameda County

<http://427mt.com/case-study-integrating-climate-risks-local-planning-alameda-county/>

San Francisco Department of Public Health Extreme Heat Response Plan

<https://extxfer.sfdph.org/gis/ClimateHealth/Emergency%20Planning/Emergency%20Heat%20Plan%20130830.pdf>

Business Resiliency Initiative: A toolkit for small businesses in the Capital Region

<http://resilientbusiness.org/>

Fire Recovery Assistance from the US Department of Agriculture

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ca/newsroom/features/?cid=nrcseprd407898>

Reimagining New Orleans Post-Katrina

<http://www.georgetownclimate.org/reports/reimagining-new-orleans-post-katrina.html>

San Francisco Climate & Health Program

<https://sfclimatehealth.org/>

Heat Vulnerability Index

<https://extxfer.sfdph.org/gis/ClimateHealth/Vulnerability%20Assessments/Vulnerability%20Maps%20optimized.pdf>

Getting it Right: Disaster Planning for the Whole Community

Thursday June 8th, 2017 - DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento Hotel

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