

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT

## CAPITAL REGION CLIMATE ACTION



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CLIMATE READINESS  
COLLABORATIVE**

The Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative (CRCRC) is a multidisciplinary network of 47 members from diverse sectors including local and regional agencies, organizations, businesses and associations that work together to advance climate mitigation and adaptation efforts in their own communities and throughout California's Capital Region.

CRCRC's membership network encompasses the 6-county Sacramento Area. CRCRC is a member of the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation.



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# Key 2023 Activities

In early 2023 CRCRC published a [regional landscape analysis](#) intended to take stock of the ongoing water management and groundwater-related efforts and projects currently being planned and implemented throughout the Capital Region. This includes an overview of the priorities, ongoing projects, and recent challenges to practitioners in the field throughout 2022 going into 2023. This analysis was put together through a series of interviews conducted with representatives of various organizations working on water policy throughout the Capital Region. The organizations included in this landscape analysis are not exhaustive of the work that's happening in the Capital Region and the state as a whole. This report is intended to remain as a live resource and individuals working on water resilience throughout the region are able to submit updates and suggestions for edits to this report.

On May 3rd, 2023, CRCRC hosted a [Capital Region Grant Coordination Workshop](#) focused on coordinating and strategizing around upcoming climate change grant programs. This workshop provided participants the opportunity to discuss shared goals, develop project concepts, and identify potential next steps to support effective regional coordination. Following the Grant Coordination Workshop, CRCRC formed a Grant Coordination Subcommittee consisting of members of CRCRC's Steering Committee. This subcommittee is currently guiding the development of project concepts that CRCRC may lead or support as relevant to future funding opportunities.

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In Summer of 2023 CRCRC staff and members attended a statewide convening of members of the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA). This meeting took place at the 2023 California Adaptation Forum. Primarily meeting participants tackled the questions of how climate collaboratives are pivoting to respond to historic levels of climate investments, support grant application coordination, and build capacity for implementation and how regional collaboratives can facilitate greater collaboration and coordination between the State and locals.

In early December CRCRC hosted, in collaboration with the California Air Resources Board, hosted a workshop to highlight what is being done within the six counties of the Capital Region to implement successful carbon sequestration practices. Practitioners from throughout the region presented on their ongoing carbon sequestration projects, spoke to challenges of this work, and shared best practices with other practitioners within the region. Workshop notes, including presentation materials, can be found [here](#).

Finally, in December CRCRC hosted a webinar on ongoing water resilience efforts within California's Capital Region. We were incredibly grateful to feature presentations from Paul Gosselin from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Ryan Ojakian from the Regional Water Authority (RWA), and Matt Cohen from the City of Woodland. Materials from this event including the [webinar recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are available to the public.

# Key Regional Updates

[The California Jobs First](#) (previously the [CERF](#) program), sourced from the State General Fund, will distribute \$600 million across to 13 regions across California. Valley Vision is the Regional Convener & Fiscal Agent for the Capital Region, meaning we are responsible for ensuring our region meets the goals and values outlined above. This includes the formation of our region's governance structure and identifying other partners to help lead our region's efforts.

In late 2023 the Governor's Office of Planning & Research [announced \\$21.7 million in funding awards through the Regional Resilience Planning & Implementation Grant Program \(RRGP\)](#). This initiative will support 16 new regional partnerships throughout the state, uniting public entities, California Native American tribes, Community-Based Organizations, and academic institutions. 3 of these initiatives are being led within the Greater Sacramento Valley including the development of the Yolo County Regional Resilience Collaborative, the Paradise Regional Wildfire Resilience Implementation Plan, and the Kó:dom Hýbísín ("Land Stewardship") project.

[The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants \(CPRG\) program](#) will provide funding to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Planning funds can be used to update existing climate, energy, or sustainability plans or to develop new plans. The Sacramento Metropolitan Air District (SMAQMD) is ready to lead the climate planning process for the Sacramento region to guarantee the opportunity to compete for this new CPRG funding. SMAQMD is working with other regional leaders and partners to ensure that Sacramento's regional climate plan includes all desired climate pollution reduction strategies.

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In 2023 the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) was [awarded a total of \\$4.4 million](#) in state grant funding for three projects aimed at enhancing transportation infrastructure and addressing climate change impacts within the Sacramento region. These grants underscore SacRT's commitment to sustainable and accessible transit options across the region. These programs include \$3.2 million from the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant, \$730,209.00 from the Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, and \$470,000.00 from the Caltrans Climate Adaptation Grant.

The Yuba Water Agency is in the final stages of finalizing design for the [Atmospheric River Control Spillway](#) at the New Bullards Bar Dam. Adding a second spillway to New Bullards Bar Dam will significantly reduce flood risk and enhance public safety for Yuba and Sutter counties. Yuba Water is now working with a team of engineers to bring the project to a 100 percent design phase and is exploring potential partners to collaborate on this important multi-benefit project. Both the cost and schedule are rough estimates at this time, but are expected to be more clearly defined as the project is further designed.

In 2023 the City of Sacramento developed and released its [Existing Building Electrification Strategy](#) for public comment. This strategy would detail a pathway to transition existing buildings to carbon-free electricity by 2045. Electrification of existing buildings is a crucial step in the City's work to achieve carbon neutrality. City staff is currently in the process of reviewing and incorporating input received from the public and anticipates bringing the final draft strategy to the Planning and Design Commission and City Council in Spring 2024.

# Thank you for your leadership in 2023!

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