

Local Energy Resources Network



Meeting 3 December 14, 2021

*Let's LERN Together – Featuring a
Conversation with the Strategic
Growth Council*



Welcome!

Purpose

Interactive 1-hour meetings designed to be a regular space where local governments - and those who work with them - can help each other learn about (and possibly inform) available opportunities to advance their energy and climate goals.

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Opportunity Roundtable + Spotlight
- Featured Discussion:
Regional Climate Collaboratives (Strategic Growth Council)
- Ask the BPC



Opportunity Roundtable

Opportunities for...

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Funding

- [CDFA Healthy Soils Prog - Demo. Projects](#) (12/31/21)
- [CEC Vehicle to Building Technologies for Resilience Backup Power](#) (1/7/22)
- [EDA Good Jobs Challenge](#) (1/26/22)
- [FEMA BRIC](#) (1/28/22)
- [EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) (rolling)
- [CA VW Mitigation Trust Zero-Emission Transit or Shuttle Bus](#) (rolling)

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Other Assistance

- [CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program](#) (1/19/22)
- [Statewide Reach Codes Program](#) (ongoing)

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Input

- [CARB Scoping Plan Decarb Workshop](#) (12/13/21)
- [SGC Regional Climate Collaboratives](#) (today!)
- [SGC Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities](#) (2/5/22)
- [SCG Transformative Climate Communities](#) (12/15/21)
- [OPR Community Economic Resilience Fund](#) (1/6/22)

On the horizon...

- *Affordable Housing and Sustainable Community Projects (\$780M)*
- *Transformative Climate Communities (\$420M)*
- *Regional Climate Collaboratives (\$20M)*
- *Community Economic Resilience Fund – High Road programs (\$600M)*
- *Community Resilience Centers (\$200M)*
- *Low Income Weatherization (\$50M)*
- *Urban Greening (\$250M)*
- *Congressional infrastructure and spending packages*

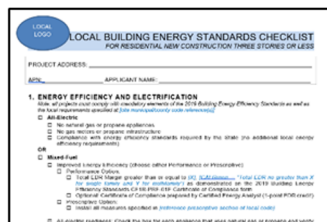


Opportunity Spotlight



Part of statewide Codes and Standards Program, funded by California utility customers and administered by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission and in support of the California Energy Commission.

Website: localenergycodes.com Contact: Misti Bruceri, mistib@comcast (join monthly calls)



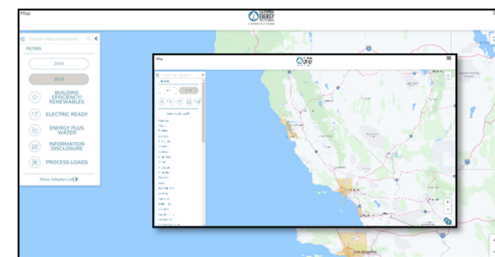
**Model ordinances,
checklists, staff
reports**



Cost-Effectiveness Tools



**Monthly newsletters and
case studies**



Interactive reach code adoption map



Featured Guest



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Sarah Risher





Regional Climate Collaboratives Program

December 14, 2021



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Agenda

- Overview Presentation
- Discussion

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Setting the Stage

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Community Assistance for Climate Equity



California Climate Investments Technical Assistance Program

Helps level the playing field for applicants that may lack the capacity to successfully access these funds that help advance the State's climate equity goals.



BOOST Program

Provides customized coaching – staff training, grant application support, and stakeholder and engagement – to local governments.



Partners Advancing Climate Equity Pilot Program

Resources frontline community leaders to support equitable action on climate change, air quality, health, equity.

Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC)

- Established by Senate Bill 1072
- Assist under-resourced communities within a region to access statewide public and other grant moneys
- Collaboratives will conduct capacity building activities to enhance their ability to drive and sustain climate action



Capacity Building Definition

The process of **strengthening local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, expertise, and access to resources** in under-resourced communities with the goal of helping to develop or increase the ability of that community to independently compete for grants and implement projects in the future.



RCC in the Climate Resiliency Budget

- SGC received **\$20 million** to implement the program
- Must spend down all funds by 2027
- Exploring number of funding rounds
 - Two rounds
 - Three rounds



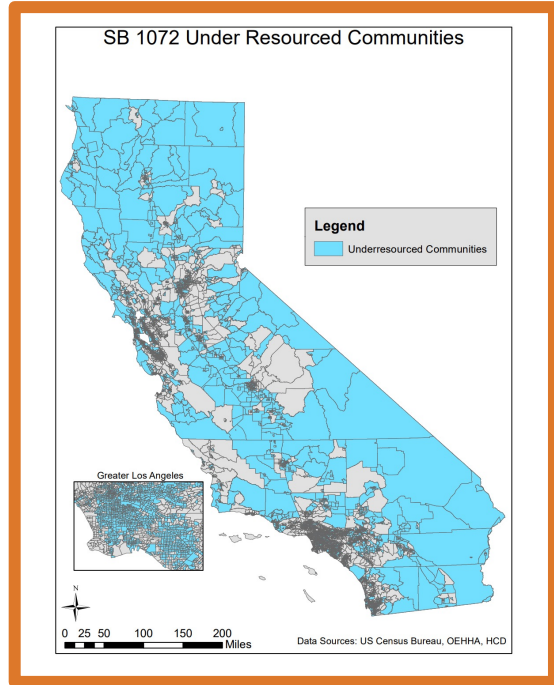
What is mandated by Senate Bill 1072?



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Under-resourced Communities



1. Top 25% CalEnviroScreen
2. AB 1550 low-income Communities
3. Communities with median household income less than 80% of statewide average

Scale

- We have flexibility in how we define region, want RCC to support collaboratives of various sizes and scales
- Envision collaboratives that are primarily working at a place-based level and are connected to and aligned with regional initiatives
- Legislation states that where feasible, RCCs should leverage, complement, and build on existing regional efforts and resources for capacity building and technical assistance

Eligible Applicants

- Community-based organizations
- Nonprofits and foundations
- Small businesses
- Local government agencies
- Joint powers authorities
- Tribal governments
- Other organizations with a history of providing community-based outreach and technical assistance

Structure of Collaboratives

- Eligible applicants shall form a regional **collaborative stakeholder structure** and shall collectively submit one application based on a shared vision.
- Each collaborative shall select a **managing stakeholder** that can demonstrate the organizational capacity to complete projects and the financial capacity to receive and be accountable for the grant.

Activities of Collaboratives

- Conduct **outreach** and build awareness of competitive grant programs.
- **Convene stakeholders** to discuss community needs regarding potential climate change mitigation and adaptation projects eligible for statewide competitive grant programs with specific allocations for under-resourced communities.
- **Develop community and project plans**, including climate action plans, demonstrating local needs and identifying multiple-benefit projects for implementation.
- Support the **development of partnerships** between stakeholders and potential public and private funding sources.
- **Provide policy, program, and technical advice** to stakeholders to develop and align multi benefit projects with potential funding sources.
- Serve as an **intermediary between community stakeholders and technical assistance programs** within relevant agencies and coordinate scientific and technical support from outside experts.
- Coordinate and implement **assistance and training to stakeholders** in grant application development, project management, implementation, and monitoring.
- Assist in the **development of local job training and anti-displacement** programs and policies.

Grant Administration

- **Advance payments** over a period of not more than three years, to recipients to initiate and implement the collaboratives
- The council shall adopt guidelines imposing **additional requirements** relating to the provision of advanced payments

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Guidelines Development

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Timeline

- Nov '21-Jan '22: SGC develops first draft
- Feb: Release draft guidelines for 30-day public comment
- Feb-March: Public workshops
- March: SGC updates draft to incorporate public comments
- April: SGC posts proposed guidelines and presents to Council for adoption
- Spring: SGC releases NOFA
- Summer: First round of RCC grants awarded



Discussion



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Guiding Questions

- What current resources does your jurisdiction have for coordinating and collaborating with external partners? What additional resources would allow you to expand this work?
- How have you partnered with external partners to align community priorities with existing plans? How could you see RCC supporting community-driven plan alignment?
- What would success look like at the end of the RCC grant period? What would be changed for your jurisdiction as a result in the long term?

Thank you!

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Public comments and letters can be sent to TA@sgc.ca.gov



Questions?

Submit any questions in the chat!

Ask the BPC!

Add questions or requests to the chat, raise your hand, or email ahacker@lgc.org





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What's Next?

- Next meeting **January 11, 2021**
*Featured Discussion with with Cal
EPA's Office of Environmental Health
Hazard Assessment*
- Share [invitation](#) with others
- What agencies or programs would you like to invite to an upcoming LERN discussion?