



# State-led Knowledge Exchange

## “Climate Action Planning at the State and Local Level”

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### ***Description:***

This session will briefly present two state-level climate planning efforts and seeks local input that will help inform each. First, the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), formerly the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR), is beginning its periodic update of the General Plan Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines serve as the “how to” document for cities and counties drafting or updating their general plans. One of LCI’s central goals in this newest update is to incorporate climate throughout, from land use to circulation. Second, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is seeking initial input at the onset of the State’s Comprehensive Climate Action Plan under the U.S Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. Both agencies would like to hear from representatives from the Inland Empire about their climate impact concerns, climate mitigation priorities, how climate planning is being or might be integrated into general plans, and any region-specific barriers or opportunities that have arisen in-planning or other processes.

# California's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan under U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program

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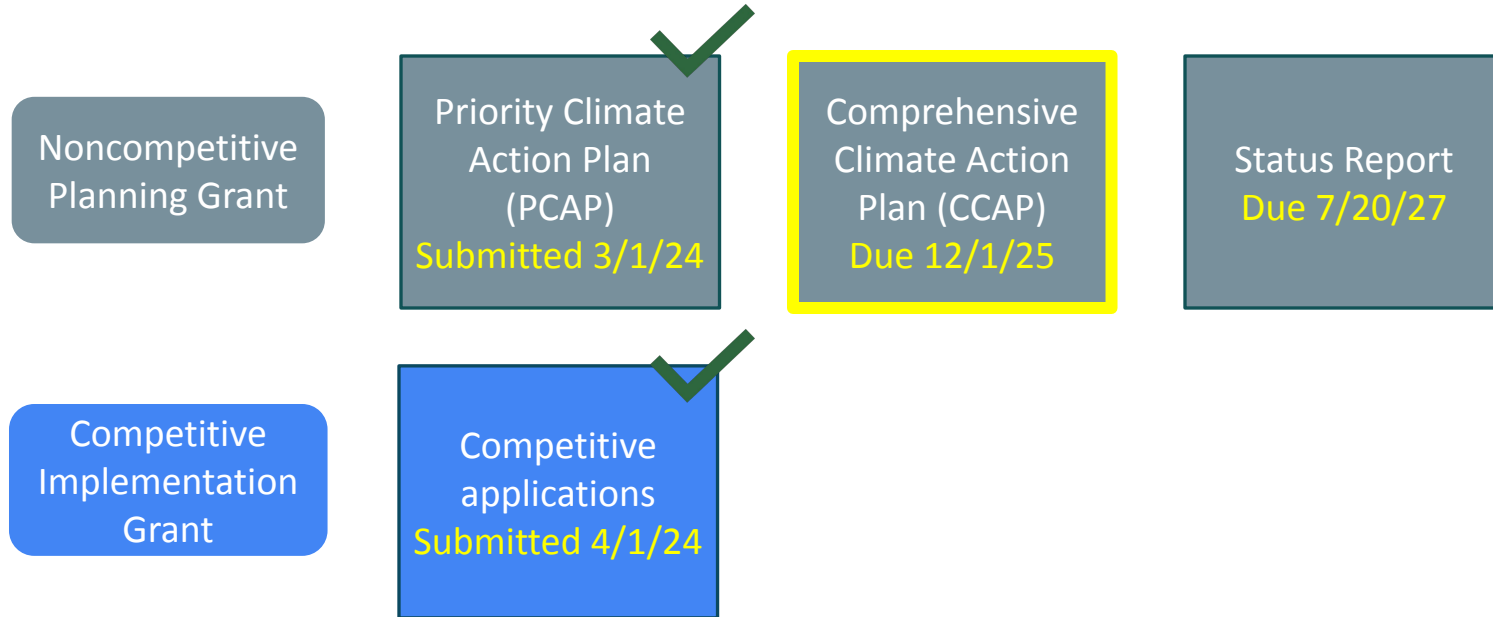
# Overview of U.S. EPA's CPRG Program

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides nearly \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Authorized under Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, this two-phase program provides \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and approximately \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.



# CPRG requires 3 plans over 4 years

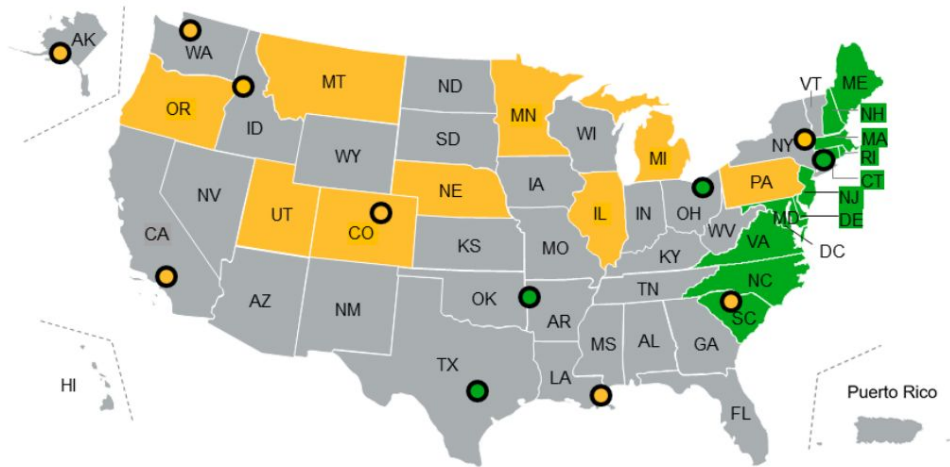
*PCAP is complete, awards have been made, CCAP is next*



# Many awards made during CPRG competitive phase, and many projects still seeking support

*Snapshot of awarded projects*

Application Type: ■ Coalition ■ Individual ○ Local/Tribal



## NEW RESOURCE

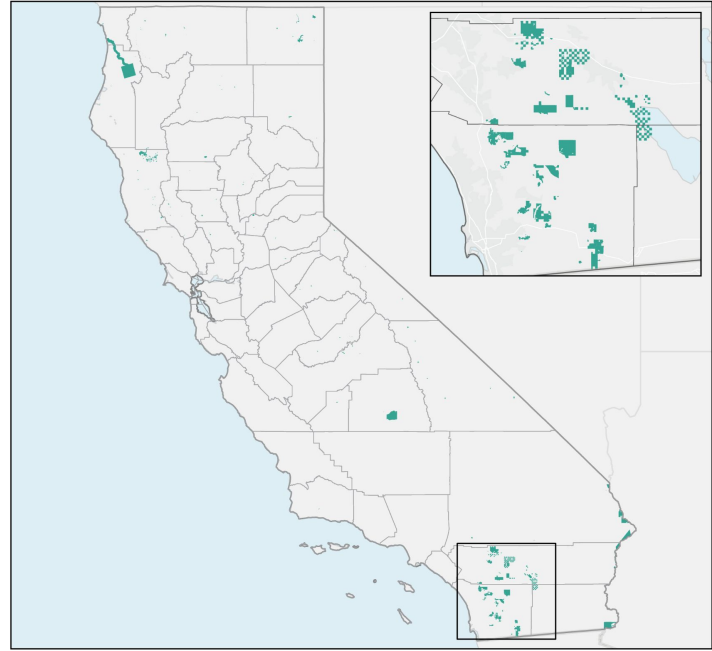
U.S. EPA's Climate Action Funding Resource Guide, including for CCAPs  
[Investing in America: Climate Action Funding Resource Guide | US EPA](#)

[CPRG Implementation Grants: General Competition Selections | US EPA](#)

# Collaborations with MSAs & Tribes

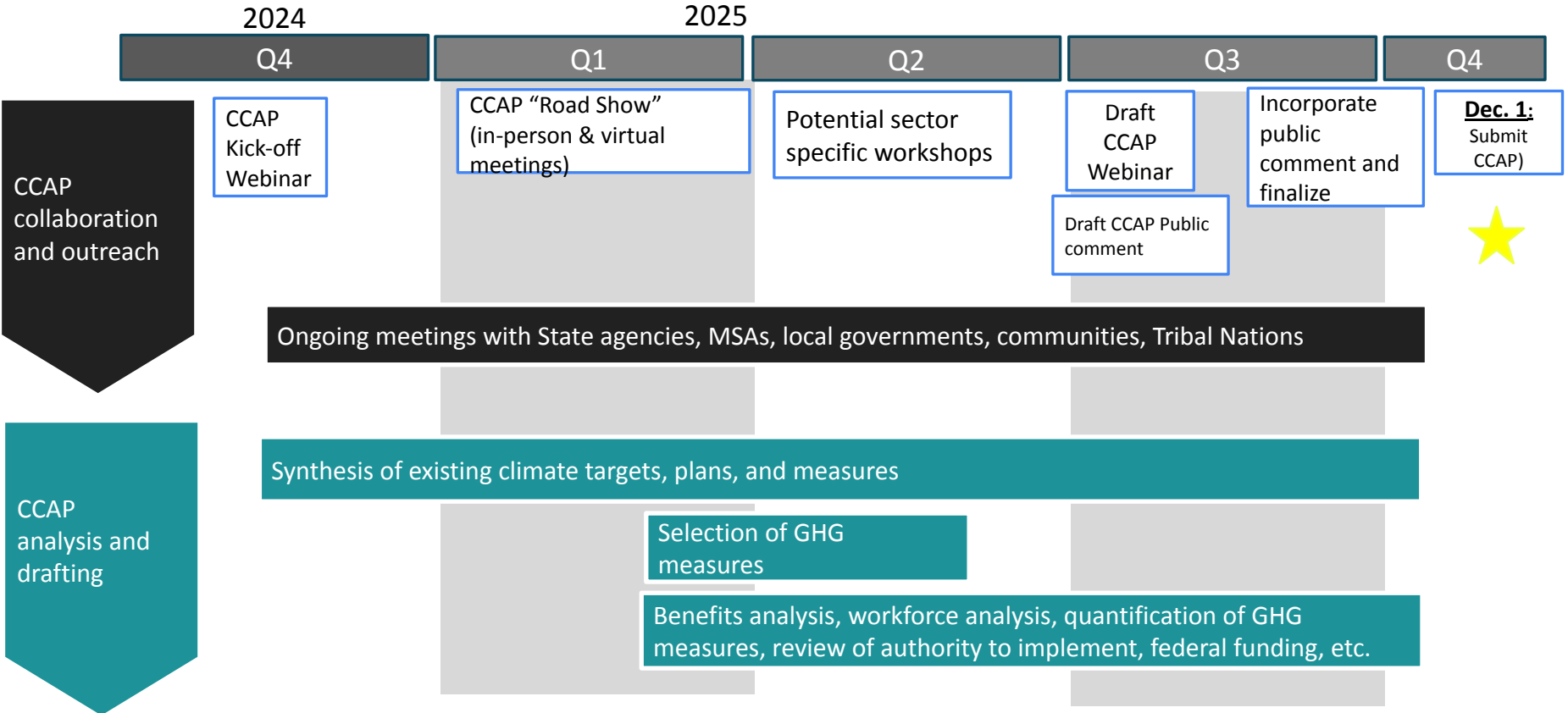


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# Rough timeline for CCAP development



# We want to hear from you

- Please take and share our California Climate Action Survey!
- Find meeting materials and recording of this webinar at California's CPRG webpage:  
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/us-epas-climate-pollution-reduction-grant-program-meetings-workshops>
- Email us at [SarahJo.Szambelan@arb.ca.gov](mailto:SarahJo.Szambelan@arb.ca.gov) or [ca.cprg@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ca.cprg@arb.ca.gov)





# Questions for discussion

1. Which climate change impacts are of most concern in your region?
2. Which areas of climate action would you prioritize in your region (transportation, buildings, industrial, waste, agriculture, etc.)?
3. What barriers or opportunities do you see in moving climate action forward in your region?

# Incorporating Climate: GO-LCI's General Plan Guidelines Update

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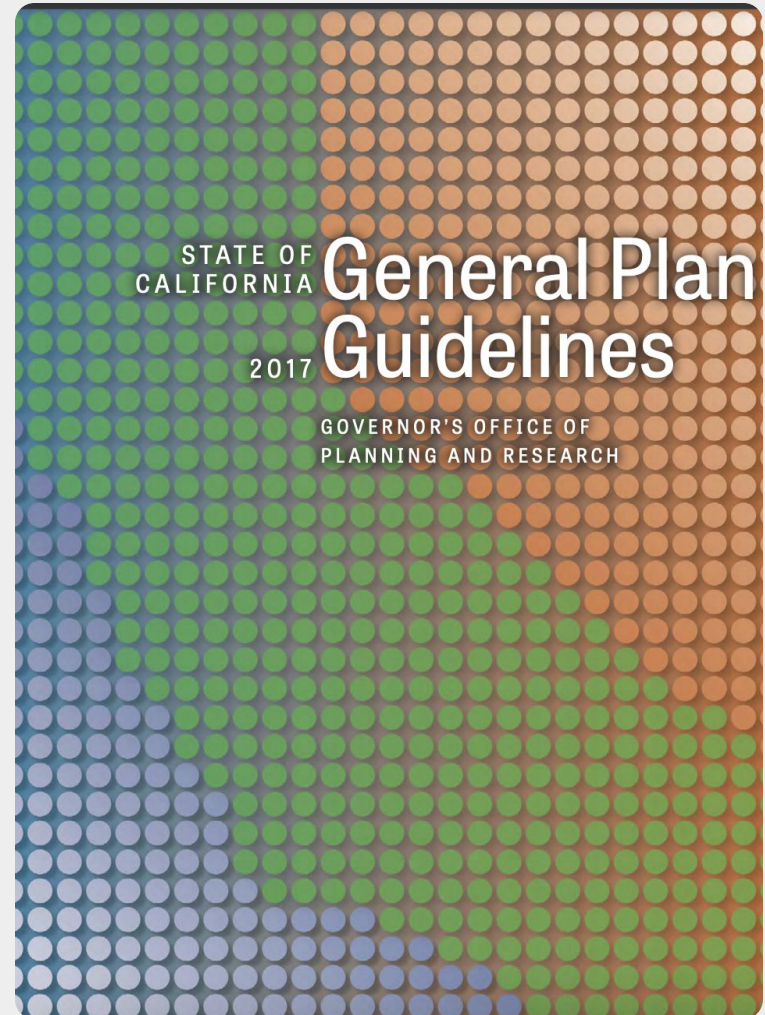


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# Background

Under Government Code section 65300, all cities and counties must adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of their jurisdiction and any other land area outside of the jurisdiction that bears relation to its planning.

Government Code section 65040.2 requires that **OPR adopt and periodically revise the [State General Plan Guidelines](#)** for the preparation and content of general plans for all cities and counties in California.



# Why update the general plan guidelines?

- Provide guidance on **new and amended laws and executive orders, 2017-2026;**
- Provide guidance on new (optional) elements including: **Urban Design & Placemaking, Water, and Natural & Working Lands**
- Make the Guidelines **more interactive and user-friendly;**
- Expand the **Implementation Chapter;** and
- Provide **implementation tools/strategies, best practices, and sample policies** in all chapters;
- Update the Guidelines with **housing crisis** in mind;
- Provide guidance to local jurisdictions on how to **embed equity, environmental justice, health, climate resilience, and adaptation** in all elements.

# Integrating climate mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency.

- +/- of integrating CAPs w/ general plans
- Relationship between housing, climate, equity
- Using local zoning and planning authority to streamline climate actions
- Impact on tribal communities
- Exacerbation of existing inequalities
- Health risk of extreme weather events on vulnerable populations
- Alignment with Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)
- Economic impacts of climate events
- Nature-based solutions such as urban forestry

# Final products

## Comprehensively update and rewrite:

- [General Plan Guidelines](#)
- [A Planner's Guide to Specific Plans](#)
- [OPR's 2005 Tribal Consultation Guidelines](#)
- [Climate Action Plans Technical Advisory](#)
- [Open Space \(SB 1425\) Technical Advisory](#)

**Create an interactive website for the updated General Plan Guidelines**

# Thank You!

If you would like to sign up for updates and/or be a key stakeholder in LCI's update to the General Plan Guidelines, please email me!

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# Questions for discussion

## Question 1:

If you are a planner or work for a local government, how have you – or hope to – integrated climate into your general plan’s different elements (land use, circulation, open space, etc.), as well as their subsequent implementation?

**OR**

If you work for a community-based organization or nonprofit, how have you collaborated with local government to integrate climate into your region’s general plan?

**OR**

If you are a researcher or academic, do you have any findings/insights on how to better integrate climate concerns into local general planning efforts?

## Question 2:

What State resources or assistance could make it easier to update a region’s general plan? (i.e. What are some barriers in making a general plan update and how could the State assist?)