Alliance of Regional Collaboratives For Climate Adaptation

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Climate Change in California



What is ARCCA

- A network of 5 regional adaptation collaboratives
- Brings members together to amplify voices, share information, and advance adaptation practices in California.
- Works collectively with state and federal agencies to improve dialogue and opportunities



Los Angeles Regional Collaborative



Goals

- Encourage greater local/regional coordination and cooperation
- Bring together community leadership
- Share Information and foster partnership
- Develop system-wide climate and sustainability strategies

Structure

- A collaborative organization housed at the UCLA Institute of the Environment, governed by the LARC Steering Committee, which is made up of LARC Members
- 27 member organizations
- Formed in 2009

Project example

"A Greater L.A.: the Framework for Regional Climate Action and Sustainability"

Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative



Goals

- Create stronger, sustainable, and economically viable communities
- Promote greater climate change resilience planning coordination
- Create a forum for community leaders
- Share information, Identify vulnerabilities and gaps, leverage resources
- Advance comprehensive solutions

Structure

- An informal network of stakeholders from the 6-county Sacramento region, overseen by a steering committee. LGC serves as the fiscal agent
- 8 member organizations
- Formed in 2013
- Project Example
 - Business continuity planning for small/medium enterprises

San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative



Goals

- Support regional efforts and advance comprehensive solutions
- Expand membership and effectiveness of the Collaborative.
- Communicate outcomes locally and more broadly
- Build capacity within regional public agencies

Structure

- A member-based network that supports San Diego-based public agencies. Governed by a Steering Committee, and the University of San Diego operates as its fiscal agent and administrative home
- 14 member organizations
- Formed in 2011
- Project Example
 - "San Diego, 2050 is Calling. How will we answer?"

Bay Area Climate & Energy Resilience Project



Goals

- Support and enhance the local climate adaptation efforts of cities, counties and other organizations.
- Pursue specific actions that will help stakeholders to move forward in a more efficient and powerful manner.

Structure

- An informal network of private, and non-profit stakeholders. Operated as a project of the Bay Area Joint Policy Committee
- Over 100 organizations are in the network. No formal membership
- Formed in 2011
- Project Example
 - 9-county needs assessment

Sierra Climate Adaptation & Mitigation Partnership



Goals:

- Communicate the value of local environment & resources
- Convene government, business, academia & community groups
- Empower Sierra leaders to share best practices
- Identify critical needs & strategies
- Leverage efforts/resources & funding
- Build & strengthen connections within the region & downstream cities

Structure

- very likely a modified consensus decision-making model (consensusminus-two)
- 10+ member organizations (currently forming)
- Formed in late 2014

Project Example

 participation in Climate Solutions University (CSU). As a participant in CSU's Model Forest Policy Program

What does Collaboration Mean to ARCCA?

- Our common voice will increase the credibility and effectiveness of our efforts to inform state and federal policy, guidance and resource allocation. Through Collaboration we can
 - Accomplish more than by working alone and better help the State succeed
 - Accelerate regional efforts through best practices sharing, pilots and coordination
 - Support regional differences while still finding common ground
 - Embrace other regions in the state
 - Increase regional funding opportunities

ARCCA Outcomes

Fostering Regional Development

- Sharing of best practices
- Development of case studies and resources
- Support for new California Collaboratives
- Participation in a national dialogue on regional collaboration
- Development of Regional Collaboration Toolkit
- Coordination with State
 - Safeguarding California Plan
 - State Climate Change Research Plan
 - Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program
 - President's Taskforce on Climate Resilience and Preparedness



Thank You!

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