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**Climate
Collaborative**

SAN DIEGO REGION

2017

ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

*The **San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative** is a network for public agencies that serve the San Diego region to share expertise, leverage resources, and advance comprehensive solutions to facilitate climate change planning.*



STEERING COMMITTEE

- Cody Hooven**, Port of San Diego (Chair)
- Michael Catanzaro**, University of San Diego (Vice-Chair)
- Noah Alvey**, County of San Diego
- Kimberly Burke**, San Diego Gas & Electric Company
- Donna Chalowitz**, City of San Diego
- Nicola Hedge**, The San Diego Foundation
- Anna Lowe**, San Diego Association of Governments
- Brendan Reed**, City of Chula Vista

By partnering with academia, non-profits, and businesses, we also work to raise the profile of regional leadership.

ADVANCING CLIMATE & ENERGY PLANNING

- Assisted San Diego County Office of Emergency Services and local districts to incorporate extreme heat, drought, and coastal flooding in the 2015 San Diego Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Partnered with SDG&E and SANDAG to promote energy efficiency funding and strategies to cities in the region through the San Diego Regional Energy Partnership.
- Provided grant application support to coastal cities applying for sea-level rise planning funding.
- Provided capacity to local agencies for GHG inventory updates and implementation of various Climate Action Plan measures such as alternative transportation, energy efficiency retrofits, and trainings through the Americorps CivicSpark program.

RAISING THE PROFILE OF REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

- 8 Climate Collaborative Members attended and presented at the first annual California Adaptation Forum in August in Sacramento.
- Interim Mayor Todd Gloria recognized the efforts of The Climate Collaborative in his plenary speech at the Climate Leadership Conference in February.
- Climate Collaborative hosted a sold-out Sea Level Rise Boat Tour for conference attendees.



CLIMATE
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE



- Climate Collaborative efforts were recognized at the Local Government Commission Policy Maker Dinner at the Statewide Energy Efficiency Conference.
- The Climate Collaborative Manager was invited to speak at the San Diego Civic Leaders for Engagement Forum, sponsored by The San Diego Foundation.

BUILDING CAPACITY THROUGH TRAINING

- **Co-hosted a workshop on coastal storm modeling for sea-level rise with NOAA Coastal Services Center and USC Sea Grant (50 attendees)**
- **Quarterly meeting presentations (average of 40 attendees)**
 - Climate and Energy Funding Opportunities
 - "San Diego, 2050 is Calling" Report
 - Water Use Efficiency Programs and Incentives
 - San Diego County Regional Airport Climate and Energy Strategies
 - Region-wide Electric Vehicle Deployment and Alternative Fuel Planning
 - Spotlight on State Climate and Energy Policies and Actions
 - Surging Seas Sea Level Rise Tool
 - State Climate Ready Grants (State Coastal Conservancy)
 - Zero Net Energy Roadmap
 - The Sage Project – a sustainable planning effort by San Diego State University
 - Spotlight on Cap and Trade Funding Opportunities



COLLABORATIONS

- San Diego is one of five regions to make up the Alliance of Regional Collaborations for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) and share advancements with other California regions and state officials.
- The Climate Collaborative is partnering with the Local Government Commission to host and supervise 3 Americorps members under the CivicSpark program.
- The Climate Collaborative was invited to a Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. hosted by Institute for Sustainable Cities. We were one of nine collaboratives in the nation to attend and share strategies for supporting local climate planning and energy efficiency initiatives.
- The Climate Collaborative co-hosted a Southern California workshop on State Energy and Climate related policies, including the new Safeguarding California Plan (California's Climate Adaptation Plan).



Year in Review

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

- **6 new members in 2014**
 - City of Encinitas
 - City of Oceanside
 - San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
 - Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
 - CleanTECH San Diego
 - San Diego State University Center for Regional Sustainability



ORGANIZATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Hired a part-time manager to grow membership and effectiveness
- Updated website to include the latest climate planning information and resources
- Distributed monthly newsletter on climate and energy topics to over 80 subscribers
- Developed new Climate Collaborative outreach materials
- Recruited 3 CivicSpark Americorps members to work with local agencies

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