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2015 San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative Annual Report

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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.

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

The year 2015 was transformative for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative. We kicked off the year with a national award from the U.S. EPA and provided a record number of climate and energy trainings. Through the CivicSpark partnership with Americorps, we teamed several members with young professionals to help them advance climate and sustainability projects. In 2016, we look forward to building on these successes, expanding our collaborations, and further equipping members with the climate change expertise to lead our region.

Laura Engeman, Manager

“ We would not be pursuing a Climate Action Plan if it weren’t for the Climate Collaborative.”
-Senior Planner, City of Oceanside

ADVANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CLIMATE PLANNING

✔ Updated the City of Oceanside’s municipal greenhouse gas inventory.
✔ Produced a Climate Action Plan Comparison to coordinate and highlight local climate and energy strategies.
✔ Implemented best practices and models for advancing energy efficiency:
  - Streetlight retrofits
  - Energy mapping
  - Green business programs
  - Programmable thermostats
  - Energy efficiency trainings
  - Zero net energy
  - Financing and rebates
  - Home energy coach

139 home energy tune-ups
performed with the Center for Sustainable Energy
Directed the San Diego region’s CivicSpark Americorps programs, securing over $60,000 to assign 3 emerging professionals to support sustainability and climate projects in 7 local governments and the Port of San Diego.

Hosted 8+ network meetings to share local climate and energy practices, as well as spotlight financing opportunities, and state-wide legislation and policy changes.

Provided no-cost professional trainings to over 200 participants on climate change topics.

Showcased at:
- The National Adaptation Forum in St. Louis, MO
- The San Diego State of Non-profits Conference
- The San Diego Watershed Summit
- The California Coastal Symposium

DEVELOPING REGIONAL EXPERTISE
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BUILDING RESILIENCE WITH PARTNERS
- Coordinated a Regional Sea Level Rise Working Group to support coastal resilience efforts.

- Member of the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptations (ARCCA) to influence state climate policy using lessons learned at the local level.

- Advised The San Diego Foundation on awards of over $200,000 for their Building Regional Resilience grant program.

“There is no better way to keep track of the fast-moving climate field than this network.”
- Environmental Services Manager, City of Chula Vista
City of Chula Vista*
City of Del Mar
City of Encinitas
City of National City
City of Oceanside
City of Poway
City of San Diego*
City of Solana Beach
Cleantech San Diego
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County of San Diego*
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