Building Community-Led Climate Resilience

Lessons Learned from the Community Resilience Working Group

August 2, 2023: Climate Adaptation Forum

Community Resilience Working Group (CRWG)

- Formation of 10 frontline and social equity organizations across CA
- Convened in early 2022
- Works together to center community resilience and equity in state climate adaptation initiatives



Why: Origin and Goals of the CRWG

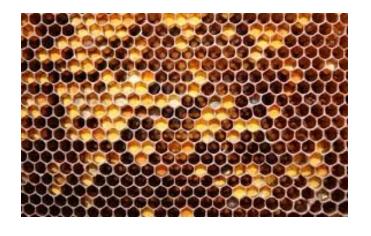
- Grew out of Climate Justice Working Group's former advocacy
- Focused on implementation as opposed to budget or legislative advocacy
- Creating a model for equitable community-led climate resilience

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Guiding Principles and Recommendations
for Policy and Funding Decisions
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How: CRWG Processes

Function	Form
Establishing expectations	Charter and MOU
Identifying priorities and work plan	 Landscape analysis and voting Fist to five to approve updated proposals
Work distribution	 2 co-leads per priority



Activities and Outcomes

- Advocacy: 3 sign-on letters to inform the Community Resilience Center and Urban Agriculture grant programs
- Peer learning: 6+ sessions ranging from intentional Tribal partnerships to land use and zoning 101
- Trust-building: developed strong working relationships to inform joint advocacy and an inclusive learning space
- Connections: built stronger relationships between state agencies and working group



Lessons Learned

- Learning about regional work of partners provides various perspectives to make grants more accessible to orgs
- CRWG work amplifies the message to support policy that benefits the most vulnerable communities
- Need flexibility and rapid response to respond to quickly changing policy environment



Think Tank Instructions



- Split up into 4 circles for our think tank discussions
- Each think tank circle has a different theme and facilitator who will share a relevant CRWG case study:
 - Shaping Community Resilience Center programs (Leadership Counsel)
 - Shaping the Vulnerable Communities Mapping platform (APEN)
 - Developing a peer learning series (Pacoima Beautiful)
 - Standing up a community-led working group (Greenlining Institute)
- We will end with a large group share-out

Thank You



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