
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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How: CRWG Processes

Function	Form
Establishing expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Charter and MOU
Identifying priorities and work plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Landscape analysis and voting● Fist to five to approve updated proposals
Work distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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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