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MBCAAN'ections

Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network News



Inaugural MBCAAN Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network Newsletter! And many thanks to Toto Vu-Duc for creatively coining the phrase "MBCAANections" as the name for our quarterly missives.

Launch Success!

The Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network (MBCAAN) hosted its first quarterly meeting in the beautiful Watsonville Community Room on Friday, March 7, 2025. Over 50 people, representing 23 project partners, participated in poster presentations and breakout sessions to share their work and discuss anticipated obstacles, opportunities for collaboration, workforce development needs, and resource sharing.



During the breakout sessions, we utilized the council circle process, providing space for each participant to speak authentically without interruption and for others to listen more



MBCAAN Quarterly Meeting

LOCATION

Hartnell College,
Castroville Campus
10241 Tembladera
St, Castroville, CA
95012

DATE AND TIME

06/04/25 12:30pm -
06/04/25 5:00pm
US/Pacific

Join MBCAAN and
our co-host Hartnell

deeply without cross-talking. Each group included a project partner representing each of our four adaptation strategies: Regional Collaboration and Capacity Building, Workforce Development, Flood Risk Reduction, and Wildfire Risk Reduction.

Several opportunities emerged from these conversations including interest in a peer exchange of the regulatory process and collaboration to streamline permitting processes; and cross sector learning about forest management and prescribed and cultural burn practices. A few partners expressed the need for assistance with GIS mapping which resulted in offers from partners with those superpowers.



The hot topic was workforce development including the need to train our workforce now to meet future project implementation staffing needs, and ways to best share information about internship opportunities. We will delve further into this topic at our next quarterly meeting in June.

College, for a deep dive into "Building A Climate Ready Workforce"

I'll Be There!

Maybe

I Can't Make It

**MBCAAN
Website
Coming Soon!**



What would you would like to see on the MBCAAN website?

Send your ideas to
Emily@californiamsf.org



MBCAAN members, March 7, 2025

Resiliency Funding

As part of the NOAA Climate Resilient Monterey Bay grant, the Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network (MBCAAN) was established to ensure there is regional connectivity between and among the myriad organizations focused on local climate adaptation efforts. Through this initiative, coordinated approaches to climate adaptation have launched on an extensive scale, and the benefits of this approach are becoming apparent even at this early stage of the grant.

With that goal in mind, staff at the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) have been communicating with regional organizations and our congressional leaders about the importance of presenting a regional approach to climate resiliency, especially in consideration of identifying projects to be funded as part of the Proposition 4 Climate Bond funding. A survey went out to Network members gauging interest in collating a collective vision around Proposition 4 funding inquiries. Conversations and brainstorming around this topic are ongoing, and we invite your input. Please reach out to Jesse Traller Ojeda at jesse@californiamsf.org.

Walking the Path of Right Relations

Collaborative for Right Relations



One priority of MBCAAN is to ensure that local tribes and community-based organizations (CBOs) are equally present as we, as a region, plan for future adaptation and resilience actions across Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey counties. Grant funding has been allocated to Four Directions and the Collaborative for Right Relations to build pathways for meaningful dialogue and collaboration with and between local tribes and our membership.

MBCAAN members have an exciting opportunity to participate in an upcoming program called, "Walking the Path of Right Relations." This program will focus on building the capacity and cultural understanding of

non-Indigenous organizations and then become a bridge for Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups to explore and initiate partnerships around climate resilience. The program includes a series of convenings over the coming 14 months - some virtual and some in-person. The program begins in May of 2025. Organizations are asked to submit a Letter of Intent by April 15, 2025.

For those who missed the orientation meeting, you are welcome to visit the recording, here:

[Zoom Recording](#)

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[You can find information about this program below,
including information about how to participate.](#)

[Visit our Website](#)



Do you have a Knack for Networks?

MBCAAN planning sessions are coming up!

We've got purpose, we've got members, we've got funding, and we've got staff! What else does a Network need?

Now we've got to get organized!

If you've got a knack for organizational structure and consensus building, and a few hours to spare between now and December, you might be interested in joining the MBCAAN Steering Committee.

[Steering Committee Interest Form](#)

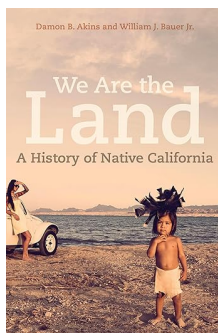
The Steering Committee members will represent each of our adaptation strategies: fire, flood, community engagement, tribes, and workforce development. They will meet monthly through December to help keep the

MBCAAN membership on track as we refine MBCAAN's committee, organizational, membership, and governance structures. Committee members will help prepare and review documents, incorporate feedback from MBCAAN member surveys, and generally help keep us on schedule.

All MBCAAN member organizations will participate in decision making by responding to surveys, reviewing and providing input on organizing documents, and decision making as a group. In addition to our Quarterly Member meetings, we will organize 3 additional visioning workshops for interested members.

A separate email will go out shortly to all members outlining the Strategic Roadmap Timeline and an invitation to an orientation meeting:

Strategic Roadmap Orientation
Thursday, April 24th, 2025
3:00pm via ZOOM



Book Nook

We are the Land, A History of Native California
by Damon Akins and William Bauer

We are the Land is the first and most comprehensive text of its kind, centering the long history of California around the lives and legacies of the Indigenous people who shaped it. – University of California Press

Have a good read you would like to share? Send suggestions and a brief review for inclusion in a future edition of *MBCAAN'ections* to emily@californiamsf.org

Drop me a line!

I am delighted to return to my favorite coast and learn more about the amazing work happening around the region.

Emily Franc, MBCAAN Coordinator
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The Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network is focused on building adaptive capacity in the Monterey Bay region, including coordination and planning

for future adaptation and resilience actions in the Monterey Bay region.

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What topic interests you the most?

Permitting, Regulatory Processes

Examples of Adaptation and Resilience in other Regions

GIS mapping, modeling: Fire, Flood, vulnerability

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