
Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network News



Sticky Monkey Flower, Mt. Madonna, photo credit: Lauryn Cummins



Save the Date: MBCAAN Fall Quarterly Meeting

1 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, October 7, 2026

Location TBD

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Updates from Emily

"Get a Job!"

When I reached the tender age of 16, my dad's favorite song around the house was "Get a Job," a song by The Silhouettes that topped the Billboard Music Chart way back in 1958. These days, even with a deep work ethic, newly minted graduates and seasoned workers alike are finding it hard to find employment, in spite of California's achievement of 97,200 jobs so far in 2026.

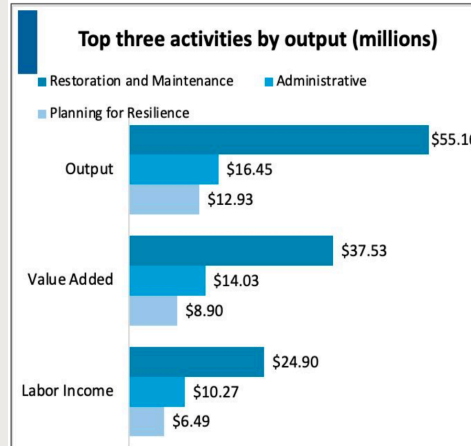


Building a climate-ready workforce is a cornerstone of Climate Resilient Monterey Bay (CRMB), a regional initiative led by the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

This past June, we dove deeper into understanding the economics of job growth with the help of NOAA's Office of Coastal Management, Ocean Associates, Inc., and Eastern Research Group. Their analysis estimates that the CRMB grant will *"generate an estimated 705 jobs and \$126.3 million in total economic output. Of these totals, 597 jobs and \$100.9 million in economic output will benefit the state of California directly. Overall, for every \$1 of [Climate Resilience Regional Challenge] CRRC spending through the California award, \$1.88 in economic activity is generated at the national scale."*

Direct, Indirect, Induced, and Total Impacts across Employment, Labor Income, Value Added, and Economic Output for the state of California

Impact	Employment	Labor Income (\$millions)	Value Added (\$millions)	Output (\$millions)
Direct	390	36.64	47.52	58.03
Indirect	88	7.89	12.36	20.32
Induced	118	7.81	15.19	22.55
TOTAL	597	52.34	75.07	100.90



At the most recent quarterly meeting of the Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network (MBCAAN), the topic of job equity centered on the perspective of five community-based organizations that make up the MBCAAN Community Advisory Group. Practitioners, universities, communities, tribes, and companies can collaborate together to tackle job scarcity with abundance through paid internships, learning opportunities for skilled trades, and labor-resource sharing. Ventures of Santa Cruz County showcased their work to provide financial education and wealth-building training for rural working-class families in California's Central Coast.

We also heard from Jamison Watts, Santa Lucia Conservancy, who provided an overview of their innovative certification and staffing partnership with Balance Staffing to up-skill and retain specialized workers needed for fire management practices. Their example shows a training and retention model for other organizations that have a scarcity of skilled seasonal staff. Press Release: [Wildfire Resilience Workforce Development Program](#).

The MBCAAN Workforce Development Committee is another component of cornerstone work that brings together regional partners to identify and address workforce needs related to climate adaptation and resilience. The committee collaborates to determine relevant training opportunities, certifications, and educational pathways that prepare students across Monterey Bay institutions for emerging workforce demands.

Organizations interested in learning about hosting a paid intern or fellow, and/or joining the committee are encouraged to visit the [MBCAAN.ORG](#) website or reach out directly to Stephanie Spross at sspross@csumb.edu.

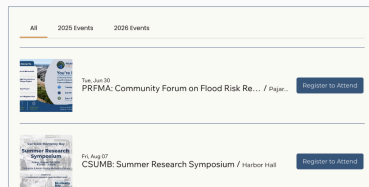
P.S. Read further for information about a wildfire workforce development survey being conducted by the Sierra Business Council and the Wildfire Solutions Coalition.

-Emily Franc

Website Calendar!

[MBCAAN](#) Website Calendar!

You can now see partner events hosted on our Calendar and Events list. [Fill out this form](#) to add your organization's events.



Partner Spotlight

Seventh Generation Rising

The MBCAAN Indigenous Youth Council (IYC) *Young Voices of the Land—Wave One* has been building capacity by attending a series of guest speaker sessions, with each guest speaker being an MBCAAN member.



IYC members now have their own water testing kits, and thanks to Hartnell College and Elkhorn Slough Foundation, each youth council member can perform their own water monitoring. They had a chance to meet at San Gregorio Creek for instruction on protocols for accurate data collection and recording water samples, and also participated in CMSF's Snapshot Day at the Carmel River. The youth collected samples and tested for different elements in the water. At the end of the day, they expressed how much fun it was to contribute to this event.

Through the IYC, these engagements have strengthened relationships between tribes and MBCAAN members. The youth program has garnered interest from adult tribal members, considering how to support their child who may be interested in an environmental career. Lastly, MBCAAN members are gaining a better understanding of what it will take to build a climate-ready workforce, which is inclusive of Indigenous climate adaptation professionals and their Traditional Ecological Knowledge.



Members of the youth council at CMSF's Snapshot Day, 2026

Partner News and Events

[CSUMB: Summer Research Symposium](#)

Aug 07, 2026, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Harbor Hall, Harbor Hall, Seaside, CA 93955, USA

[LTSCC: First Friday: Birds!](#)

Aug 07, 2026, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

911 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, USA

[City of Santa Cruz: The Resilient Coast Santa Cruz Initiative](#)

The Resilient Coast Santa Cruz 2.0 Initiative is developing Shoreline Adaptation Management Plans, including a set of projects to prepare the coast for the next 20-30 years. This project, funded by the Ocean Protection Council, focuses on West Cliff, Main/Cowell Beaches, and Cliff. Join us to explore coastal resilience strategies for West Cliff, Main Beach, Cowell Beach, East Cliff, and Seabright Beach. Through an interactive tabletop exercise, you'll discuss options, consider tradeoffs, and share feedback to help guide future planning.  **Registration** is encouraged.

 **August 3, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.**  London Nelson Community Center 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz Focus Areas: Main/Cowell Beaches & East Cliff/Seabright

 **August 8, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**  Bay View Elementary School 1231 Bay Street, Santa Cruz Focus Area: West Cliff Neighborhood  Light refreshments will be provided.

[RCDMC: Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program Fall Work Season](#)

Sep 01, 2026, 8:00 AM – Nov 15, 2026, 5:00 PM

CONTACT US BY JULY 7. Call Jaime at 775-350-3712 or Email jgcanon@rcdmonterey.org

Coastal Watershed Council is Hiring an Environmental Educator - Apply by July 7!

Please [review the full job description on our website](#) for further details.



We're Hiring an Environmental Educator!

Love working with kids and caring for the environment? Join our team in Santa Cruz!

Email your resume & cover letter to sadelson@coastal-watershed.org with "Environmental Educator" in the subject line by July 7, 2026.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is hiring:

- **Sanctuary Superintendent:** If you love collaborative resource management and want to help shape the future of our sanctuary policy and strategic initiatives, this

is a fantastic opportunity to make a real impact on the central California coast.

- **Resource Protection Coordinator:** We're looking for someone to lead our resource protection and regulatory projects and serve as a key advisor on our management programs.

Upcoming listings to be posted on [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov). Typically open for only 7-14 days.

[Highway 1 Elkhorn Slough Corridor Climate Resiliency Project](#)

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (ESNERR) is leading a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The screening criteria are a part of the PEL study, a collaborative approach used by transportation agencies to identify community, economic, and environmental goals early in the planning process.

The PEL process will be used for this effort to help streamline the project and bridge the gap between long-range planning and environmental reviews as the Project addresses challenges and identifies solutions to mounting pain points around Moss Landing.

Your input on its screening criteria is invited. Please fill out this [SURVEY](#) by July 13, 2026.

Sierra Business Council and Wildfire Solutions Coalition

Those interested and engaged in wildfire work and education are invited to participate in a survey on workforce training within California's wildfire resilience sector being conducted by the Sierra Business Council and the Wildfire Coalition. Findings will help the [California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force](#) identify the wildfire resilience workforce training needed to support implementation of its 2026-2031 [Action Plan](#), and may also inform other state and regional workforce investments, policy decisions, and program design.

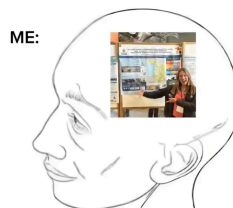
SURVEY: [Workforce Training in the Wildfire Resilience Sector](#)

Recent Media



Why you so quiet? What's on your mind?

ME:



In the outside and in the field, we have been collaborating with our partners to share the climate resilience work being done.

Check out our recent [partner-filled California Shore and Beach Preservation Association Conference](#).

Ecology Action's Emergency Preparedness:

Building regional climate resilience starts at home and in your community! Our resources can help you and your community stay safe and be prepared before a natural disaster strikes. Join the Resilient Central Coast initiative to connect with vital local resources and take climate action. Together, we can make a difference! Depending on where you live, use the links below and follow the prompts to join and take action!

- [Be Prepared & Connect | Monterey Bay](#)
- [Be Prepared & Connect | San Benito County](#)
- [Be Prepared & Connect | Santa Cruz County](#)




 Navigating Federal Funding for
 Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions - May 2025

AGENCY	PROGRAM	PLANNING & DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	MONITORING
CPA	Class Water State Resilience Fund (CWDRF)	YES	YES	NO	NO
CPA	Resiliently Built	YES	YES	NO	NO
CPA	Great Lakes Resilience Initiative (GLRI) Funds	YES	YES	NO	NO
CPA	Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Spaces (G3) Grant Programs	YES	YES	NO	NO
CPA	Section 322 Resilient Source Grants	YES	YES	YES	YES
CPA	Green Streets and Stormwater Resilience (GSR) Grant Program	YES	YES	NO	NO
CPA	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	YES	YES	NO	NO
FRDA	National Coastal Resilience, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Coastal Resilience Program) (CRP) (ongoing)	YES	YES	NO	YES
FRDA	Promoting Resilient Operations for Transportation, Efficiency, and Cost Savings Transportation (PROTECT) Program	YES	YES	NO	NO
FRDA	Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program - Transportation Alternatives	YES	YES	YES	NO
HUD	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program	YES	YES	NO	NO
HUD	Section 202 Low-Income Housing Program	YES	YES	NO	NO

A resource for Navigating Federal Funding for Green Infrastructure and NBS (May 2025).

With links to major grants and what part of a project they can serve.

Campo-Sano Risk Map

The Campo-Sano app is a free map tool resulting from the California Climate Action Seed grant, "Farmworker Community Health Vulnerabilities and Responses Amid Climate Change". [Watch a video about this climate action collaboration between UC Santa Cruz and the Center for Community](#)



[Advocacy that led to the creation of the app](#). The tool is designed to help agricultural farmworkers and the community health promoters that serve farming communities map the risks associated with climate change, including extreme heat, pesticide exposure, and poor air and water. Layers on the map help farmworkers find resources to address and report workplace hazards.

The app is also a communication tool that elevates farmworker voices by incorporating community input. This helps farmworkers, agencies, and advocates better understand community needs and protect farmworker health and safety. [Access and share the risk map \(Spanish\)](#). [Access and share the risk map \(English\)](#). [Learn more about the Campo-Sano project](#).

Collaborative Stewardship Toolkit

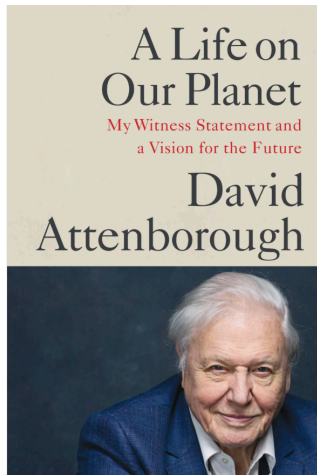
California Landscape Stewardship Network released a new open-source toolkit with resources and guidance for every phase of a collaborative's life cycle—from inception to sunseting.

This is an collaborative capacity building model that we have been following as we develop the organizational structure of MBCAAN.

[Learn more about the Collaborative Stewardship Toolkit.](#)

COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP TOOLKIT

A Practitioners' Guide, Designed to Support
Land- & Seascape Collaboratives
2026



Book Nook

A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future by David Attenborough is a 2020 nonfiction book by legendary broadcaster and natural historian David Attenborough that explores the devastating decline of Earth's biodiversity over the course of his lifetime through a deeply personal witness statement, heartbreaking reflections on environmental loss, and ultimately, a hopeful blueprint for how humanity can restore the natural world.

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

Save the Date: Register for 2026 Quarterly Meetings

[Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - \(in person event\)](#) (Location and time TBD)

[Wednesday, December 9, 2026](#) (Location The Grove, Santa Cruz, CA)

Drop me a line!

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

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The Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network is committed to 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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