



TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE ADAPTATION

SUMMARY

The project is actively supporting Tribal Nations, organizations, and peoples in the Monterey Bay Area to participate in climate adaptation planning, implementation, and governance through the Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network (MBCAAN). Grounded in the Indigenous values of Respect, Relevance, Reciprocity, and Responsibility, the project ensures Tribal voices are meaningfully embedded in regional climate decision-making and action.

PROJECT LOCATION

This project is conducted on unceded lands of Monterey Bay Area (Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, Esselen Tribe of Monterey County, Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation, Rumsen Ohlone Tribal Community, Kukoontaruk of Ohlone Big Sur Rancheria, Pajaro Ohlone Indian Council, Costanoan Rumsen Carmel, Confederation of Ohlone People).

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project is holding regular convenings and cross-cultural capacity-building workshops to foster collaboration between Tribal and non-Tribal organizations. Up to four Tribal Groups are developing Annual Scopes of Work (SOWs) to guide their engagement in climate adaptation projects, while all eight Tribal Groups in the region are actively participating in consultation, planning, and implementation processes. Each year, Tribal representatives are participating in MBCAAN activities, ensuring sustained and equitable Tribal representation in regional climate planning. These efforts are building long-term capacity within Tribal communities and embedding Indigenous knowledge systems into climate adaptation strategies throughout the Monterey Bay Area.

TRIBAL LIAISON TEAM

To bridge Tribal and non-Tribal partners, we launched a Tribal Liaison Role—initially co-led by Charlene Eigen-Vasquez and Erin Myers Madeira.

ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Regional Collaboration and Capacity Building



PARTNERS



Four Directions

Indigenous Consulting



Collaborative for Right Relations



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