

Climate Resilient Monterey Bay



MONTEREY BAY CLIMATE ADAPTATION ACTION NETWORK (MBCAAN)

SUMMARY

The Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network (MBCAAN) is actively building a powerful, unified movement to coordinate and plan for future adaptation and resilience actions in the Monterey Bay region. Launched with seed funding provided through the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge (CRRC) grant, awarded to the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation and 29 partner groups, this regional network initiative brings together local governments and agencies, Tribes, academic institutions, nonprofits, and community based organizations, to devise a shared path forward in the face of accelerating climate impacts. While many of these groups have collaborated informally for years, MBCAAN represents a purposeful shift—establishing a cohesive, inclusive structure where diverse stakeholders can collectively plan, prioritize, and implement equitable, science-driven adaptation strategies. By bridging long-standing silos and centering community-based and tribal voices, MBCAAN is laying the groundwork for a climate resilient Monterey Bay.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

MBCAAN serves as a forum for active dialogue and information sharing amongst jurisdictions, while also serving as a communications platform for its member organizations. A Regional Resilience Plan will be developed to address climate hazards and build adaptive capacity beyond 2029. Quarterly meetings and ongoing stakeholder engagement, guiding adaptation efforts across jurisdictions. It places special emphasis on ensuring meaningful participation from Tribal Groups and marginalized communities, with dedicated programs and partnerships that elevate their voices and priorities.

In the near term, MBCAAN members (currently identified as partners of the CRRC grant awarded in 2024) are working together to craft an organizational and governance structure for decision-making. Once this work is completed, we will have a process for inviting new members to join MBCAAN. The intent is to invite participation from all governmental jurisdictions around the Bay, as well as research and academic institutions, business groups, community groups, and other interested stakeholders. Quarterly meetings are open and non-member organizations are invited to participate as observers.

Five year goals include identifying and developing adaptation projects, and pursue grant funds to implement those projects; identifying workforce needs and supporting climate ready workforce skills building; accelerating the pace of climate adaptation through the establishment of a regional climate adaptation revolving loan fund; and implementing a robust Monitoring and Evaluation Plan to track outcomes, measure progress, and continuously refine strategies based on regional needs.

ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Regional Collaboration and Capacity Building



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PARTNERS

30 grant partners
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MBCAAN TEAM

The California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) and the MBCAAN Coordinator oversee the work of MBCAAN, as the partners develop an organizational and self-governance structure. CMSF's Director of Organizational Advancement drives efforts to fund future projects through public-private partnerships. CMSF's Evaluation Specialist oversees the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, ensuring regular reporting and assessment of the Network's impact.

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