

Climate Resilient Monterey Bay



CAPACITY BUILDING

SUMMARY

The Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG) is a collaborative of regional governments in the Monterey Bay Area that is actively advancing a coordinated, cross-jurisdictional approach to climate adaptation. This project supports the group in identifying, prioritizing, and securing funding for high-impact adaptation projects that reduce climate risk to coastal communities and strengthen long-term regional resilience. The City of Watsonville, a member of RCPWG, administers the grant funds and contracts a selected vendor to carry out the work on behalf of the Working Group.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project is developing and implementing a comprehensive funding roadmap to support the delivery of climate adaptation projects across the Monterey Bay region. It is actively building regional capacity for collaboration, grant readiness, and long-term project implementation. Results from this effort are being integrated into ongoing climate planning processes to ensure continuity and impact. Key outcomes include a prioritized list of regional climate adaptation projects, a complete and actionable funding roadmap, successful grant applications, and strengthened collaboration and planning capacity across jurisdictions. The project team has facilitated discussions to identify the process to select priority projects to develop into grant proposals. This work includes developing a draft project nomination form.

MBRCPWG TEAM

The RCPWG is comprised of the Counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito, the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz and Watsonville. In addition to these member agencies, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and Ecology Action are included in an advisory capacity only.

ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Regional Collaboration and Capacity Building



PARTNERS

Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG)



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