

Given the current landscape at the federal level and its threats to climate action, unwavering support to advance adaptation at the local level is more critical now than ever before. The Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) is a robust network of leading regional collaboratives – each encompassing a diverse group of public agencies, nonprofits, universities, and private sector companies – working together to build resilience to climate change impacts throughout California.

“ARCCA provides a vital, ongoing channel for the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative to communicate and partner with other regions and the State on climate resiliency. Without a doubt, ARCCA has helped us to advance our local adaptation initiatives, while also providing an exclusive setting for articulating local government adaptation needs and priorities to State leaders, and developing stronger relationships with other climate practitioners across California.”

Cody Hooven | Chief Sustainability Officer, City of San Diego

As a statewide network bringing together thought leaders and on-the-ground practitioners, ARCCA provides critical infrastructure by:



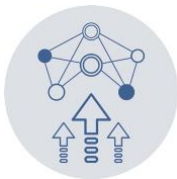
Fostering a robust statewide peer-to-peer network

By creating both formal and informal mechanisms for collaboration between state, regional, and local agencies, as well as private sector companies and non-profit organizations, ARCCA provides opportunities for direct peer-to-peer connections to leverage limited resources and advance holistic and effective, adaptation practices.



Acting as a liaison between state, regional, and local agencies

By activating its regional networks, ARCCA works closely with State agencies to organize workshops that attract a multi-disciplinary audience to ensure that local perspectives are reflected in State adaptation strategies. ARCCA has also provided comment letters for dozens of State documents, providing over 150 pages of detailed recommendations, much of have been incorporated into final reports.



Supporting emerging regional collaboratives

In addition to supporting current member regional collaboratives, ARCCA provides technical assistance and guidance for emerging collaboratives. ARCCA is currently engaging stakeholders in the Central Coast, Inland Empire, North Coast, and San Francisco Bay Area, as well as nationally to bolster regional collaboration.



Facilitating the exchange of best practices and replicable strategies

ARCCA creates opportunities and mechanisms to facilitate knowledge exchange across regions, sectors, and levels of government through quarterly meetings, regular topic-focused calls, and frequently utilized listservs. ARCCA also disseminates news, funding opportunities, and resources on a biweekly basis and hosts quarterly webinars to share about the latest science, strategies, and tools.

ARCCA Member Regional Collaboratives

Taking a regional approach is critical to most effectively leverage limited resources and maximize positive outcomes for California's communities, natural and working lands, and built environments. ARCCA works with regional collaboratives to support their efforts in equipping local communities with the capabilities and tools necessary, as well as to coordinate cross-regional efforts.



The Role of Regional Collaboratives

In response to unique regional priorities and needs, each collaborative implements targeted initiatives to advance adaptation by facilitating the exchange of information and best practices, increasing the understanding of climate risks and adaptation opportunities, leading fundraising and coordination efforts, establishing cohesive regional strategies, and more. Additionally, in recognition of landscape-level climate impacts that cross regional boundaries, many collaboratives are working together to address shared challenges by leveraging mechanisms established through ARCCA.