Webinar Agenda

• Webinar Logistics
• Brief overview of ARCCA
• Presentation on Climate Ready Communities
• Participant Q&A
• Closing Remarks
Questions:

At any point during the webinar, you can submit a question through the Zoom control panel. All questions will be read aloud and answered during Q&A as long as time permits.

You can also use the ‘hand raising’ feature to be unmuted and ask a question during Q&A.
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Featured Presenter

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Climate resilience support for California’s small to mid-sized communities

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Mission: To keep human and natural communities whole in the face of climate change.
Whole Community Resilience

- Human Systems
- Built Systems
- Economic Systems
- Natural Systems
- Cultural Systems
Whole Community Resilience

- Science-based
- Socially equitable
- Ecologically sound
- Supports mitigation
7 STEPS
Whole Community Planning

1. Launch the Project
2. Assess Past and Future Trends
3. Identify and Prioritize Vulnerabilities
4. Develop and Prioritize Resilience Strategies
5. Finalize and Share the Plan
6. Implement the Plan
7. Monitor and Reassess

CLIMATE READY COMMUNITIES
State of Adaptation

- Every community needs a climate resilience plan
- Most communities need help
- Many communities cannot afford to hire a consultant
- Help is still not coming from the federal or most state governments
- Mainstreaming alone does not lead to holistic solutions
Climate Ready Communities

• Step-by-step guide available for download at no cost
Climate Ready Communities

• Annual Support package
  • Tutorials and templates
  • One-on-one consulting hours
  • Regular webinars
  • Online forum
  • Subscriber portal
  • Annual cost: $2,499/$1,500
Climate Ready Communities

- Additional Services
  - Local climate projections
  - Workshop facilitation
  - Report writing
  - Webinars on resilience-related topics
  - Consulting hours

Number of days per year above 100º F in Austin, TX
Climate Ready Communities

- Consulting Network
  - Geos Institute staff
  - Engagement
  - Social Equity
  - Climate Science
  - Finance
  - Integration into existing plans
  - Implementation
Project Scale

- Individual communities
- Counties
- Planning districts
- Watersheds
Program Launch

- Beta and pilot testing complete
- Building out our consultant network
- Formal June 2019 launch
“The Climate Ready Communities program has been an excellent tool for Corinth. It provides clear steps and expert guidance. The backing of the Geos Institute provides credibility and helps to build momentum for our resilience planning.”

*Patrick Hubbard, City of Corinth, TX*

“We find these tools to be effective and designed with a community user’s perspective in mind. We appreciate the step-by-step approach as well as the fact that the program is flexible, allowing us to make modifications as needed to fit our specific circumstances.”

*Diana Maneta, Missoula County, MT*

“The Climate Ready Communities program has been extremely relevant and useful for Sierra CAMP as a regional collaborative. The comprehensive guide with its step-by-step organization helps us and our member communities break the climate resilience planning process into manageable steps and build our internal technical expertise.

*Nikki Caravelli, Sierra Business Council, CA*
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