



The Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation (ARCCA) is a pioneering network of regional climate collaboratives committed to addressing the worsening impacts of climate change through collective action at the regional scale. As a statewide network, ARCCA brings together thought leaders and practitioners to advocate for equitable and effective adaptation principles and policies, collaborate towards innovative and holistic solutions, and build a culture of prioritizing climate and community resilience. Since 2012, ARCCA members have been working to advance critical adaptation principles by engaging in State policy and program development, facilitating dialogue between key decision-makers and stakeholders, and creating valuable tools and resources to advance equitable and innovative climate adaptation projects, programs, and initiatives.

ARCCA's Guiding Principles

Consider the Equity, Health, and Safety of All Californians

Adaptation is fundamentally about protecting people, especially those who are and will be disproportionately impacted by climate change. Actions to reduce risk and build resilience must prioritize the health, safety, and wellbeing of California's most vulnerable communities. These include historically marginalized communities that experience the first and worst consequences of climate change and other injustices, particularly Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and other marginalized communities that have shouldered the largest health burdens and face the greatest economic barriers.

Focus on the Regional Level

Communities have a self-defined regional identity created by shared geography and mutual reliance on resources. The landscape-level impacts of climate change also demand regional collaboration to best leverage limited resources, avoid maladaptive practices, and advance impactful solutions. By collaborating at the regional scale, communities are more likely to be successful in building meaningful climate resilience, particularly by prioritizing frontline communities, and aligning policies, plans, and programs.

Empower Collaboration Across All Sectors and Levels of Leadership

In order to accelerate durable and effective solutions, build capacity for local and regional action, overcome barriers to success, and elevate the needs of those most impacted by climate change, we must establish and expand alliances, collaboratives, networks and community partnerships across the state. These collaborative efforts should include public, private, nonprofit, and community-based partners working across sectors to deliver comprehensive adaptation solutions.

Prioritize Forward-Looking Adaptation Projects

Adaptation strategies should be comprehensive, provide multiple benefits and be incorporated into existing plans, policies and decision-making processes. Strategies must, first and foremost, be equitably devised and implemented, centering the leadership and address the unequal burden faced by frontline communities; they should not only consider the inequities of the past and present, but those that might emerge in the future as the impacts of climate change worsen. Effective strategies will also incorporate best-available science, adaptive management techniques, regular monitoring and evaluation, and efforts to build long-term capacity. In order to maintain the valuable ecosystem services that communities rely upon, nature-based strategies should also be prioritized.

Our Network of Leading Regional Collaboratives

ARCCA's member regional collaboratives, each encompassing a diverse, multisector network of agencies and organizations, provide critical network infrastructure and technical assistance to build regional capacity for both immediate and long-term adaptation efforts.



ARCCA Affiliate Members

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