



# Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative Equity in Community Work Group Meeting (EiCWG)



  
County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability

May 23rd, 2024

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# Equity in Community Work Group Agenda

Time	Topic
15 min	Introductions and Icebreaker Question
10 min	CBO Spotlight - CARAS, Marty
40 min	EiCWG Strategic Vision Activity
5 min	Wellness Break
40 min	NFWF Presentation (Blue Point Planning and SCC OOS)
10 min	Closing, Next Steps
12pm onwards	Lunch!

# EiCWG Expectations for CBOs

**CBO definition for this space:** If you work directly with community members in Santa Clara County for majority of your work week

*Step up, step back and make space for CBO partners to connect*



# Introductions and Icebreaker



# Icebreaker

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What gives you joy through the chaos of working in community?

# CBO Spotlight: CARAS





# EiCWG Strategic Visioning Session





## EiCWG Objectives

*Create a space for nonprofits, CBOs and other cross-jurisdictional partners to connect*

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*Share best practices, successes and challenges in equitable approaches*

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*Observe, pilot and iterate on equity priorities and activities through implementing climate action*

## SCC Climate Collaborative: Equity in Community Working Group (EiCWG)

**Facilitated by:** Violet Saena, Founder and Executive Director of Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) and team

**Supported by** SCC Office of Sustainability and Farallon Strategies

**In community with** Community-based partners, nonprofits and other cross-sector organizations

**Seed Funding from** Resource Legacy Fund and Silicon Valley Community Foundation



# EiCWG Group Norms

1. We treat each other with dignity and respect
2. We trust each other and maintain confidentiality
3. We assume positive intent throughout our interactions
4. We will honor our commitments to each other, the Collaborative and the communities we serve
5. We provide positive, constructive feedback to each other and the Collaborative as a whole
6. Others?
7. CBO vs non-CBO participation - step up, step back
8. Embrace the space to speak with emotion
9. Find joy!

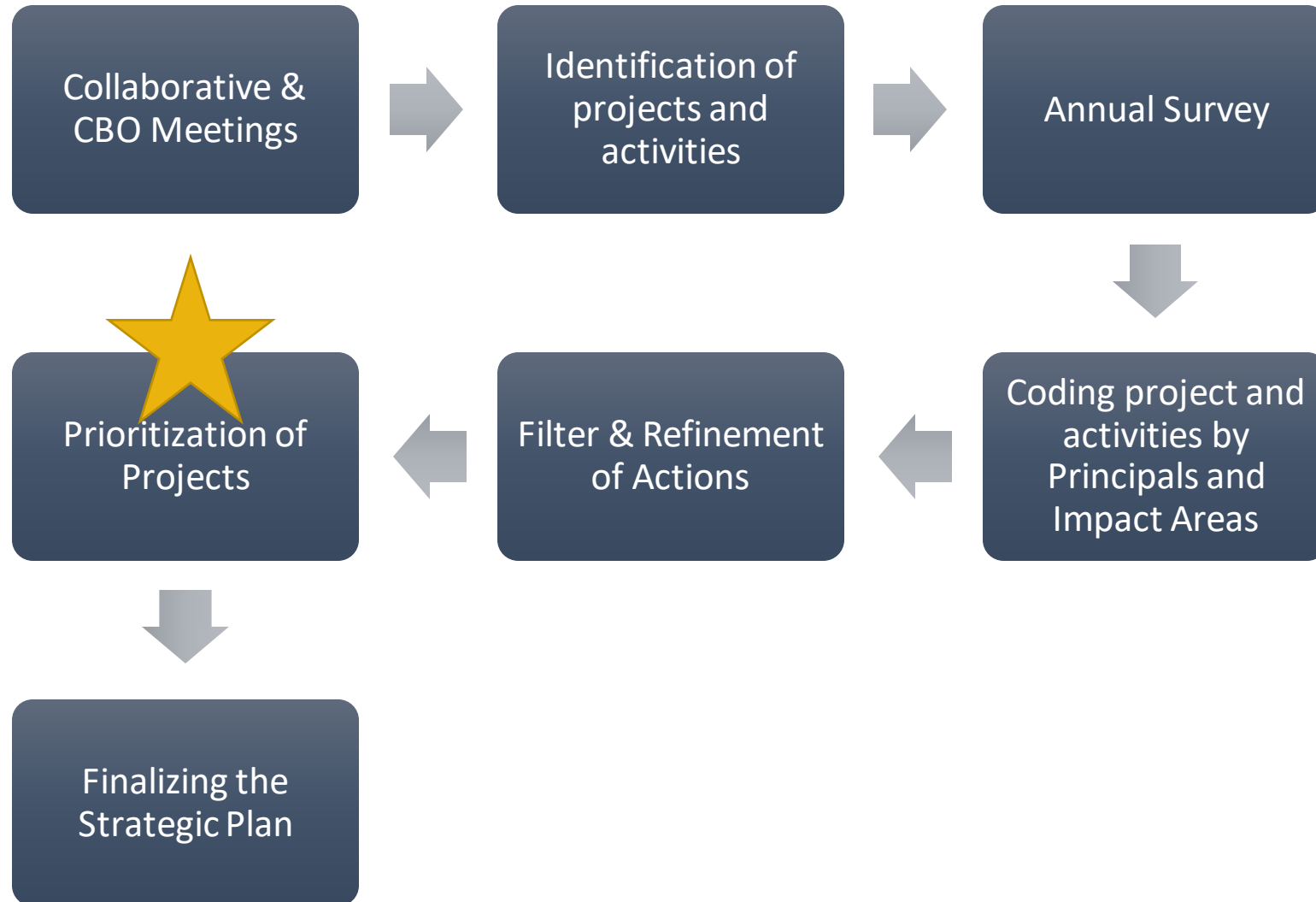


# Review of Strategic Plan





# Strategic Plan Process



# Santa Clara County Collaborative Five-Year Strategic Plan

**Vision**

**Guiding Principles**

**Ways of Being**



## Core Collaborative Functions

**Alignment**

Building and  
sustaining an  
impact network

**Amplification**

Developing a  
Regional  
Resilience Fund

**Activation**

Building capacity  
and accelerating  
best practices



**Achieve Net  
Zero**

**Empower  
Communities**

**Prepare for  
Extreme Heat**

**Decrease  
Flood Risk**



## **Alignment**

Building and sustaining an impact network

- Sustain a diverse network of Santa Clara County staff for regional climate initiatives.
- Include all sectors: public, private, and non-profit.
- Provide an inclusive platform for professionals in climate-related fields.
- Develop partnerships to fund programs enhancing climate resilience.

## **Amplification**

Developing a Regional Resilience Fund

- Align youth climate efforts with the Climate Collaborative.
- Support youth leadership, education, and partnerships.
- Expand the Santa Clara Climate Resilience Leadership Academy for CBOs.
- Establish the Santa Clara County Climate Resilience Accelerator Program.
- Create a countywide energy concierge program.
- Develop models and policies for climate-resilient municipalities.
- Improve access to climate data and tools for program design within the Collaborative.

## **Activation**

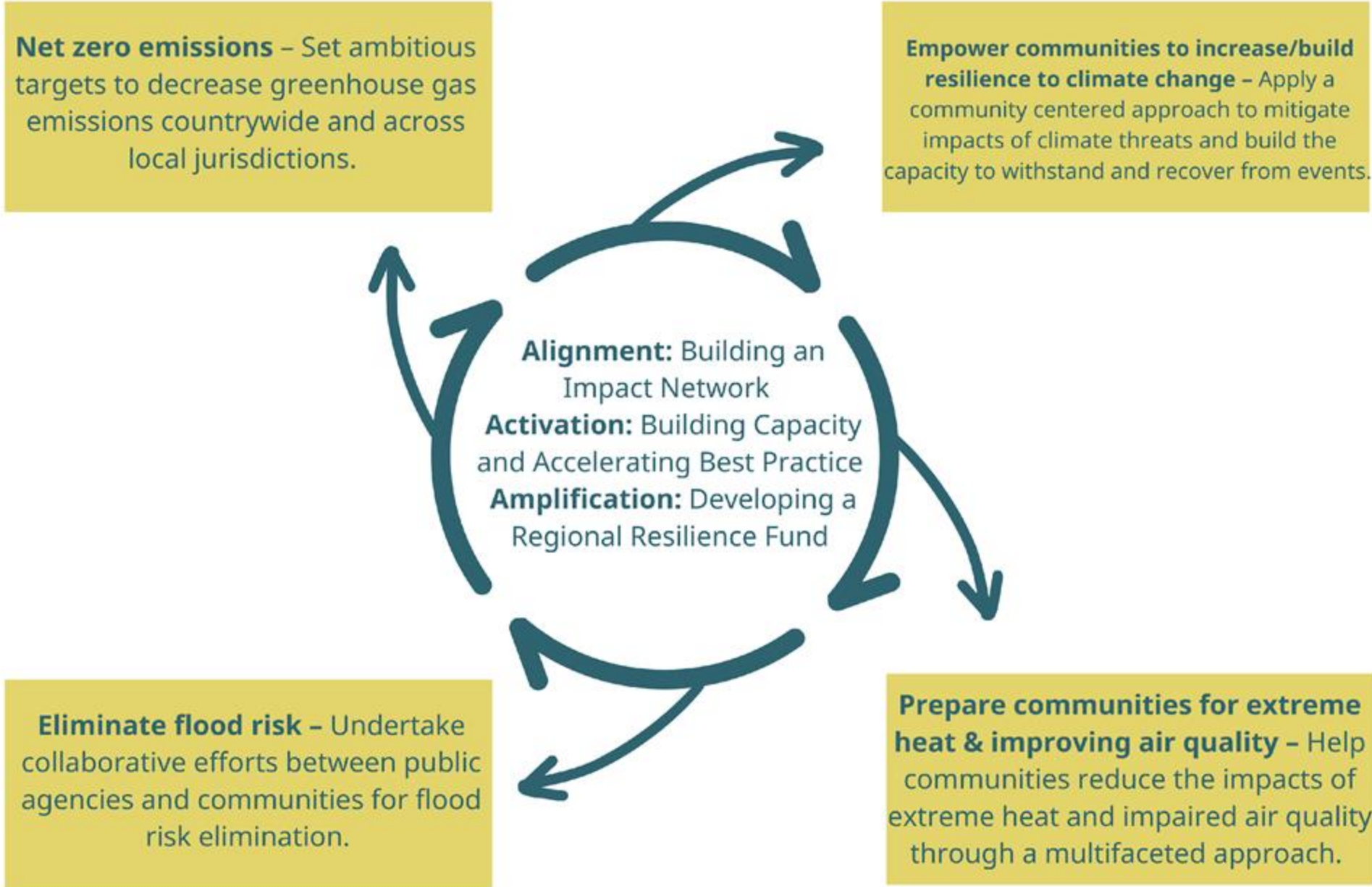
Building capacity and accelerating best practices

- Establish a regional resilience fund, driven by Collaborative participants. The process and priorities for the establishment of this fund are:
- Complete a Resilience Fund Project Prioritization and Implementation Plan.
- Secure seed funding to launch and pilot the Resilience Fund concept.
- Explore and develop a public/private/community partnership model.

# **Strengthening The Collaborative Core Functions**



Connecting  
Collaborative  
Core Functions  
and Impact  
Areas





# Achieving Net Zero Emission

1. **Advocate for increased grid resilience** and initiatives to prioritize service to LIDAC/underserved communities first.
2. **Accelerate building electrification** with emphasis on public buildings, with countywide funding models.
3. Support **creation of a countywide energy concierge program**, incentives and guides for privately owned buildings, and multi-family units.
4. **Integrate CBOs into building electrification initiatives** and advocate for electrification programs, e.g. EV charging stations to serve and support LIDAC/underserved neighborhoods and communities first.
5. Prioritize and support **countywide emission reductions in the transportation sector** through non-vehicle mobility options
6. Develop a **countywide electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan**.





# Decrease Flood Risk

1. Help **develop shoreline adaptation plans** to meet state requirements.
2. Focus on **building political will with shoreline communities** and seek funding for large-scale shoreline protection projects with habitat and flood protection.
3. **Create a funding source for nature base solutions and green infrastructure** Identify, develop, and fund nature-based resilience projects where nature is viewed as infrastructure.
4. Launch a **countywide green belt initiative to expand connected natural ecosystems**.
5. **Work with land and conservation managers to align traditional agricultural practices** with carbon sequestration, habitat restoration, and floodplain management.







# Prepare Communities for Extreme Heat

1. **Create and share a map** of all the existing resilience hubs, and the resources available at each.
2. **Secure funding to support countywide tree planting**, greening and landscape initiatives to reduce heat islands.
3. **Build a community of practice** to help communities address heat and air quality through creating a collaborative framework
4. **Develop and share model air quality & heat mitigation and adaptation strategies**, policies, and plans that prioritize vulnerable communities (HAQR Goal).
5. Support the **implementation of projects that advance community resilience to heat and air quality issues for priority populations** such as seniors, unhoused, children, farmworkers (HAQR Goal).
6. **Engage communities on the impacts of climate change and solutions** and resources available to mitigate health impacts (HAQR Goal).





# Empower Communities to Build Resilience

1. **Establish baseline data on the level of understanding of climate resilience** and climate change impacts across the county.
2. Develop and implement a **training program for people new to the climate space** to discuss climate issues.
3. **Create resources for addressing climate change impacts in CBOs missions**, via operational resilience and identification of how climate change exacerbates existing vulnerabilities of served populations
4. **Create a sustained funding source for CBOs** that provides multi-year support.
5. **Establish a capacity building program that includes direct funding for CBO capacity** and access to climate data, communications, disaster preparedness and high-touch technical assistance.
6. **Enlist funded CBOs to serve as mentors** for new or newly identified CBOs
7. **Develop an Equity Plan**

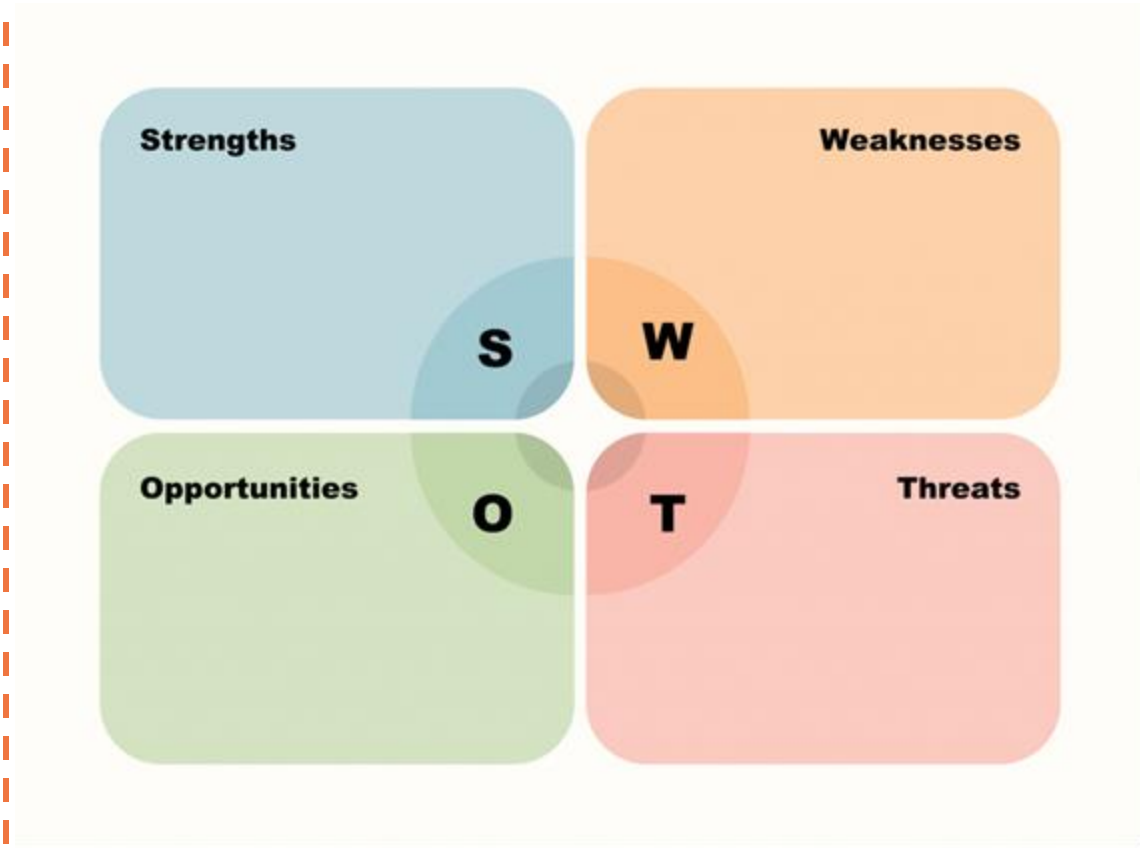


# SWOT Analysis of Strategic Plan

**Directions:** Divide into smaller teams of 4-5 members and work on assigned SWOT component

**Your Task:** Brainstorm and discuss your respective SWOT of broader Collaborative priorities, then share key insights with larger group

**Goal:** We identify common themes and prioritize the most critical SWOT factors based on the Collaborative's strategic plan





# What's Missing? Action Planning for EiCWG

Based on the Strategic Plan: Let's identify 2-3 key strategic priorities/initiatives that the work group should focus on in the next 6-12 months

Priority 1:	Priority 2:	Priority 3:

\*\*\*CRC will present draft action steps, responsibilities and timelines for next EiCWG meeting



# Wrap Up and Next Steps

Our key outcomes and action items from the session

Accountability and follow up

Thank you!

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# 5 Minute Wellness Break



# Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative

## Ongoing Projects



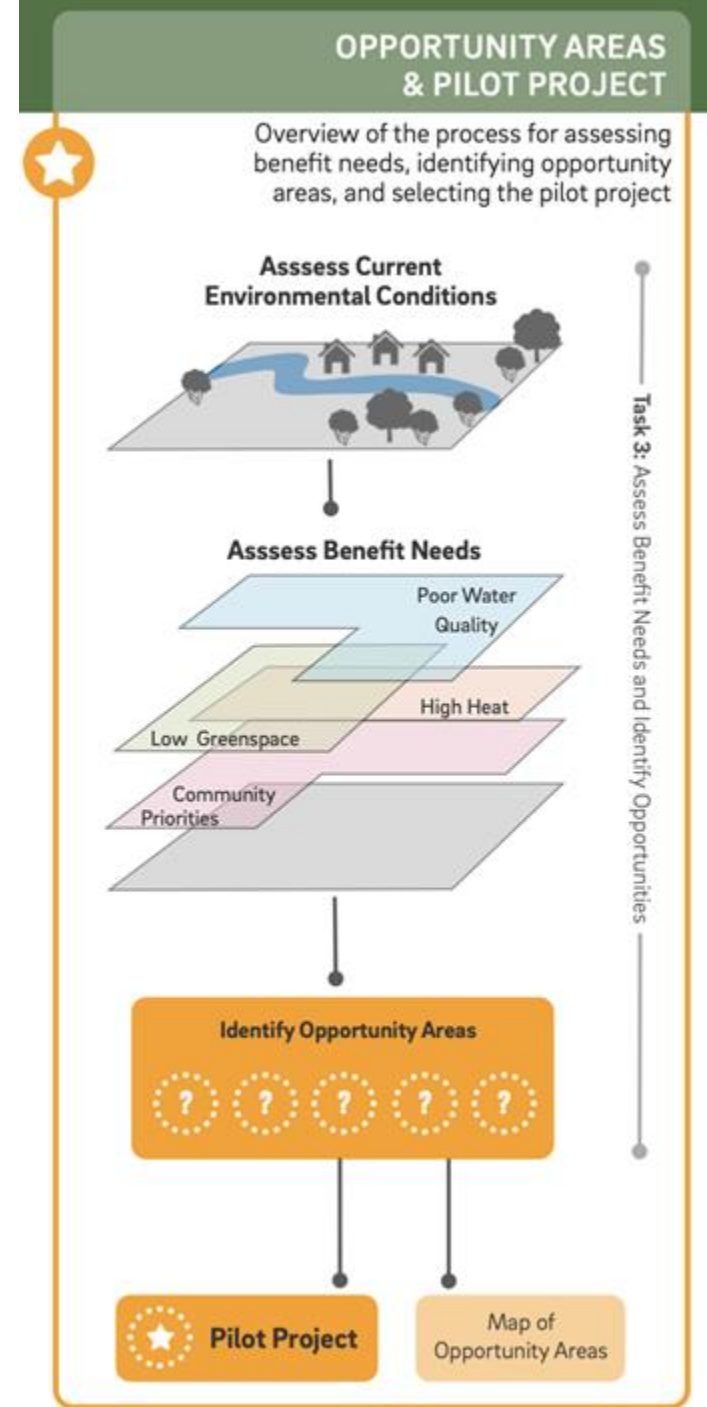


# National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Phase 2 Project



# Project Overview: Phase II

- Map connectivity of bay, streams, and greenspaces
- Develop framework to identify high value Nature Based Solutions (NbS) to address flooding and climate resilience
- Identify two Socially Vulnerable Communities to pilot framework
- Work with pilot communities to develop implementation plan and strategies
- Update the Climate Resilience Webtool



# Project Objectives

- Reconnect Santa Clara County Watersheds
  - Improving habitat, water quality, biodiversity
  - Creating an actionable framework for jurisdictions
  - Empowering local communities
- Increase Resilience
  - Reducing flood risk
  - Reducing extreme heat risk
  - Improving community livability

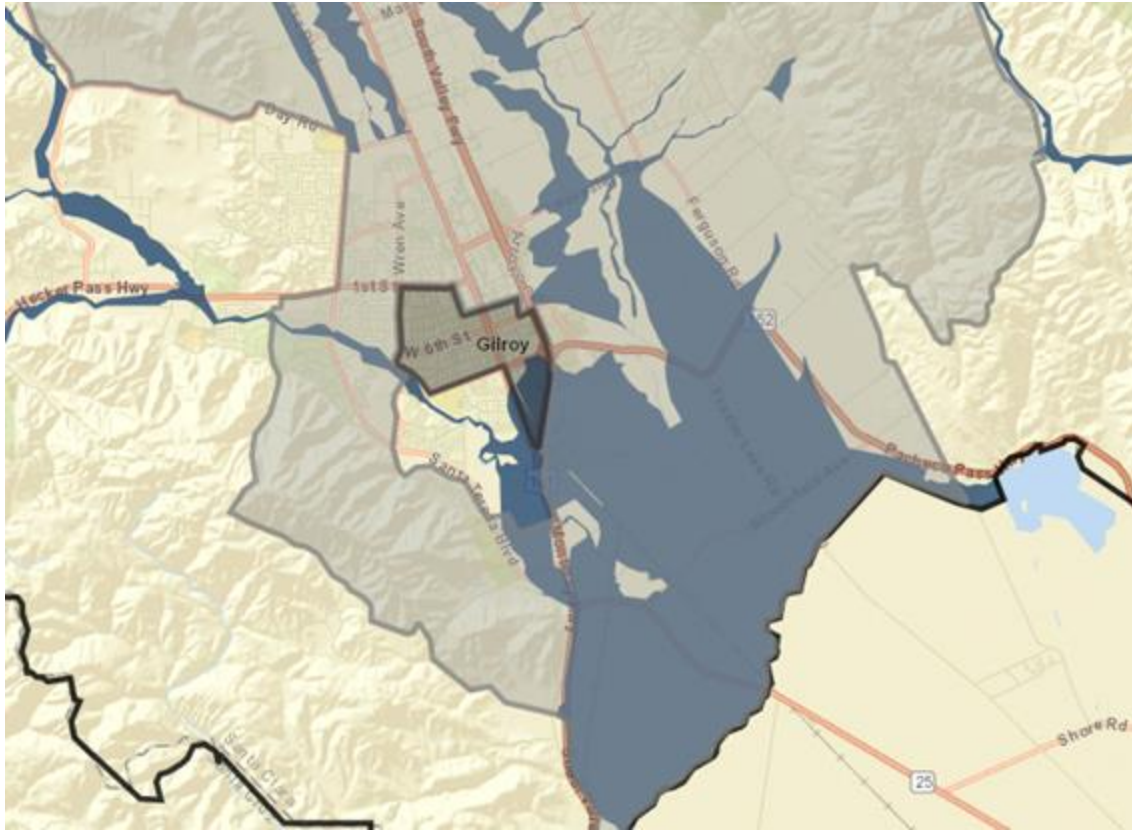


# Identifying Pilots with Social Vulnerability and Exposure to Climate Hazards

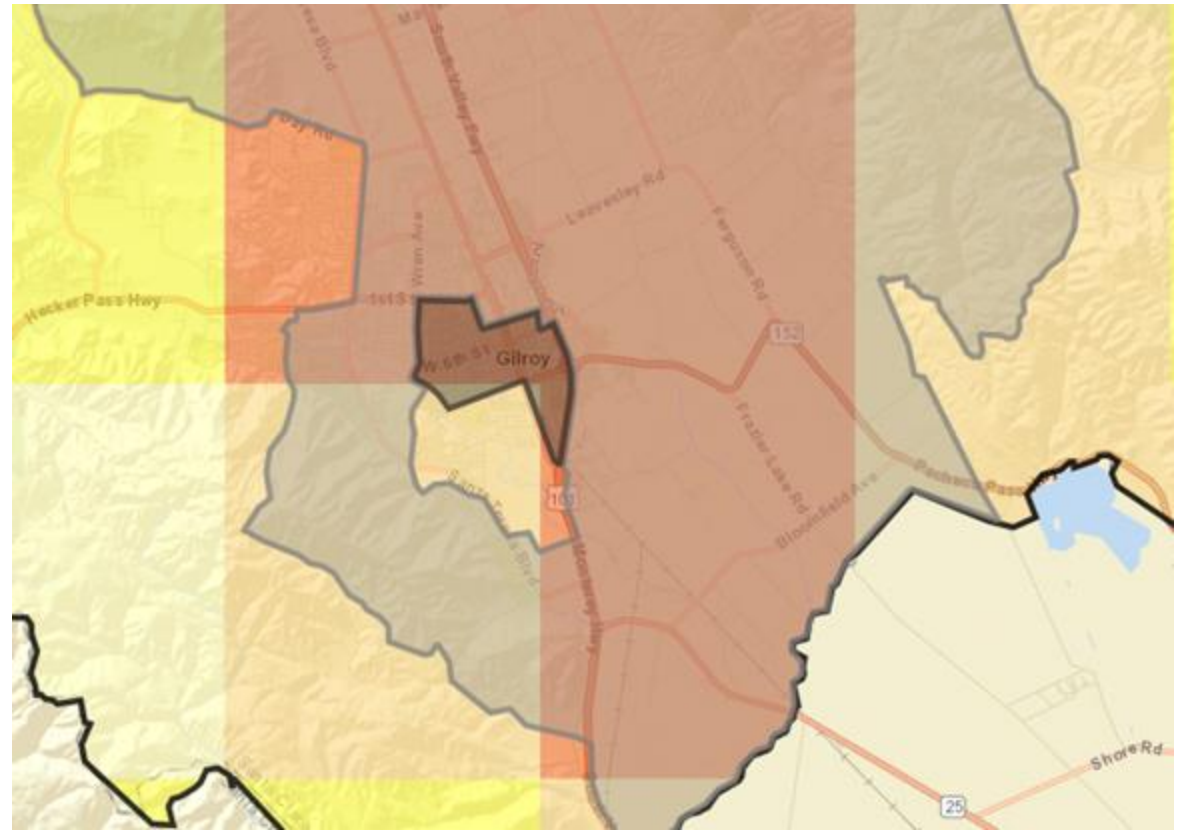




# Example Potential Pilot Site: Gilroy



Riverine Flooding risk areas – with SVI

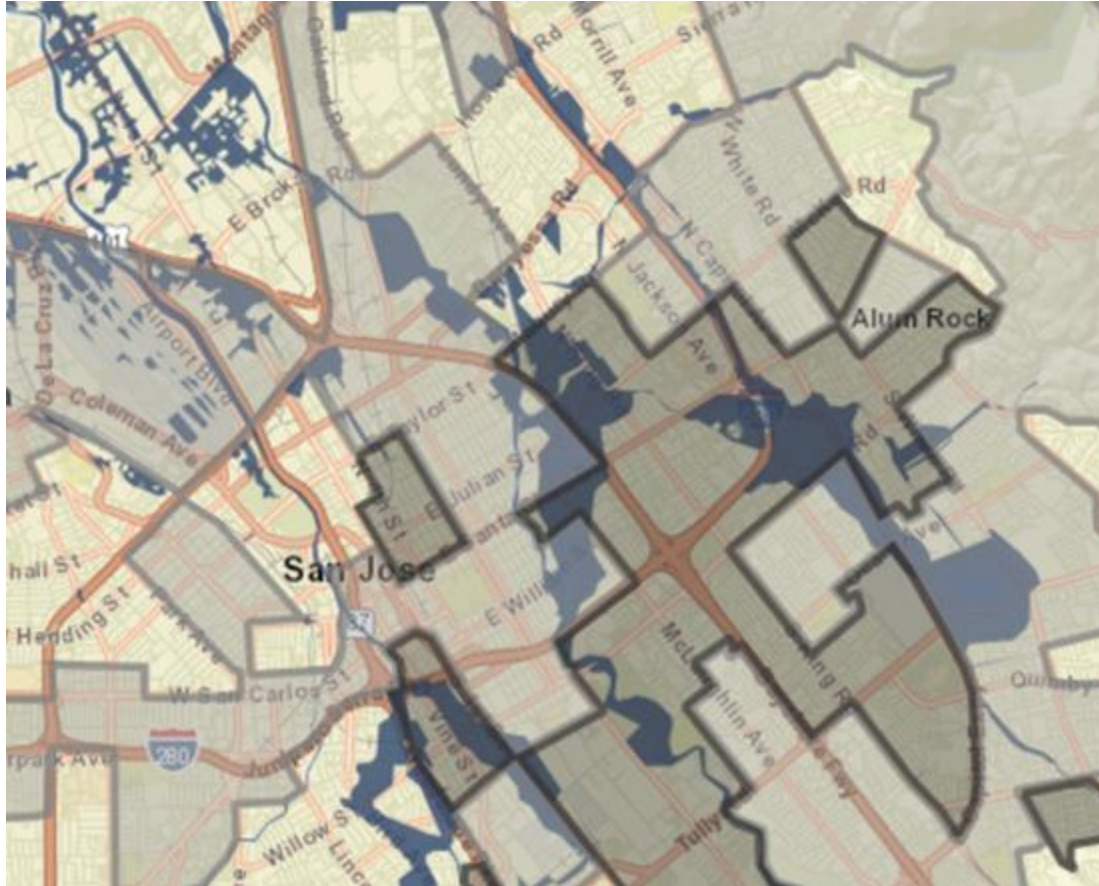


Extreme Heat risk areas – with SVI

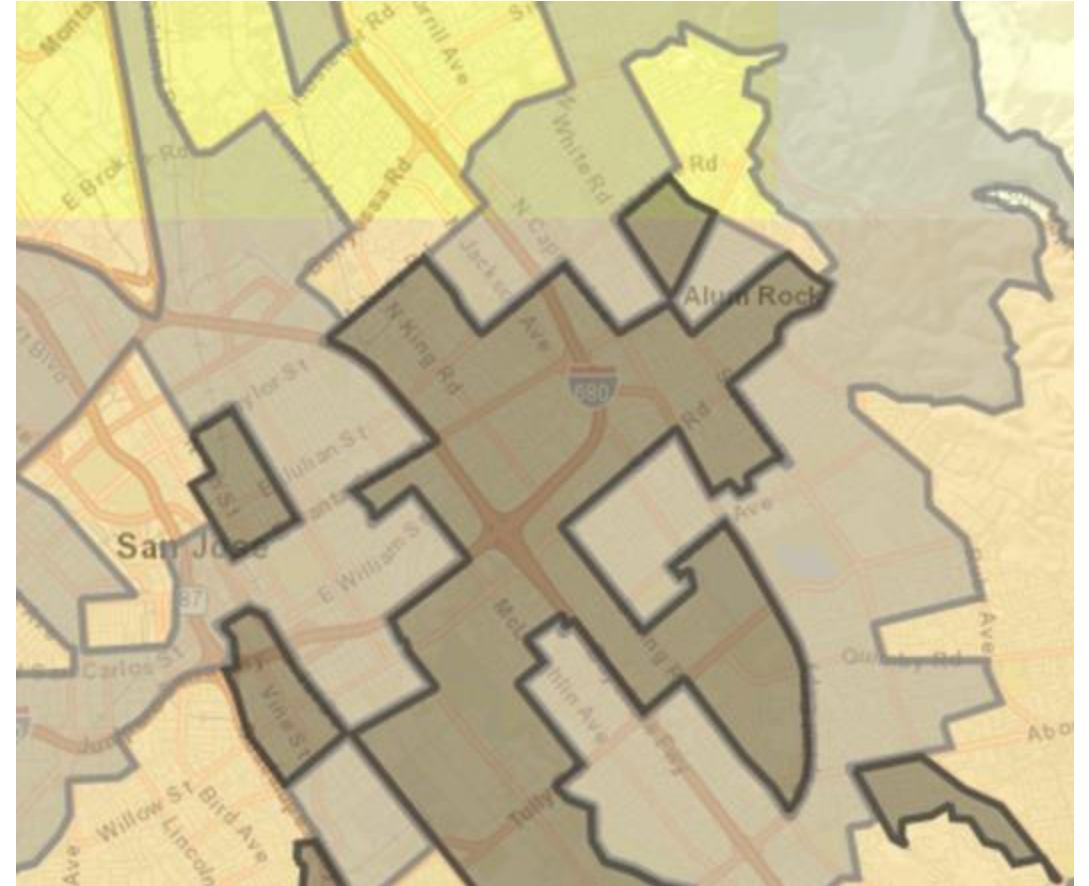


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# Example Potential Pilot Site: Coyote Creek



Riverine Flooding risk areas – with SVI



Extreme Heat risk areas – with SVI



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# EiCWG Insights for Ongoing Projects





# CRC / County Collaborative Partners Updates



# Other Community Announcements?



# EiCWG 2024

## Meeting Schedule

- August 8, 10:00am – 12:00pm
- December 5, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Always in person, always in  
Santa Clara County

Happening separately from County  
Collaborative meetings


# Closing, Next Steps



- **FOLLOW UP:** Kamille Lang will send you an email with key takeaways from this meeting
- **INVITE:** We are looking for more CBOs like yours to join the EiCWG and the SCC Climate Collaborative. Please recommend!
- **MORE:** Applying our strategic plan and ongoing vision for our workgroup into the collaborative and vice versa







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# Equity in Community Work Group (EiCWG) February 2024 Meeting

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