

Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative

EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Work Group Meeting

March 18, 2026



County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability

Agenda

- Welcome/Updates
- CCAP Recap and CPRG Updates
- CPRG WG Future and Next Steps
- Workplan Discussion
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



Meeting Goals

- Finalize new workplan for CPRG WG
- Share WG member goals for 2026



Updates/Announcements

- San Benito County- Climate Roadmap Adoption:
 - April 28, 2026, at 9.00am; San Benito County Board Chambers - 481 4th St., Hollister, CA 95023
 - Link to agenda and related items- [County of San Benito Content - Granicus Content](#)
- Upcoming Grant Opportunity:
 - Urban Greening grant: has potential to help jurisdictions comply with green stormwater infrastructure requirements
 - LCI Extreme Heat Resilience grant
 - Please drop it in the chat and the team will follow up.



Updates/Announcements

- Announcements from County of Santa Clara, Office of Sustainability and Resilience (OSR):
 - Appointment of Cayce Hill as the new OSR Director
 - Other Staffing Updates



SC4 Work Group Updates | February 2026

Work Group	Contact
Heat and Air Quality Resilience (HAQR) <ul style="list-style-type: none">HAQR quarterly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, from 10:30am-12pm. Topic will focus on funding opportunities.Prepare members for upcoming funding opportunities, including LCI's Extreme Heat and Community Resilience program	Tonya Veitch tonya.veitch@phd.sccgov.org Lupe Yepiz Guadalupe.yepiz@phd.sccgov.org
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) <ul style="list-style-type: none">CPRG Work Group meeting on March 18, 2026, to discuss 2026-2027 work plan.Work Group to start implementation focused discussions from June 2026.	Janani Chandrasekar Janani.chandrasekar@ceo.sccgov.org Gilee Corral gilian.corral@ceo.sccgov.org
Equity in Community (EiCWG) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Governance and Action Plan for EiCWG adopted in Oct 2025 – thank you CBOs for your thoughts!Please reach out if there are an opportunities to advise and support equity into your climate resilience projects including general plans, implementation, policy advancement, etc.	Kamille Lang kamille.lang@crcommunities.org
Santa Clara Valley Urban Forestry Alliance (SCVUFA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">SCVUFA quarterly meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, from 12:30pm – 2:00pm, and will feature a nature-based solutions training from ReScapeUFMP will be completed in Spring 2026	Briana Horta briana.horta@ceo.sccgov.org Brent Johnson Brent.johnson@ceo.sccgov.org
Flooding and Sea Level Rise (FSLR) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Climate Resilience Webtool now live!Complete 10-15 min survey to help inform Nature-based Solutions Training for jurisdictions and CBOs	Eena Sta Maria magdalena.stamaria@ceo.sccgov.org
Resilience Hubs Work Group (RHWG) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Next meeting march 3rd at 2:00 pm. Invitations have gone out, working to expand listWill do an asset mapping activity to visualize services (where/what/who) in hopes of better identifying and prioritizing services to facilitate collaboration	Emily Schwing emily.schwing@ceo.sccgov.org Victorina Arvelo vavelo@greenbelt.org

CCAP Recap and CPRG Updates

- The CCAP was submitted December 1, 2025, and approved by EPA
- CPRG program updates:
 - A Status Report on the progress made on the CCAP measures and actions is due to EPA on October 31, 2027.



Transition from Planning to Implementation focused Work Group

- Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies



Work Group Paths from Planning to Implementation

- Menti Pulse Check
 - Lessons learned, what has worked and not worked?
 - What should this group stop, start, and continue?
- Discussion
 - Future models of collaboration
 - Examples from across the State
 - Building what comes next together



Work Group Paths from Planning to Implementation – Collaborative Models

Peer Learning Coordination	Technical Coordination	Project and Funding Coordination
BayCAN	San Mateo RICAPS*	Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group
Central Coast Climate Collaborative (4C)	Sonoma Regional Climate Protection Authority	Santa Clara County Collaborative*
Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative		San Mateo RICAPS*
Yolo County Climate Collaborative		JPAs and Special Districts
Santa Clara County Collaborative*		

*Asterisks indicate collaboratives in more than one category



CPRG WG- Workplan Discussion



CPRG Draft Work Plan

- Transition from planning focus to **implementation**
- Meeting frequency changed to **quarterly** with one to two in-person meetings per year (depending on interest and availability)
- **Feedback and new ideas** will be regularly solicited from WG members to help WG stay relevant and useful to members



CPRG Draft Work Plan

New Priority Focus Areas:

1. Grant Coordination
 2. Funding opportunities, implementation, regional coordination
 3. CCAP tracking, integration of natural and working lands, public transport, community input.
- One avenue that could be explored:
 - All **meetings could be theme based**, beginning with the identified sectors in the CCAP- **Transportation**, **Energy / Building decarbonization**, **Waste**, **Carbon Sequestration**
 - City/agency staff could be encouraged to **extend meeting invites to relevant staff** members for each of the themed meetings. It will ensure we have the right voices in the room.



CPRG Draft Work Plan

Based on input received and with a focus on implementation, a few ideas were designed for the group to start discussing the work plan and next steps.

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2026	March 18	June 17	September 16	December 16
	Virtual	Virtual	In-Person	Virtual
	Work Group New Approach	Waste	Energy/Building Decarb	Transportation
		Invite SCC Food Recovery Subcommittee and RCPWG Waste Group- SB1383 focus	Others to invite?	Others to invite?

1-2-4-All Activity: Starter Questions

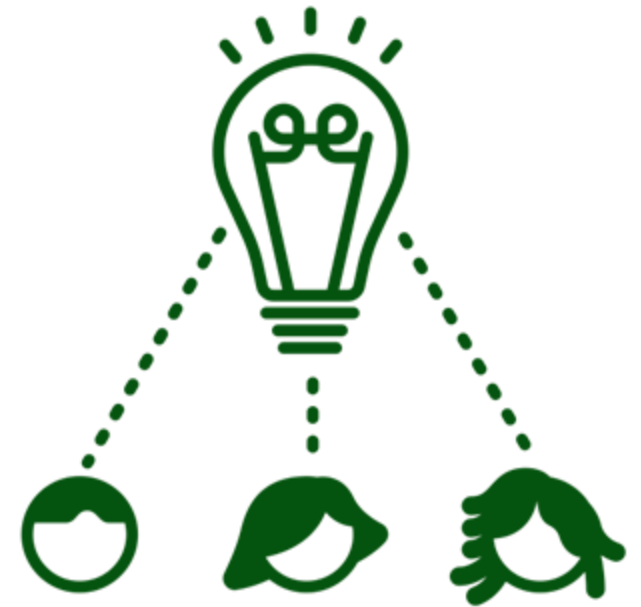
- SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What can the CPRG work group do this year to help you reach your goals?
- What are your goals for your participation in the CPRG work group?
- What do you hope to get out of your time in the CPRG workgroup?
- How do you propose integrating these ideas into the workplan?



Group Reflection Exercise

- **Goal:** We want to make sure the work group is meeting your agency's needs: helping secure resources, align projects, and coordinate countywide and regionwide
- **Structure:** 1-2-4-All
 - Individual reflection → discuss in pairs → share in quads → report back to the group
- **Output:**
 - [Shared document](#) with group reflections
 - Top themes/priorities to guide work group planning
- **Time:** 20 minutes



Individual Reflection (1 minute)



Identify grant opportunities and partnerships



Regional Coordination



CCAP tracking and development of metrics



Implementation focused discussion on measures and actions

Privately (in your own notes):

Name two priority areas would most move your agency's work forward in the next year?

If what's most helpful is outside of these priorities, note that.



Share in Pairs (3 minutes)



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Which two of these priority areas would most move your agency's work forward in the next year?

If what's most helpful is outside of these priorities, write that down.

Please share and discuss your chosen priority areas and consolidate where overlap occurs.



Brainstorm in Quads (8 mins)



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Implementation focused discussion on measures and actions

Identify specific actions or opportunities the work group could take over the next year to support these priorities.

Add your group's reflections to [this document](#) – assign 1 notetaker, 1 timekeeper, and 1 reporter.



Reflect as a Group (1 minute per group)

Share out to the group:

- What were the top priorities identified in your groups?
- What themes cut across these groups?



Wrap Up & Next Steps



Next Steps

- Next CPRG Work Group Meeting:
 - June 17 at 1 pm – Meeting invite to follow
- To add a colleague, email: sustainability@ceo.sccgov.org



Appendix



CCAP Timeline 2025

Activity	Tentative Timelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus groups to provide additional input on the measures specific to each sector 	April - May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize measures and actions to be included in the CCAP 	End of May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical analyses 	May– July 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial draft of CCAP for internal review by SBC and SCC counties 	Mid-June 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAP submittal to EPA 	July 11, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPRG WG and public comment and feedback on measures and actions 	August/Early September 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy-specific conversations and Future of CPRG Work Group meetings 	Fall 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAP submittal to EPA 	December 1, 2025

