INTEGRATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCY PROGRAM

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ICARP Programmatic Priorities

With guidance from the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council, and building on the ICARP 2020-2021 Impact Report, ICARP staff implement a suite of programmatic priorities. Quarterly programmatic updates, organized by the following Council priorities, are summarized through these quarterly staff reports.

Actionable Research and Resilience Metrics

Grounding California's adaptation and resiliency policy in cutting-edge science is central to ICARP's charge. By identifying and contextualizing projected climate impacts through the CA Climate Change Assessments, supporting and guiding resilience metrics, and convening a Science Advisory Group, ICARP supports state and local efforts to operationalize actionable climate science.

Decision Support Tools and Guidance

ICARP develops and shares tools and guidance to support a community of practice on adaptation and resilience in California. Through the ICARP Climate Services Team, staff support integrated, science-based climate resilience decisions, planning, and implementation at all levels of governance, through tools like the State Adaptation Clearinghouse.

Building Partnerships and Leveraging Resources

ICARP convenes stakeholders across agencies, sectors, and scales to build collaborative partnerships, facilitate integrated climate adaptation and resilience planning, and align funding opportunities. Through the Community Planning and Capacity Building – Recovery Support Function, ICARP staff provides technical assistance and helps communities integrate climate resilience and equity into disaster recovery planning.

Funding and Financing

ICARP's work to scale funding and financing for climate resilience includes supporting state agencies with the integration of climate considerations in existing state programs and investments, as well as making direct investments through multiple grant programs.

Climate Equity and Vulnerable Communities

Climate equity and a focus on vulnerable communities is a core mandate for ICARP, both statutorily and programmatically as defined in <u>ICARP's vision and principles</u>. Building on the Council's leadership to define <u>Vulnerable Communities</u>, and in response to stakeholder needs, ICARP continues to fill critical gaps by developing resources and tools that support equitable adaptation action.

Additional Special Initiatives

ICARP Staff and Council respond proactively to new and emerging issues and opportunities as they align with the ICARP core vision and principles. This includes building new partnerships and initiatives and providing guidance and support for partner efforts to respond in real time to local, regional, and state needs.

1. Actionable Research and Resilience Metrics

California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment

Staff Lead: Neil Matouka

Background / Framing Context

Preparing California for the impacts of climate change requires detailed and accurate forecasts of their location, severity, and onset.

At the direction of <u>SB 1320 (Stern, 2020)</u> and with funding from the <u>2021 Climate Budget</u>, ICARP will coordinate the development of the Fifth California Climate Change Assessment in partnership with the California Energy Commission, California Natural Resources Agency, Strategic Growth Council, and other partners. The Fifth Assessment will include climate data, technical and synthesis reports, decision-support tools, and a first-of-its-kind grant program for tribal research, recognizing the important contributions of first nations to our understanding of the changing environment.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Engagement and communication with partners to inform the Fifth Assessment process and products. (Ongoing)
- Initial outreach to State agencies to inform the Fifth Assessment and gather interest on participation. (Completed)
- Develop a list of priority research topics for inclusion in the guidelines for a competitive solicitation for original climate research (July November)
- Release request for proposals for non-energy original climate research (January)
- Solicit nominations for and establish a Tribal Advisory Group through the Tribal Research Program. (June – October)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- Staff created a draft shortlist of research priorities based on input from State agencies, subject matter experts, non-government and community-based organizations, tribes, and other interested parties. The list is currently undergoing a leadership review process and should be available by the end of 2022.
- Tribal Advisory Group nominees have been selected and will be receiving formal letters in December with a projected first meeting in January.

Looking Ahead

 ICARP will present the final list of priority research gaps at the Q1 2023 ICARP TAC meeting.

Follow-ups for Council

Science Advisory Group (SAG)

Staff Lead: Ben McMahan

Background / Framing Context

Actionable science is foundational to California's climate agenda and supports science-informed policies and investments to respond to accelerating climate impacts. While many state agencies have science advisory bodies that provide valuable, sector-specific guidance, there have been many calls to convene statewide and multi-sector science advisory bodies that provide consistent climate science guidance across state agencies and inform statewide climate adaptation and resilience decision making.

As the state's primary hub for coordination on adaptation and resiliency across local, regional, and state efforts, and with funding through the 2021 Climate Budget, ICARP will convene the ICARP Science Advisory Group (SAG) to promote alignment of the state's deployment of climate science in resilience planning, policy, and investments. The SAG will significantly advance ICARP's goal of providing relevant, actionable data and research to support robust climate adaptation and resilience planning and policy.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- SAG Best Practices Summary and Recommendations (March 2022)
- Launch Science Advisory Group (TBD)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

 Staff are finalizing OPR protocols for SAG recruitment and initiating conversations with partners to identify candidates.

Looking Ahead

- Recruit SAG members
- Provide an update on SAG membership and structure at an upcoming TAC meeting

Follow-ups for Council

 Contact ICARP Staff (<u>ben.mcmahan@opr.ca.gov</u>) if you have recommendations on members to consider for inclusion in the ICARP Science Advisory Group.

2. Decision Support Tools and Guidance

Adaptation Clearinghouse

Staff Lead: Nikki Caravelli

Background / Framing Context

ICARP's enabling statute, SB 246 (Wieckowski, 2015), charges ICARP with creating and managing a clearinghouse of climate adaptation information. The Adaptation Clearinghouse is the State of California's consolidated searchable database of resources for statewide, local, and regional climate adaptation planning and decision-making at ResilientCA.org.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- ResilientCA Adaptation Planning Map (RAP-Map) update (Summer 2022)
- Updated SB 1 CalTrans Adaptation Planning Grants case study series (Fall 2022)
- Solicitation and execution of 2022 user experience assessment and web development contracts (July 2022)
- User experience assessment and stakeholder engagement (September 2022)
- Climate Resilience Plan Alignment Guides update (December 2022)
- Investing in Adaptation Topic Page update (December 2022)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- ICARP launched the Climate Resilience Plan Alignment Toolkit on the Adaptation Clearinghouse in mid-November.
- Contractor Exygy began the user needs assessment process by conducting stakeholder interviews and reviewing analytics for the Adaptation Clearinghouse.
- ICARP updated the LA region of the RAP-Map cities layer.

Looking Ahead

 ICARP will support CalOES as they initiate updates to the Adaptation Planning Guide.

Follow-ups for Council

Cal-Adapt

Staff Lead: New Associate Planner, TBD

Background / Framing Context

Cal-Adapt is the State of California's open-source web platform for accessing high-quality, peer-reviewed downscaled climate data and projections. Currently, the web application accesses data from California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment and provides data visualizations, features, and tools for many local climate-related risks, including projected changes in sea level, wildfires, temperature, precipitation, snowpack, and more. These valued resources guide decisionmakers at state, regional, and local levels when planning for and implementing climate adaptation projects to promote resiliency to climate change.

With funding from the 2021 Climate Budget, the California Energy Commission (CEC) and OPR will expand Cal-Adapt into the Cal-Adapt Enterprise with new climate data from California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment that includes features for a broad range of stakeholders who need easily accessible data visualizations and tools, while also providing a more powerful analytics engine to serve highly technical, data-intensive needs. In coordination with the CEC, ICARP will oversee maintenance and development of interactive visualizations and tools for a broad base of users such as local and state decision makers and community-based organizations.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Solicitation and execution of a user needs assessment contract (July 2022)
- User needs assessment activities and engagement (August-December 2022)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- The user needs assessment contract began in September with Exygy Inc.
- Staff is resuming interagency coordination to inform future Cal-Adapt updates and strategizing for climate services and data visualization support and development priorities.
- The 5th Assessment team continues to coordinate closely with Cal-Adapt staff and the California Energy Commission.

Looking Ahead

User needs activities will begin in early 2023.

Follow-ups for Council

Planning and Investing for a Resilient California Guidebook Update

Staff Lead: - Ben McMahan

Background / Framing Context

Executive Order N-19-19 calls for embedding physical climate risk into state investment decisions. Successful incorporation of physical climate risk into asset investment decisions requires the consistent application of climate science and downscaled risk projections into asset planning and investment processes. It further requires a similarly consistent decision-making framework to identify and prioritize climate adaptation actions.

To respond to EO-N-19-19, ICARP staff are updating the Planning and Investing for a Resilient California Guidebook (Resilience Guidebook, 2017), initially developed in response to Executive Order B-30-15. Revisions will include updates to the foundational science that underpins the Resilience Guidebook, as well as updating the adaptation decision-making framework to incorporate discussion of adaptation pathways.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

• Develop an updated version of the Planning & Investing for a Resilient California Guidebook, hosted online in a living document format (TBD, 2022-2023).

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

 Staff are resuming updates to the Planning and Investing for a Resilient California Guidebook to incorporate updated climate science information and adaptation best practices, as well as revisiting process to streamline for the 2023 update.

Looking Ahead

ICARP Staff will refine the draft and work with agency partners to identify examples
of state adaptation efforts.

Follow-ups for Council

Climate Resilience Plan Alignment Guides: Wildfire, Flood-After-Fire, and Coastal

Staff Lead: Nikki Caravelli / Senior Planner, Coastal Resilience TBD

Background / Framing Context

ICARP staff are developing a suite of climate resilience plan alignment guides to support local climate resilience planning efforts. The goal of the guides is to support alignment of local planning efforts, allowing local planners to achieve climate resilience goals, reduce duplication, and avoid policy conflicts.

Staff are currently working on a series of guides, including a Wildfire Resilience Guide, a Flood-After-Fire Guide, and an update to the existing Coastal Plan Alignment Compass Guide ("Coastal Compass"). These guides summarize requirements and best practices, discuss strategies to leverage various stages of different planning and implementation processes, and identify crosswalk opportunities and tricky spots to avoid.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Develop the print and interactive, online Wildfire Resilience Plan Alignment Guide and the Flood-After-Fire Plan Alignment Guide. (Complete)
- Update the Coastal Plan Alignment Compass Guide. (Fall 2022 Winter 2023)
- Convene a Plan Alignment Advisory Group of state, local, and federal agencies and stakeholders to guide content development. (Fall 2021 – Winter 2023)
- Convene a Plan Alignment Local Government Focus Group to identify user needs and beta-test the guides. (Winter 2021 – Summer 2022)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- ICARP launched the Climate Resilience Plan Alignment Toolkit on the Adaptation Clearinghouse in mid-November, including the new Wildfire and Flood-After-Fire Plan Alignment Guides, an interactive decision-support tool, case studies, and community engagement resources.
- In November ICARP initiated the Coastal Compass guide update with an Advisory Group meeting and coastal agency interviews.

Looking Ahead

- Staff anticipates releasing a draft of the Coastal Compass update by March 2023.
- ICARP will launch a user needs assessment process in collaboration with tribes and tribal-serving entities to better understand how the state can support tribal climate resilience planning and plan alignment across jurisdictions.
- ICARP Staff anticipates continued engagement with local governments on the use and application of the Plan Alignment Toolkit during spring 2023.

Follow-ups for Council

 Please <u>contact ICARP Staff</u> if you are interested in serving on the Advisory or Local Government Focus Groups to inform the Coastal Compass update, or would like to receive a PDF copy of the Wildfire or Flood-After-Fire guides.

3. Building Partnerships and Leveraging Resources

Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function

Staff Lead: Senior Planner, Forestry and Wildfire Resilience (TBD)

Background / Framing Context

In partnership with Cal OES, OPR serves as the lead state agency on the Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function (CPCB-RSF), which strengthens the adaptive capacity of local governments to plan for and implement long-term disaster resilience and recovery programs by coordinating information, technical assistance, and funding. OPR, through ICARP, works to integrate climate adaptation and resilience policies into hazard mitigation, emergency management, and disaster recovery programs. To extend the impact of the CPCB-RSF, the ICARP team will lead the development of a peer-to-peer learning network for wildfire resilience and long-term recovery planning.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Engage stakeholders from wildfire-affected and at-risk communities to solicit feedback on local planning and capacity needs for long-term disaster recovery and wildfire resilience (Ongoing).
- Convene local governments as part of Wildfire Recovery Peer Learning Network to build a cohort of wildfire-impacted and at-risk communities, accelerate information exchange, and connect communities to funding opportunities (Ongoing).
- Develop 4-5 planning briefs on long-term recovery from wildfire disasters (end of 2022).

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

 ICARP Staff continue to coordinate with OES, the Dixie Fire Collaborative, and Plumas County to support post-fire planning and recovery.

Looking Ahead

- Developing a CPCB Disaster Recovery Planning Toolkit, which includes resources on key recovery planning issues developed by the CPCB team. Appendices include: whole community planning for equitable recovery; best practices for recovery planning; funding opportunities for recovery planning.
- Presentation to the TAC from the Peer Learning Network on key findings and initial solutions.

Follow-ups for Council

 Please contact ICARP Staff (<u>sloane.viola@opr.ca.gov</u>) if you are interested in sharing needs and priorities for wildfire resilience and long-term recovery and redevelopment and/or interested in participating in the learning network.

Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Staff Lead: Senior Planner, Forestry and Wildfire Resilience (TBD)

Background / Framing Context

With support from the ICARP TAC, OPR signed an MOU with HCD on August 19, 2021 to enable the ICARP TAC to serve as the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for the 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grant program. CDBG-MIT is a federal program that funds planning and infrastructure projects that reduce disaster risks and promote community resilience in disaster-impacted communities. HUD requires state grantees to convene a CAC to promote transparency and engage stakeholders on how to use and implement these one-time community hazard mitigation funds. The CAC represents an opportunity for dialogue with agencies, grantees, and external stakeholders to inform program implementation and align the program guidelines other state hazard mitigation funding sources, including those administered by Cal OES and CAL FIRE.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

At least two additional CAC meetings in 2022, at the July and December meetings.

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

 The December meeting will feature a discussion on the Draft CDBG-MIT Action Plan Amendment.

Looking Ahead

Additional interagency alignment agenda items can be organized as needed.

Follow-ups for Council

Resilience Planning and Insurance Working Group

Staff Lead: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Manager, TBD

Background / Framing Context

SB 30 (Lara, 2018) created the CA Climate Insurance Working Group to explore innovative insurance strategies with the aim of reducing climate risk. Given the shared programmatic goals of reducing climate risk, ICARP and the California Department of Insurance (CDI) created a collaborative subgroup of the ICARP Council and the SB 30 Climate Insurance Working Group. In early 2022, this group identified extreme heat risk transfer as the team's focus and best fit for a CDI-ICARP partnership.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Insurance primer that describes key insurance principles (Completed, Spring 2021)
- Planning primer that describes key planning principles (Completed, Fall 2021)
- New work plan for the CDI-ICARP partnership on extreme heat risk transfer.

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

No updates

Looking Ahead

- ICARP and CDI will develop a work plan for the Working Group, which will guide its direction for 2023.
- Coordination between CDI and the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program team to identify shared CDI-ICARP priorities.

Follow-ups for Council

 TAC members representing local governments engaged in extreme heat planning should indicate whether they are interested in participating in the Resilience Planning & Insurance Working Group.

4. Funding and Financing

FEMA Cooperative Technical Partners

Staff Lead: Sarah Samdin

Background / Framing Context

ICARP has received multiple Cooperative Technical Partners (CTP) grants from FEMA to provide coordination support to align federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding with state resilience goals. The partnership supports identification of projects that strengthen California's portfolio of nature-based, social and environmental justice projects. With a specific focus on hard-to-reach priority project types, as identified by FEMA, these pilot projects will help shape a pipeline of projects that may be eligible for future FEMA funding.

ICARP, in partnership with CalOES, provides technical assistance to state partners who are new to the federal HMA space, and helps identify innovative projects for FEMA's newest pre-disaster infrastructure funding program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. This partnership advances California's climate resiliency goals, as well as the Governor's priority of leveraging state and federal funding.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Develop case studies documenting lessons learned, challenges, and opportunities for navigating FEMA HMA funding programs. (Completed, Spring 2022)
- Partner with State agencies to identify eligible hazard mitigation projects, with nature-based solutions to support the development of a California-support project pipeline for FEMA HMA funding (Ongoing)
- Partner with ICARP's Adaptation Planning Grant Program (APGP) to explore program alignment with federal implementation funding.

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- Staff are supporting APGP program guidelines development to prmote alignment with FEMA HMA eligibility.
- Developing scope of work for a Tribal Consultant to support a Tribal User Needs
 Assessment for plan alignment and hazard mitigation needs in California Native
 American Tribes, Federally Recognized tribes, and tribal communities.

Looking Ahead

• ICARP staff will explore opportunities with State partners to align climate resilience funding programs with FEMA HMA eligibility, and develop additional case studies.

Follow-ups for Council

Proposition 84 Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Grants

Staff Lead: Michael Maguire

Background / Framing Context

The Proposition 84 Wildfire Resiliency and Recovery Planning Grants are a collaborative effort between the Office of Planning & Research, the Strategic Growth Council, and the Department of Conservation. The grants support community wildfire resilience and recovery planning efforts in four California jurisdictions. Grantee activities vary depending on local context, need, and scale, but the overarching goals of the program are to: 1) support land use planning activities at the local and region levels that advance climate adaptation and resilience efforts specific to wildfire risk reduction; 2) advance local understanding and consideration of vulnerable communities in an adaptation context; and 3) support local or regional capacity building to incorporate climate adaptation and resilience into wildfire planning and recovery.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Administer planning grants to wildfire-affected communities. Grantees include:
 - Los Angeles County
 - Sonoma County
 - City of Ventura
 - o Town of Paradise
- Developed a case study for the Adaptation Clearinghouse on how Proposition 84
 grantees have incorporated wildfire resilience practices into their ongoing long-term
 disaster recovery planning and programs and how each of these projects offer
 demonstrations of integrated climate resilience planning for other California
 communities. (Completed, March 2022)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

• Grantees are submitting their case studies and are approaching the final close-out of their grants at the end of the month, with the exception of Sonoma County, which was granted an extension until February 2023.

Looking Ahead

- Grantees will produce case studies on the implementation of their respective projects
- ICARP Staff will convene a panel of grantees at the Q1 2023 TAC meeting.

Follow-ups for Council

ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant Program

Staff Lead: Abby Edwards

Background / Framing Context

In 2021, OPR, through ICARP, received \$25M in the state budget to fund the ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant Program (Adaptation Planning Grant Program) to support local, regional, and tribal adaptation planning across California.

As communities in California experience more frequent, prolonged, and severe impacts of climate change, state, regional, local, and tribal governments are undertaking adaptation and resiliency planning. However, many jurisdictions lack the capacity, tools, guidance, and resources to effectively prepare for climate impacts. This capacity gap is likely to prevent communities from developing and implementing plans that build resilience and reduce future risk. To meet this need, the Adaptation Planning Grant Program provides funding to help fill planning needs, provides communities the resources to identify climate resilience priorities, and supports the development of a pipeline of climate resilient infrastructure projects across the state.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Release draft APGP grant guidelines for public feedback.
- Release APGP round one grant application.
- Work with CTP program to support alignment of APGP with federal implementation funding.

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

• The APGP intent survey launched November 7th: Round 1 Adaptation Planning Grant Program: Intent Survey (office.com)

Looking Ahead

- Staff will release the NOFA, final guidelines, and application materials on January 6, 2023.
- APGP Round 1 Application will be open from January 6, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

Follow-ups for Council

ICARP Regional Resilience Planning & Implementation Grant Program

Staff Lead: **Dolores Barajas**

Background / Framing Context

The Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program is developing a Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program (Regional Resilience Grant Program) that will invest \$250 million over three funding rounds to help fill local, regional, and tribal adaptation planning and resilience needs, and support the development of a pipeline of climate resilient projects. Available to local, regional, and tribal governments, the Regional Resilience Grant Program will support regions in advancing resilience through three major activities: capacity-building, planning, and project implementation. Grants will be available both competitively and on a formula basis.

Key Priorities of ICARP's Regional Resilience Grant Program are to:

- Support regional projects aligned with ICARP priorities that improve regional climate resilience and reduce climate risks from wildfire, sea level rise, drought, flood, increasing temperatures, and extreme heat events.
- Support projects or actions that address the greatest climate risks in the region, particularly in the most vulnerable communities.
- Fill the gaps in climate resilience funding and support sustainable and cohesive climate resilient projects

Summary of Major 2022-2023 Deliverables

- Summer 2022 Gather feedback through listening sessions and stakeholder interviews
- October 2022 Coordinate an interagency workgroup on regional grant programs
- January 2023 Release draft guidelines for public comment
- Spring 2023 Request for proposals, release round 1 grant application
- Summer 2023 Round 1 grant awards

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- Staff invited representatives from state agencies with regional climate adaptation and resilience grant programs to serve on an ad hoc Regional Climate Grants Interagency Work Group.
- The <u>Regional Resilience Grant Program Engagement Summary</u> and updated timeline are now available on <u>the program's newly established website</u>.

Looking Ahead

Draft grant program guidelines will be available for public comment January 2023.
 Following the release of the guidelines, ICARP staff will host public workshops and provide a presentation to the Technical Advisory Council.

Follow-ups for Council

5. Climate Equity and Vulnerable Communities

Vulnerable Communities Platform

Staff Lead: Ben McMahan

Background / Framing Context

Building off the 2018 ICARP TAC definition of "vulnerable communities" in the context of climate adaptation, and in response to queries from a range of cross-sector stakeholders, OPR is developing an integrated platform to make this definition actionable for adaptation policy and investments decisions. The goal for the Vulnerable Communities Platform is to develop an open, accessible, and community-grounded platform that holistically identifies the communities most vulnerable to climate change.

Developing the ICARP Vulnerable Communities Platform consists of several workstreams: (1) background research synthesis, analysis, and comparison with existing policy guidance, vulnerability assessments and approaches & existing data platforms and tools; (2) convening an interagency state technical workgroup to knit together existing statewide data; (3) robust stakeholder engagement with vulnerable communities through listening sessions and pilot community partnerships, with ongoing input from frontline communities; and (4) technical assistance and support from ESRI.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Compilation of existing statewide datasets (Ongoing)
- External draft beta platform launch (Ongoing)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

 Staff have resumed research and stakeholder meetings to inventory existing mapping, data platforms, and tools, as well as state agency vulnerable community definitions and guidance.

Looking Ahead

- Staff will resume VCP Interagency Technical Workgroup meetings.
- Stakeholder engagement will continue, including targeted listening sessions.
- Solicitation forthcoming to fund pilot communities to co-develop the VCP.
- Launch of user focus groups to coordinate stakeholder needs across Climate Services products.
- Continued work with ESRI and OPR teams on platform configuration process, including technical development and assessment of long-term plan, as well as initial wireframe and prototype review
- ICARP Staff will complete the summary of findings from the Interagency Technical Working Group survey conducted in early 2022.

Follow-ups for Council

6. Additional Special Initiatives

California Climate Adaptation Strategy

Staff Lead: OPR Deputy Director, Climate Resilience; TBD

Background / Framing Context

California is statutorily required to release an updated, comprehensive, statewide climate adaptation strategy every three years (AB 1482, Gordon, 2015). Previous strategies were released in 2009, 2014, and 2018. For the 2021 Update, the California Natural Resources Agency and OPR, through ICARP, partnered to co-coordinate the development of California's 2021 California Climate Adaptation Strategy.

This update to the Strategy links together the state's existing, planned, and resourced climate adaptation efforts, showing how they fit together to achieve broad climate resilience priorities. The Strategy also specifies needed actions, with timeframes and metrics, to drive progress and enable accountability. The Strategy is organized around outcome-based priorities, rather than individual sectors, enabling a coordinated, integrated approach to building climate resilience. The 2021 Strategy will be released as an interactive website that serves as a hub for state climate resilience action. This website will be updated to reflect progress and make adjustments, and will allow for Californians to easily access information on the state's efforts.

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Finalize and release <u>web-based Strategy</u> (Completed, Spring 2022)
- Develop a process for collecting and reporting on agencies' implementation progress (Completed, Fall 2022)
- Release an annual implementation report and update the Strategy website to reflect progress (Winter 2022/23)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

- ICARP and CNRA staff have integrated the feedback received from agency partners and the public on the structure of the implementation report.
- Staff have collected information from agency partners on their implementation progress, which is forming the basis of the Strategy's web updates and implementation report.

Looking Ahead

 ICARP and CNRA will release the annual implementation report and web updates in early 2023.

Follow-ups for TAC Council

• Encourage participation at the workshops and promote the survey.

The California Extreme Heat Action Plan

Staff Lead: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Manager, TBD

Background / Framing Context

The 2022 Extreme Heat Action Plan provides a strategic and comprehensive set of state actions to adapt and build resilience to extreme heat. It outlines California's all-of-government approach to mitigating the health, economic, cultural, ecological, and social impacts of increasing average temperatures and heat waves. The action plan was developed as part of the state's 2021 update to California's Climate Adaptation Strategy, in recognition of the need for an updated, integrated approach to addressing extreme heat. The Extreme Heat Action Plan provides an update to and expansion of the state's 2013 report on extreme heat ("Preparing California for Extreme Heat Guidance and Recommendations").

Summary of Major 2022 Deliverables

- Inventory of ongoing and planned state-level work related to extreme heat adaptation (Completed, Summer 2021).
- Discussions with state agencies to set future actions, objectives, and goals (Completed, Summer 2021 – Winter 2022).
- Extreme Heat Listening Sessions (Completed, Spring 2021 Winter 2022)
- Development of Extreme Heat Action Plan (Completed, Summer 2021 Spring 2022)

Updates for 12/9 ICARP Meeting

ICARP and CNRA partnered to host the Extreme Heat Symposium on October 19th, 2022. The Symposium engaged around 700 in-person and virtual participants through panel discussions on extreme heat risk, grid reliability, communications and awareness, nature-based solutions, health equity, and cool surfaces. Secretary of Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot opened the Symposium, Assemblymember Luz Rivas provided the keynote remarks, and OPR Director Sam Assefa provided closing remarks. Staff are preparing a Symposium Synopsis to share key takeaways from the event.

Looking Ahead

• ICARP will launch the development of the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Program in early 2023.

Follow-ups for Council