

San Francisco Bay Area Region

CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program offering capacity building support for local governments to address climate change. Our team of 48 AmeriCorps members serves in 9 regions across California creating lasting local impact.



CivicSpark Bay Area Projects

South Bay Climate Action Collaboration

- Collaborate with multiple South Bay cities for support of GHG tracking / inventory and development of resources for community engagement on climate action.
- *Beneficiaries: Mountain View, Redwood City, Sunnyvale, Cupertino*

San Mateo County Water/Energy Nexus

- Provide support for water and energy efficiency projects in San Mateo County public buildings and schools.
- *Beneficiaries: C/CAG, BAWSCA*

Resilient Shorelines in the Bay Area

- Support implementation of Resilient Shorelines project in Contra Costa County, as well as develop regional analysis of shoreline vulnerabilities.
- *Beneficiaries: Contra Costa County, Joint Policy Committee, City of San Rafael*

City of Benicia Business Resource Incentive Program

- Support the Business Resource Incentive Program (BRIP), working closely with the 19 participating businesses who have completed phase one, while also building best practices to expand the program in future years.
- *Beneficiary: City of Benicia*

Marin County Adaptation Readiness

- Increase county department readiness for climate change through reviewing models and best practices of other jurisdictions, to create inter-departmental protocols to improve on-the-ground actions with department staff.
- *Beneficiaries: Marin County-DPW, Marin County-CD, Marin County-Parks & Open Space*

Regional Partner

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission BCDC's mission statement, embedded in its Strategic Plan, reflects its two primary responsibilities: to protect and enhance San Francisco Bay and to encourage the Bay's responsible and productive use for this and future generations.



**San Francisco Bay
Conservation and Development Commission**

"It is exciting to learn outside of the classroom environment that I have been so accustomed to over the majority of my life. I have learned new skills through these experiences that I would not have the opportunity to experience without this program."

- Jonathan Kwan, Bay Area CivicSpark Member



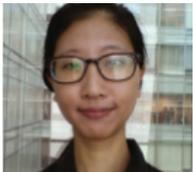
Meet Our Team



Julie Allingham, Regional Supervisor Building upon a long-term career in IT Software and Project Management at Hewlett-Packard, Julie transitioned her career to focus on environmental efforts. Recent professional experience has centered on non-profit projects related to California's climate policy, clean economy, and local government climate actions, as an independent consultant and while working for Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2). Julie earned a B.S. in Computer Science from Central Michigan University, and an M.B.A. in Sustainable Management from Presidio Graduate School in San Francisco, CA.



Aldrin Carreon Aldrin Carreon graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with Bachelor of Arts degrees in South and Southeast Asian Studies and Political Economy with a concentration in urbanization. Aldrin aspires to work on the federal level, directing change on a macro scale while promoting sustainable urban living and uplifting underserved, low-income communities, which are often the most affected by environmental issues.



Hannah Cha Hannah Cha graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Systems. She served as National Park Service Fellow in Dallas, Texas where she assisted a green education program and an urban trail planning process. Hannah recently completed a Master of City & Regional Planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.



Eric Cohen Eric Cohen received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning from the University of California, Davis in September 2013. While an undergraduate, he received extensive training in the areas of environmental impact assessment, environmental policy, and research and data analysis.



Jonathan Kwan Jonathan Kwan holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Prior to joining CivicSpark, he was an intern for the City of Goleta, Planning and Environmental Review Department. During that time, he also worked closely with the Environmental & Energy Manager in the government to promote sustainable development and programs.



Michelle Nelson Michelle Nelson is a recent graduate from the University of California, Davis, with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy, Analysis, and Planning with an emphasis in Water Quality. After CivicSpark, Michelle intends to use her experience with CivicSpark to stay within the sustainability field and apply for graduate school to earn her Masters in Environmental Policy.



Kyle Ramey Kyle Ramey obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University where his primary focus has been in sustainability, especially within the urban environment. He has worked with Greenaction, a non-profit organization located in San Francisco, and was part of a student run sustainability initiative on campus.



Shannon Rivers Shannon Rivers graduated from San Diego State University (SDSU) with a BA in Social Science and a minor in Spanish in 2007, and completed her masters program at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at UC Santa Barbara. She has worked as the Management Intern with the City of Poway's Public Works Department and as the Climate Action Planning Intern at DNV GL, an international energy and sustainability consulting firm.