

North Coast 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 North Coast Region Projects

Developing Climate Change Outreach and Education Resources for the Humboldt Bay Region

- Help to develop and disseminate local climate change outreach and education resources for K-12 educators and nonprofits.
- *Beneficiary: City of Arcata*

Increasing North Coast Building Energy Efficiency

- Help local governments, non-profits, and local businesses reduce operating costs and improve their bottom line through building energy benchmarking, technical assistance, direct installation of energy efficiency measures, and rebate support.
- *Beneficiary: Redwood Coast Energy Authority*

Net-Zero Communities

- Develop technical guidance to assist local governments with advancing their Zero Net Energy initiatives for new construction and retrofits.
- *Beneficiary: City of Arcata*

Northern Coast Regional Alternative Fuels Programs

- Support expansion of alternative transportation and alternative fuels options in the North Coast region.
- *Beneficiaries: Redwood Coast Energy Authority, Humboldt County, Eureka, City of Arcata, Fortuna, Rio Dell, Blue Lake, Ferndale, Trinidad, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Del Norte County, Trinity County, Mendocino Council of Governments*

Regional Partner

Redwood Coast Energy Authority The Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is a local-government joint-powers agency formed in 2003 to develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient, and renewable resources available in the North Coast region. To further its mission, the Energy Authority engages in a range of local and regional initiatives.



Meet Our Team



Larry Goldberg, Regional Supervisor Larry Goldberg holds an MBA from Humboldt State University and has successfully built and sold three businesses for the North Coast. He currently is the Executive Director of Plan It Green, a non-profit environmental group focusing on building sustainable green communities and re-localizing economies. Larry has also been working on programs to build “resilient” communities through the “Transition Town” movement since 2012.



Drew Clark During his undergraduate at Beloit College, Drew Clark’s studies were focused around physics and the environment. Drew completed the Environmental Resource Engineering Graduate Program at Humboldt State University studying energy and the triple bottom line.



Robert Douglass Robert Douglass holds a B.A. in International Affairs from Northern Arizona University where he focused on energy policy, economics, and sustainable development. He worked for the Institute for Sustainable Energy Solutions at NAU at Flagstaff Speak Up, where he worked on sustainability issues.



Stephen Luther Stephen is passionate about public service and working to create healthier, happier communities. Stephen earned his B.A. from Williams College in History and Political Science with a concentration in Leadership Studies. He also holds a Certificate of Study in Natural Resource Planning from Humboldt State University.



Hanna Nielsen Hanna Nielsen received her B.A. in Religious Studies and Biology at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. She spent two summers in rural Montana working with a nonprofit on environmental conservation issues.