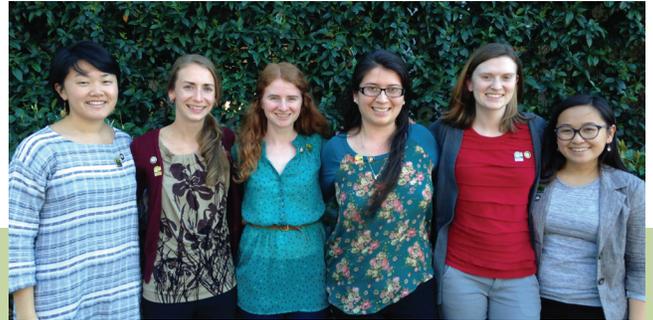


Sacramento Region

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 Sacramento Region Projects

One Cool City

- Participate in the design and implementation of GHG reduction programs at neighborhood and community organization level that coordinate volunteers, community members, and local leaders.
- *Beneficiary: City of Davis*

Yolo County CAP: Midpoint Assessment and Course Correction

- Review and evaluate the Yolo County Climate Action Plan including the current status of the County's goals, and the effectiveness of the Plan's policies and action items. Identify those policies that may need to be modified in order to accomplish the County's goals and make the corresponding recommendations.
- *Beneficiary: County of Yolo*

Sacramento Regional Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Policy Review

- Conduct a broad-level vulnerability assessment for the community and audit the community's existing plans and policies in all sectors that can contribute to community preparedness. With findings in hand, work with the community to provide recommendations on how these policies can be strengthened or scaled up.
- *Beneficiaries: SACOG*

Urban Heat Islands in the Sacramento Region

- Work with Sacramento communities and local tree foundations to increase the urban canopy in disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- *Beneficiary: SMAQMD*

Regional Partner

Sacramento Air Quality Management District The AQMD's overall mission is to achieve clean air goals by leading the region in protecting public health and the environment through innovative and effective programs, dedicated staff, community involvement, and public education. The AQMD's work involves interaction with local, state and federal government agencies, the business community, environmental groups, and private citizens.



Sacramento Area Council of Governments The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is an association of local governments in the six-county Sacramento Region. SACOG provides transportation planning and funding for the region, and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. In addition to preparing the region's long-range transportation plan, SACOG approves the distribution of affordable housing in the region and assists in planning for transit, bicycle networks, clean air and airport land uses.





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Meet Our Team



Jenny Woods, Regional Supervisor Jenny Woods is a Project Manager at the Local Government Commission. Jenny's current projects include work on the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative, the Resilient Sacramento Collaborative, and will be acting as the Sacramento Regional Supervisor. Before coming to the Local Government Commission, Jenny worked at the U.S. EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities and the State of California's Strategic Growth Council. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Urban Studies and Planning from the University of

California, San Diego.



Melanie Chu Melanie Chu is a recent graduate from UC Berkeley with a major in Urban Studies. Dabbling in transportation planning and research during her undergraduate years, she hopes that the CivicSpark program can help her broaden the framework of transportation planning into environmental and climate issues.



Ariadna Hernandez Ariadna Hernandez is a recent graduate from the University of the Pacific with a B.S. in Environmental Science. In 2013, she worked alongside the Sustainability Department in the organic Ted and Chris Robb Garden on the university campus, helping with the planning and implementation of the first University U-Pick.



Shelby Kelley Shelby Kelley is a recent graduate of the University of California San Diego with a B.S. in Environmental Systems (Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution) with a split track in Environmental Policy. While attending UCSD she completed a senior thesis project working in an ecology lab on campus researching fitness trade-offs in algae as they pertained to algal biofuels.



Laura Moser Laura earned a bachelor's in Civil Engineering along with a bachelor's in Physical Science, focusing her studies on water resources technologies and issues. Having worked most recently as an environmental consultant on large construction sites, she is enjoying the transition into policy-based office work.



Emily Potter Sacramento native Emily Potter graduated from the University of the Pacific's School of International Studies with a major in Global Studies and Minor in Environmental Studies. She completed a AmeriCorps Vista Summer with Mutual Housing California's Green Leaders Program, which assisted residents to develop sustainable programs and events for their fellow community members.



Pachia Vang Pachia Vang is working on the One Cool City Campaign in Davis with Cool Davis, helping residents to improve their low-carbon lifestyles and reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Prior to joining CivicSpark, Pachia attended the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Anthropology.