

LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ON THE CENTRAL COAST SINCE 1970

Community Environmental Council
2021 Impact Report



A LETTER FROM OUR CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Since our founding over 50 years ago, the Community Environmental Council (CEC) has been working to close the gap between the world as it is and the world as it must be if we are to thrive.

Today, it seems as if our world is experiencing an unending string of crises and that many things are broken at once. A global pandemic, war, racial injustices, inflation, political divisiveness, and climate chaos have punctuated the last couple of years – one building on and cascading over another.

In short, it feels like everything must change, and quickly. **Incremental progress is not an option.**

This need for deep transformation has been a call to action for CEC. Over the last year, we sharpened our focus to advance rapid and equitable solutions to the climate crisis. We added programs to better include communities traditionally left out or left behind. We grew our geographic reach, expanding our work in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

We doubled our staff. We grew our board. We moved to a new location on State Street, where we have plans to build out a community-centered Environmental Hub.

CEC is doubling down – drawing on a proven model for change in which we listen to the community, then innovate, incubate, grow, scale, and ultimately spin off solutions. For 50 years, this is how we have broken down complex problems like climate change into manageable pieces that make real, transformative impact beyond the Central Coast.

In this report you will find a snapshot of CEC's work over the last year, as well as several ways you can make a difference. We encourage you to make this your own call to action.

By embracing fierce hope, collective action, a sense of urgency, and a proven blueprint that draws on the best of people and nature, **we have an opportunity to create a world in which we truly do thrive.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sigrid Wright".

Sigrid Wright
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara S. Lindemann".

Barbara S. Lindemann
Board President

During one of the most significant operational years in CEC's 50-plus year history, we sharpened our focus and expanded capacity to respond locally to the global climate crisis. We continued to grow programs, while simultaneously increasing net assets, earning CEC the highest ratings from GuideStar and Charity Navigator for financial health, accountability, and transparency.

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM EXPENSES

5-Year Increase 118%

2021: \$1,899,081 | 2017: \$872,470

NET ASSETS

5-Year Increase 44%

2021: \$4,566,396 | 2017: \$3,174,868

To view our full financials, please visit www.cecsb.org/financials.

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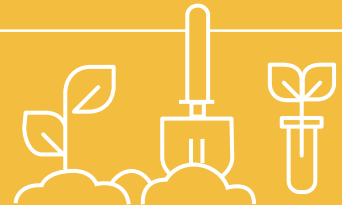


OUR IMPACT

CEC'S LEGACY: 50 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

1970 Founded one of the nation's first **ecology centers**

1973 Founded one of the nation's first learning and research **community gardens**



1976 Opened one of the nation's first community **recycling centers**

1982 Hosted a **green building** competition for CEC headquarters



1985 Pioneered **hazardous waste collection** and curbside recycling

1990 Helped pass California's **recycling law**, the first in the nation

2001 Built the **Watershed Resource Center** at Arroyo Burro Beach

2004 Shifted CEC's mission to focus on **climate change**



2007 Published one of the nation's first **carbon neutrality plans**

For 50 years, CEC has strategically catalyzed change on the Central Coast, influencing California and beyond.

2010 Installed the first Rethink the Drink **water bottle refill station** in a local school



2011 Opened the **first Solarize** program

2016 Published the **Santa Barbara County Food Action Plan**

2017 Secured city commitments to **100% renewable energy**

2018 Achieved **Community Choice Energy** for most of the Central Coast



2019 Secured our region's first **wind farm**

2020 Launched an effort to establish the Central Coast as a **global climate leader**

Named California **Nonprofit of the Year**

Awarded City of Santa Barbara **Climate Hero**



2022 CEO Sigrid Wright named **Congressional Woman of the Year**



“ The Community Environmental Council is behind all of the wonderful things I love about living on the Central Coast – leading the recycling movement, supporting electric vehicle infrastructure and community solar, spurring action to protect vulnerable populations, and strengthening communities in the face of climate change. I’m excited and proud to support CEC, especially in this critical time of the climate crisis where bold and purposeful action is required.”

LAURA FRANCIS

DIRECTOR, SEA FORWARD FUND
CEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OUR WORK

CEC builds **on-the-ground momentum** to reverse the threat of the climate crisis. We **transform** the systems that fuel it. We **safeguard** the community from its impacts. We **lead, we partner, we act**. And every day, we **move people** to create a more resilient California Central Coast.

By focusing on these three areas, we are making progress:



REVERSE the trajectory of climate change by speeding the transition to zero emissions and zero waste in the Central Coast's energy, transportation, food, and agriculture sectors.



REPAIR the disrupted carbon cycle by tapping the power of nature to draw down excess carbon from the atmosphere.



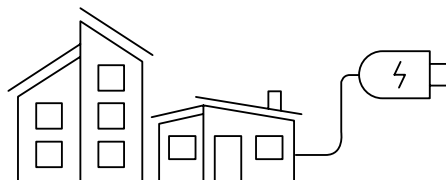
PROTECT communities from extreme weather and other climate impacts by spurring bold actions with a focus on protecting vulnerable populations from the impacts of climate change already underway.

The following pages outline the strides we made in 2021 toward this goal, as well as our plans for the work ahead.

2021 CEC'S IMPACT AT A GLANCE

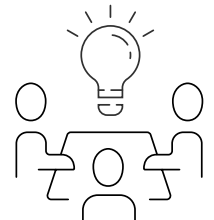
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CITIES PASSED ENERGY CODES ON THE CENTRAL COAST (with 2 counties not far behind), that ensure new construction is all-electric with no natural gas, and accelerating progress toward California's climate goals.



33,000+

Community members **CEC INFORMED, ACTIVATED, AND GUIDED ON CLIMATE ACTION** through webinars, meetings, events, and roundtable discussions.



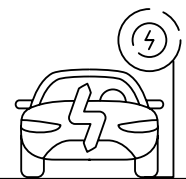
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VOLUNTEER HOURS INVESTED by CEC's UC Climate Stewards in creating local climate-related initiatives and projects.



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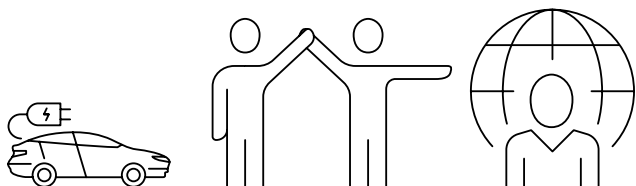
NEW CHARGING STATIONS BEING BUILT with \$12 million in funding attracted from the state and leveraged to support wider adoption of electric vehicles. Over the next two years, the charging stations will be installed at workplaces, multi-family properties, and public destinations across Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties.



50+ years of proven success leading locally designed and implemented solutions to the climate crisis.

170+

ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT MOBILIZE broader community action and cultivate climate leadership grounded in inclusive decision making.

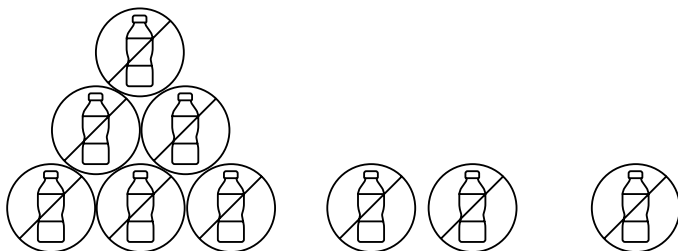


1.4 MILLION

Residents in 22 cities and counties across Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties **HAVE ACCESS TO 100% RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ELECTRICITY** sooner because of CEC's advocacy for Community Choice Energy.

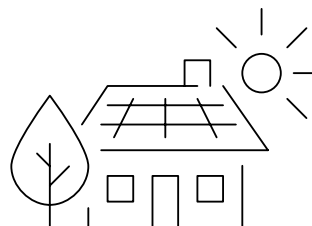
6 MILLION

SINGLE-USE WATER BOTTLES NOT USED because of 116 school and community water refill stations that were installed as a direct result of CEC's Waste Reduction program.



900+

Households have added **SOLAR AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS** since 2011 through CEC's Solarize Residential program, a regional model for effective group energy purchasing.



OUR WORK

CLIMATE POLICY


OUR VISION

When the Central Coast advances ambitious goals and solutions like 100% renewable energy or plastic bag bans, **we become a lighthouse community, illuminating a path that gives other regions and the state confidence to set more aggressive policies.**

For more than 50 years, CEC has actively engaged with local and regional governments to adopt ambitious climate policies that better benefit our communities. Our current focus is on advocating for zero carbon and negative carbon goals for buildings, transportation, energy, agriculture, and waste management.



IN 2021, CEC:

 Increased program funding from Central Coast Community Energy by **\$11 MILLION** to help residents and local agencies adopt clean energy technologies such as electric cars and buses.

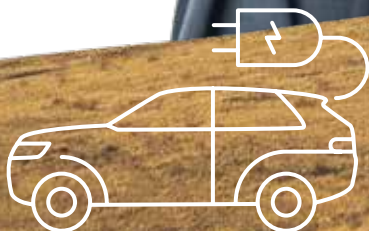
  Advocated for and helped pass a **ban on natural gas in new construction** in the City of Santa Barbara with the help of our partner the Sierra Club and others.

 Continued advocacy for regional laws that **limit the distribution of millions of single-use plastic items**, rooted in best practices learned through CEC's Waste Reduction program.



WHAT'S AHEAD

- Continue to champion electric vehicle purchases for government fleets and policies that make electric vehicle ownership more accessible to all.
- Expand energy codes that keep natural gas out of new construction.
- Push more cities to join Community Choice Energy and move more quickly toward 100% renewable electricity.
- Advocate for carbon neutrality and associated targets that go beyond state goals in six local city and county climate action plans.



OUR WORK

SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY

For more than a decade, CEC has led advocacy efforts to elected officials, their staff, and the broader community – and even raised the first \$50,000 to kick-start a study of the feasibility of tri-county Community Choice Energy.

With the help of CEC's and our partners' advocacy efforts, three Community Choice Energy programs – Central Coast Community Energy, Santa Barbara Clean Energy, and the Clean Power Alliance – have formed in the last few years, now serving 22 local cities and counties.

Together, these programs serve approximately 1.4 million Central Coast residents, with about half of those residents currently receiving 100% renewable and clean electricity, and the other half on an accelerating path to 100% renewables by 2030.

Today, CEC is advocating for more funding for programs that help residents and businesses switch to clean energy technologies like electric vehicles and all-electric buildings, and encouraging four additional cities to join Community Choice Energy programs or move more quickly toward 100% renewable electricity.



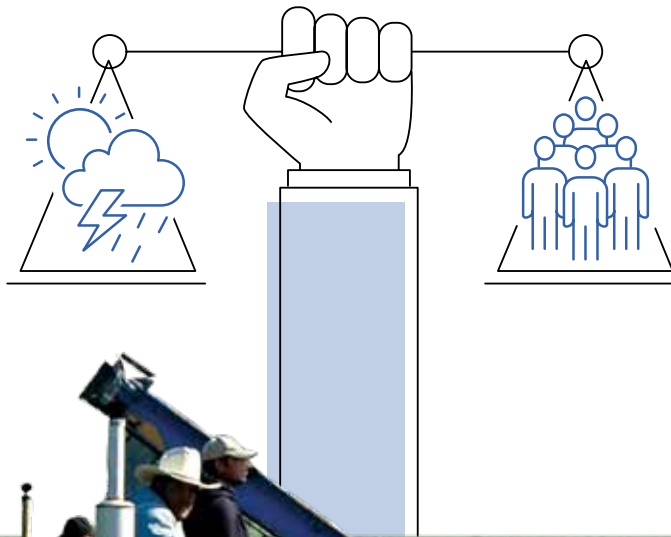


OUR WORK


CLIMATE JUSTICE

OUR VISION


While it is widely recognized that climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations and there is growing support for equitable solutions, our communities still lack effective ways to incorporate equity and justice into the climate planning process. **CEC envisions a climate-resilient future for everyone**, particularly those at greatest risk or most socially and economically vulnerable. We are increasing our efforts to meet that vision – and address climate threats and inequities – by actively collaborating with underrepresented voices in planning and implementing community-led solutions.



IN 2021, CEC:


 Co-designed and hosted community forums and events focused on issues such as **food insecurity, air quality, mobility equity, and language justice.**

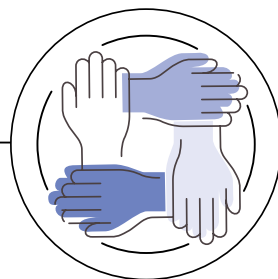


 Activated our Community Ambassadors to meet with dozens of frontline and essential workers, farmworkers, non-English speaking parents, and others who have historically been left out of the decision-making process



to better understand what is needed for a fair and equitable community response to ongoing climate threats.

 Recruited and **retained a more diverse staff that better reflects the community** we work with and serve.



WHAT'S AHEAD

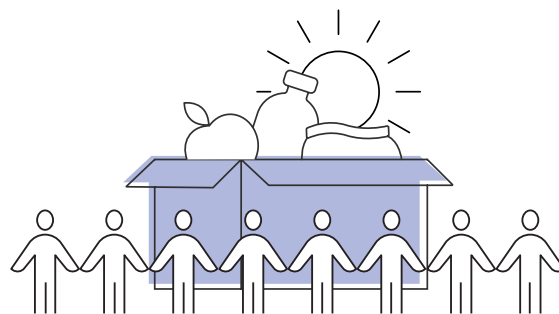
- Expand and deepen opportunities for underrepresented communities across the Central Coast to play a key role in planning and implementing climate solutions.
- Partner with civic and community leaders to make climate justice and allyship with frontline community leaders the status quo.
- Nurture green workforce development that aids workers through a just transition away from extractive industries while supporting decarbonization goals.



OUR WORK

SPOTLIGHT: BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF CLIMATE ACTION

CEC has a long and proven history of identifying needs in the community, convening the right partners, incubating ideas, and establishing initiatives – and in some cases, new organizations – to accelerate progress. **CEC co-founded and is working with partners to build:**



- **Central Coast Climate Justice Network (CCCJN):** A partnership of social justice, anti-racism, and environmental organizations that work together to expand our region’s collective power to advance restorative actions that lead to systems change, centering on communities who bear the greatest burden of climate change impacts. In 2021, CCCJN hired a Network Manager to lead key initiatives in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, including designing a BIPOC-led Green New Deal, **collaborating with frontline communities to build climate resilience and leadership, and addressing and changing systemic racism in the climate justice movement.**

- **Santa Barbara County Food Action Network (SBCFAN):** A hub where food system changemakers can connect, align, and activate to develop a robust local food economy, a healthy and just community, and a well-stewarded, resilient foodshed. **In 2021, CEC dedicated staff time to help accelerate the outreach and impact of SBCFAN’s FRESA (Food Resilience, Equity, Sustainability, and Action) Working Group,**

a community-led coalition of food advocates working to improve access to affordable, locally-produced fruits and vegetables for low-income and CalFresh-eligible families in northern Santa Barbara County.

- **Santa Barbara County Food Rescue:** A CEC-led food recovery collaborative that **addresses food insecurity and waste, while helping build partner capacity and supporting the rescue of over 60,000 pounds of edible food for distribution to more than a dozen organizations throughout Santa Barbara County.** In 2021, CEC spearheaded a grant that supported two SBC Food Rescue partners in acquiring critical refrigeration. Working together, through this effort, Veggie Rescue was able to sustain, grow, and distribute over 550,000 pounds of food, and the Santa Ynez Valley Community Kitchen at St. Mark’s was able to cook this rescued food for the community’s most vulnerable, support local food business entrepreneurs, and serve as a hub for culinary and nutrition education.




AVOCADO CHICKEN SANDWICH \$10.99
 GRILLED ALL NATURAL CHICKEN BREAST, MELTED CHEDDAR, FRESH AVOCADO, PESTO SAUCE, RED ONION, TOMATO AND CHEESE ON A TOASTED ROLL

BAHN MI SANDWICH \$9.99
 HICKORY SMOKED PORK BUTT OR GRILLED MARINATED CHICKEN SHIRAZI AND SAUCE, MARINATED BREAD AND VEGETABLES, SLICED CUCUMBER, FRESH SLICED JALAPENO, CILANTRO ON A TOASTED BAGUETTE

BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER \$10.99
 FRESH GRILLED CHEROKEE BURGER OR VEGGIE BURGER WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, RED ONION
 ADD BACON: \$1.75 ADD AVOCADO: \$1.50

COMES WITH CHOICE OF DELI SALAD AND A PICKLE. CHESTNUT

SMOKED BRISKET PESTO \$13.99
 HICKORY SMOKED BRISKET, FRESH PEPPER, PESTO SAUCE, TOMATO AND CHEESE ON A FRESH TOASTED BAGUETTE

HAND CARVED TURKEY \$11.99
 ON WHOLE WHEAT BREAD, TOPPED WITH FRESH LETTUCE, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CHEROKEE SAUCE, AND PASTURE RAISED TURKEY

CALIFORNIA TRI TIP CHEESE \$13.99
 FRESH TRI TIP SLICED BY THE BARGE, MELTED CHEDDAR, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CHEROKEE SAUCE, AND PASTURE RAISED TURKEY

PRIME RIB SANDWICH \$13.99
 FRESHLY ROASTED PRIME RIB, HORSERADISH SAUCE AND PASTURE RAISED TURKEY



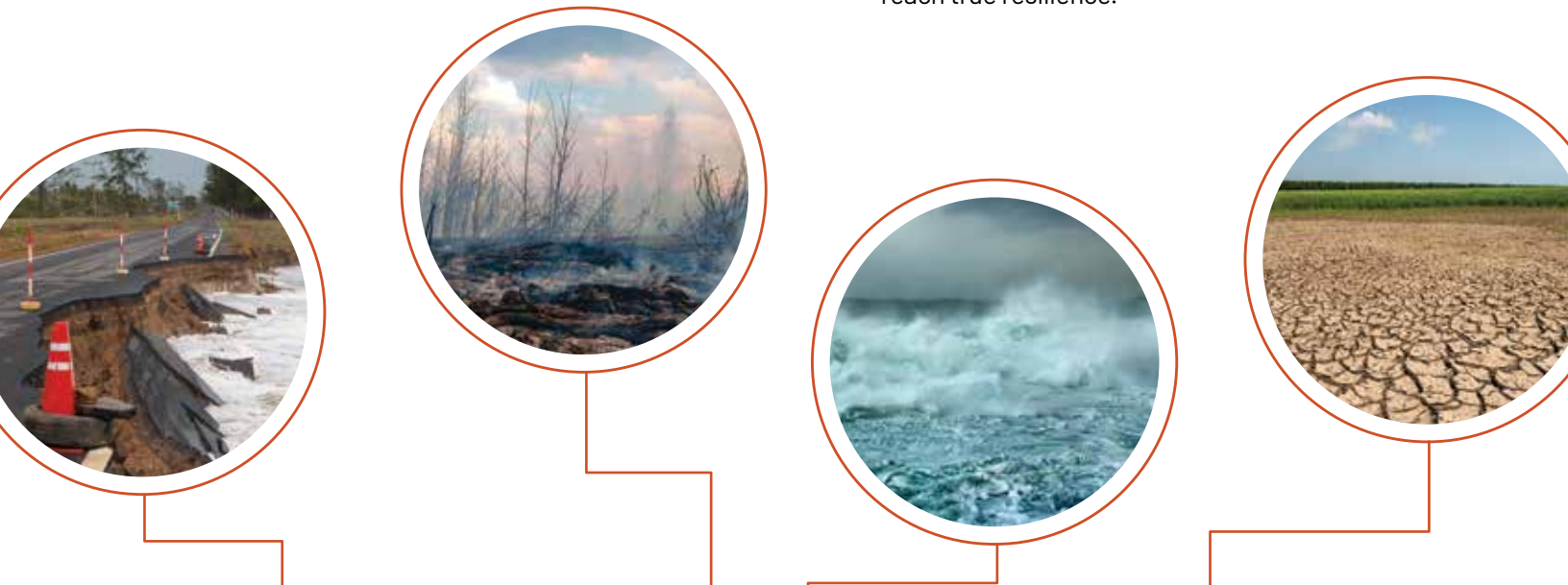
OUR WORK

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

OUR VISION

Climate resilience is the ability to respond, recover, adapt, and thrive in the face of climate change-related disruptions and disasters. In short, it means we ensure that everyone in our community is safe, regardless of economic status, race, or social standing.

To build true community-wide resilience, **CEC is working to inform and mobilize advocates of all ages and backgrounds to strengthen local, regional, and statewide networks** in an effort to stitch together the social fabric needed to reach true resilience.



IN 2021, CEC:

Completed our **Climate Resilience Roundtable** series, which resulted in the release of the groundbreaking community-driven action plan that outlines **11 ways to increase resilience to extreme heat, wildfire, and other natural disasters**.



Worked with partner organizations to launch new projects ranging from **wildlife resilience planning** to the development of **neighborhood resilience centers**.



WHAT'S AHEAD

- Increase resilience to extreme heat, wildfire, and other natural disasters by assessing what programs are needed to address these threats and aligning community strengths and resources to implement them.
- Create opportunities for the community to identify, co-create, and implement resilience solutions, like creating equity action plans in high fire areas to protect the most vulnerable.
- Partner across the region to establish neighborhood climate resilience centers that provide centralized disaster services, support, and education, particularly focused on underrepresented and underserved neighborhoods.

OUR WORK

SPOTLIGHT: CHUMASH GOOD FIRE PROJECT

For generations, the Chumash People regularly burned vegetation using low-grade fires to increase water runoff into streams, improve habitats for plants and animals, and recycle nutrients. Since the early 1900s, these Indigenous cultural burn practices were largely banned in California due to the state's regulations around fire management. **Fortunately, recent shifts in land management strategies have prompted state and local fire agencies to seek Indigenous knowledge to reestablish these practices that help reduce fire risks and promote healthy ecosystems.**

Led by the Santa Ynez Chumash Environmental Office, the Chumash Good Fire Project is building collaboration between fire agencies, land managers, conservation organizations, and Chumash communities to incorporate traditional cultural burning into fire management plans.

"This project is critical to helping us understand how we can collaborate to apply good fire on the ground," said Teresa Romero, Environmental Director for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. "With CEC's support, we've gathered stakeholder interviews that will help inform where and how we implement Indigenous-led fire management across our landscape to increase long-term ecological resilience and address climate change impacts throughout the Central Coast region."





OUR WORK

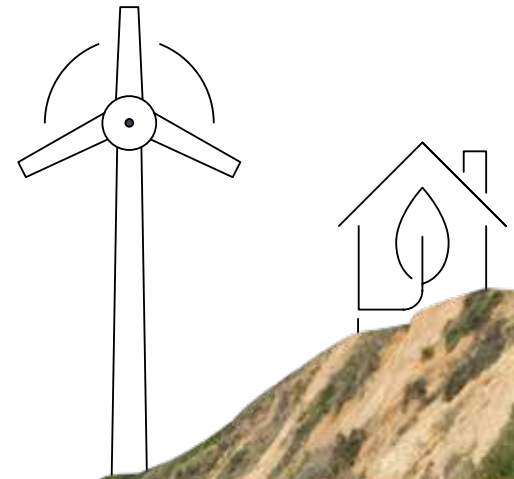
CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

OUR VISION


With the increase in catastrophic climate events, we must expand the number of community members who take an active role in reversing the impacts of climate change.

CEC is working across the region to inform, unite, and activate a broad range of Central Coast residents

to be stewards of climate action so that together, we can move at the unprecedented pace required to reverse, repair, and protect against climate threats.



IN 2021, CEC:

 Partnered with the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources to launch an innovative certification program that trains everyday people to take on-the-ground climate action. **CEC is the first and only nonprofit on the Central Coast to deliver the UC Climate Stewards course**, with participants ranging from young adults to retirees.

To date,
more
than **40**

**INDIVIDUALS HAVE
GRADUATED FROM
THE PROGRAM**



and are actively spreading their enthusiasm for, and knowledge about, climate action to their communities.

 **Informed, activated, and guided more than**

33,000 **INDIVIDUALS ON
CLIMATE ACTION**

through webinars, meetings, events, and roundtable discussions. This work included actively collaborating with underrepresented voices in planning and implementing community-led solutions through our climate resilience and climate justice work.

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Train and certify an increasing number of UC Climate Stewards annually – and continue to build a strong alumni network that spurs a wave of grassroots action across the Central Coast region.
- Partner with Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura County schools to create a high school and college-level climate action program that engages underrepresented and underserved youth, building the next generation of activists.
- Spark innovative climate action through an annual Climate Leadership Summit and monthly education and community events at CEC's new Environmental Hub.

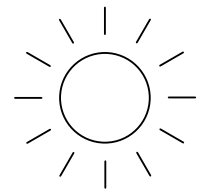
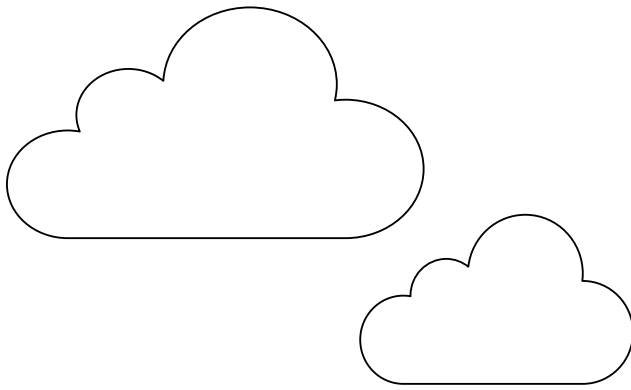
OUR WORK

CLEAN ENERGY

OUR VISION

Knitting together our community's systems to address climate change through clean energy will ensure local communities are taking strong actions, developing innovative, equitable, and replicable programs, and proving that California can reach bolder goals. **CEC is working to rapidly move the Central Coast to using 100% of the electricity that powers**

our homes, businesses, and cars from clean and renewable sources – something we've already made significant strides toward. By moving completely to renewables and electrifying our vehicles and buildings, we can leverage clean electricity to get fossil fuels out of our region for good. The quicker we get there, the greater chance we have of avoiding climate disasters.



IN 2021, CEC:



Hosted Electric Vehicle (EV) education events where

1,000 INDIVIDUALS

learned about EV options, including financial incentives, charging, range, and how to pair home solar with an EV for maximum savings. Additionally, CEC **supported 200 low-to-moderate income households** with direct, one-on-one EV purchase guidance in Spanish and English.



Partnered with the Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN) to raise awareness about and **advance energy-saving support to underserved populations**, who disproportionately experience energy cost burdens.



In partnership with BikeVentura, gathered input in multiple languages from Oxnard's Indigenous farmworkers, unhoused workers, and broader community members about **how to improve transportation and in turn, community health.**



Through CEC's innovative Solarize Nonprofit, assisted Planned Parenthood San Luis Obispo Health Center in installing a **photovoltaic solar system** that is expected to net

\$250,000 IN FINANCIAL SAVINGS

over the next 30 years – and help reduce the region's reliance on fossil fuel energy sources. Since launching in 2018, the program has helped seven nonprofits install photovoltaic solar systems on their facilities.

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Expand efforts to eliminate 100% of the Central Coast region's electricity emissions.
- Expand access to EV purchasing support, with one-on-one priority given to low-to-moderate income drivers with longer commutes so that we can achieve the largest emission reductions and greatest financial benefit.
- Accelerate policies that ensure new construction is energy efficient and carbon neutral.
- Lead the Central Coast in educating and inspiring multi-unit property owners to install solar, delivering clean power and much needed energy bill credits to thousands of affordable housing residents.

OUR WORK

SPOTLIGHT: **ELECTRIC DRIVE 805**

Transportation is responsible for more than half of all of California's carbon emissions, 80 percent of smog-forming pollution, and 95 percent of toxic diesel emissions. Driving less and driving electric are the most impactful things individuals can do to protect their communities from air pollution and climate change.

In 2011, CEC spearheaded the formation of Electric Drive 805, a network of partners dedicated to achieving a rapid and equitable transition to electric vehicles in the 805 area code — spanning from Thousand Oaks to Paso Robles. Led by CEC, the Air Pollution Control Districts of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties, the Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition (C5), and the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, this collaboration continues to make the Central Coast an electric vehicle leader.

Today, the goal of Electric Drive 805 is simple: ensure that clean, zero-emission transportation options are accessible for all of our region's residents, including low-income communities, rural households, and Indigenous peoples.

Because of our collective efforts, our region is home to more than 33,000 electric vehicles.





1,800 CHARGING STATIONS
on the Central Coast

AND

3X THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
of per capita EV drivers

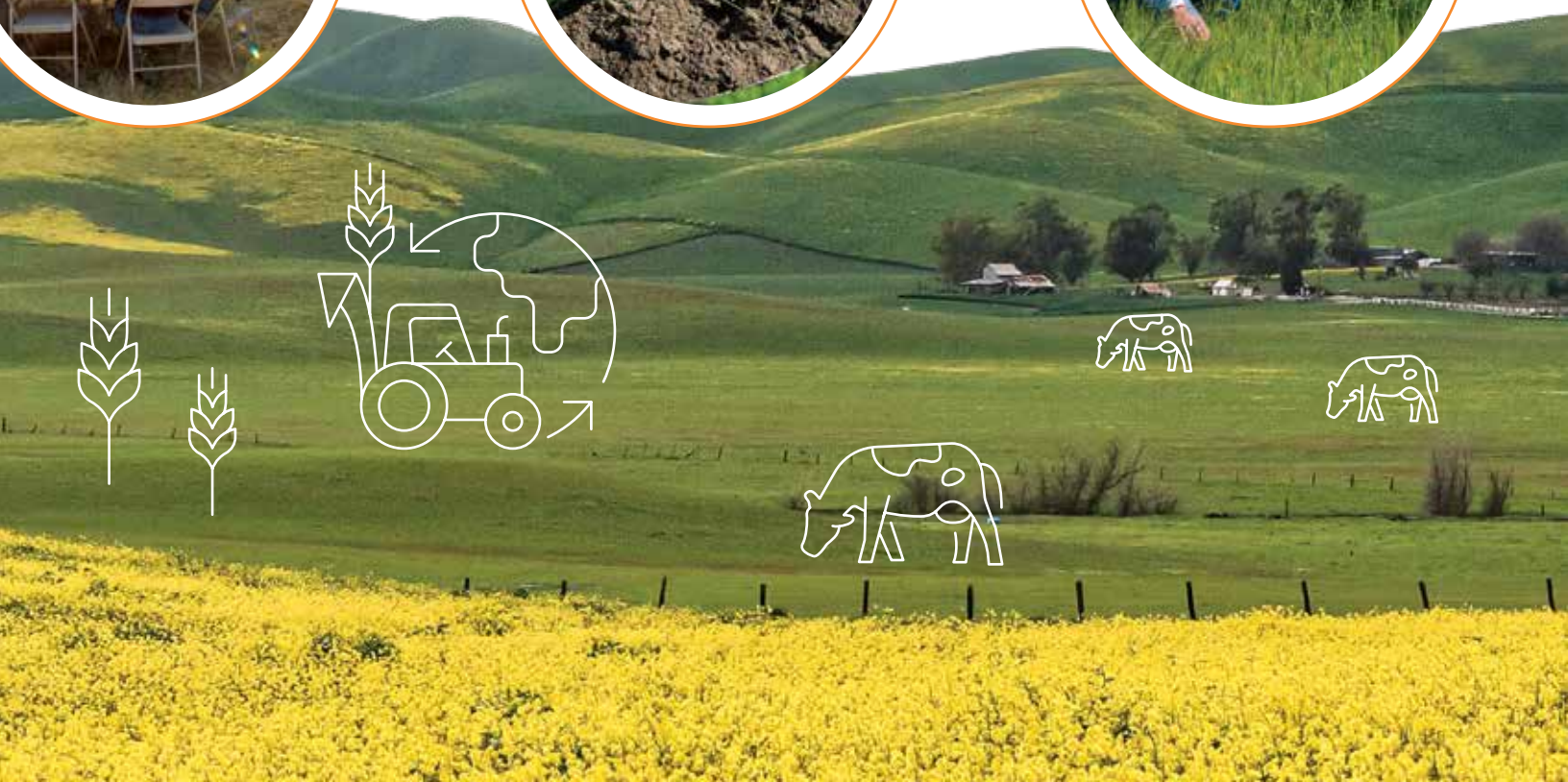
OUR WORK

CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE


OUR VISION

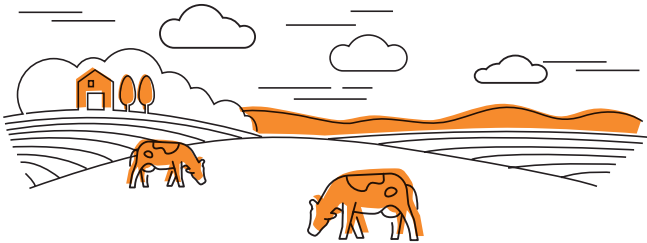
Climate-smart agriculture can help mitigate compounding climate threats such as extended droughts, extreme heat, and wildfire smoke and ash that often damage crops, reduce yields, and make food more expensive to grow. Implementing practices such as mulching, composting, and livestock grazing pulls carbon out of the air (where it hurts us) and sends it back


into the soil (where it helps us). **CEC is working to expand and scale-up these climate-smart agriculture practices that build soil health, retain moisture, and promote biodiversity** so we can reduce the impacts of climate change and create stronger, more resilient food systems in the Central Coast region.



IN 2021, CEC:

 Partnered with farmers and ranchers in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties to **increase the adoption of scalable climate-smart agriculture practices** aimed at sequestering carbon, boosting crop productivity, and increasing soil water holding capacity.



 Working at the **intersection of climate change, health, and equity**, collaborated across the region to rescue high quality food, promote the reduction of methane-causing food waste in landfills, and reduce food insecurity.



WHAT'S AHEAD

- Continue to work across the ranching and farming communities to accelerate adoption of nature-based strategies aimed at drawing down legacy greenhouse gasses.
- Integrate climate-smart agriculture and wildfire resilience by developing a regional community-supported grazing strategy using sheep and goats in high-risk fire areas.
- Scale-up compost application on agricultural lands to increase carbon capture and soil health by increasing access to affordable compost and spreading options.
- Develop innovative financing models that strengthen collaborations, and provide technical assistance and other critical resources to those who are implementing nature-based climate solutions.

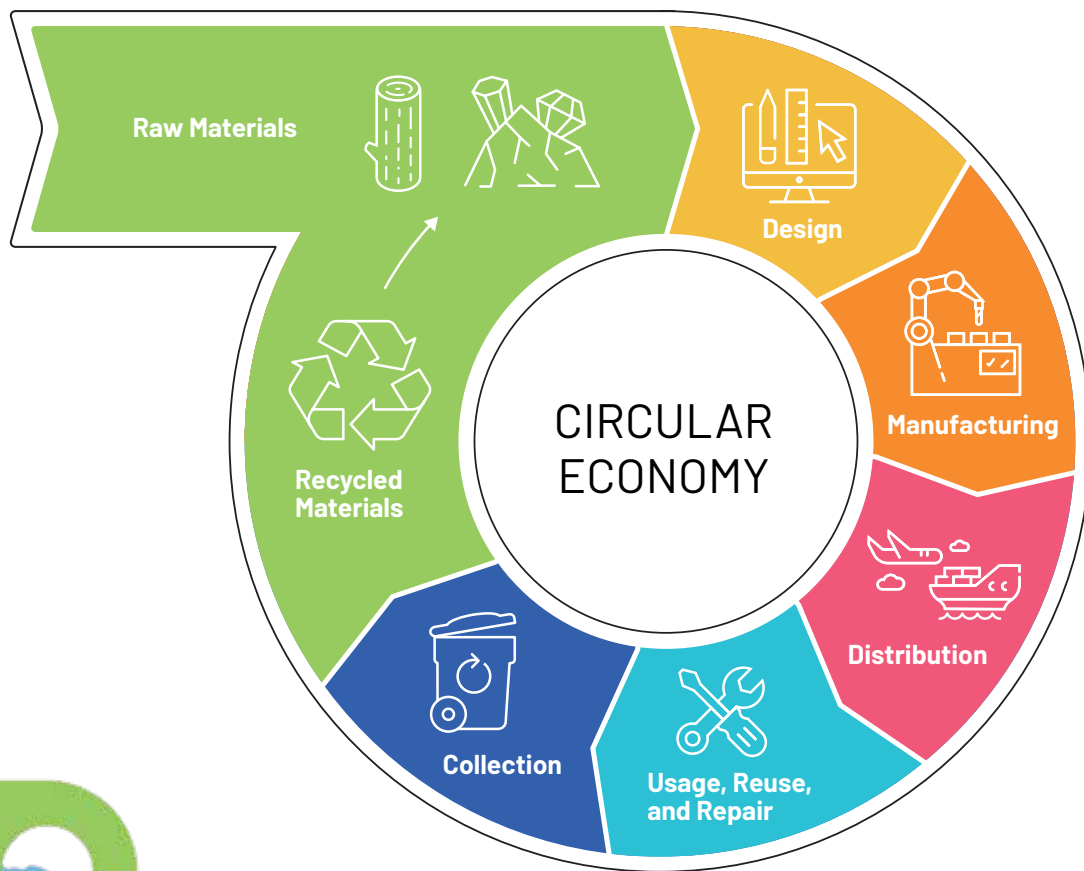
OUR WORK

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

OUR VISION

For several decades, our region has looked to recycling as a landfill diversion solution – but it's not enough. **CEC continues to lead the Central Coast in pursuing a circular economy model** that designs out single-use products and replaces them with closed-loop systems that shift greater

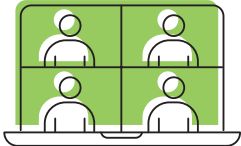
responsibility for waste to the companies that make and distribute products. Today, our focus is educating and activating the public to support policies that demand reusable, refillable packaging models.



IN 2021, CEC:



Engaged with more than 200 individuals to share information about the **environmental advantages of**



closed-loop systems and the evolution of sustainable business practices.



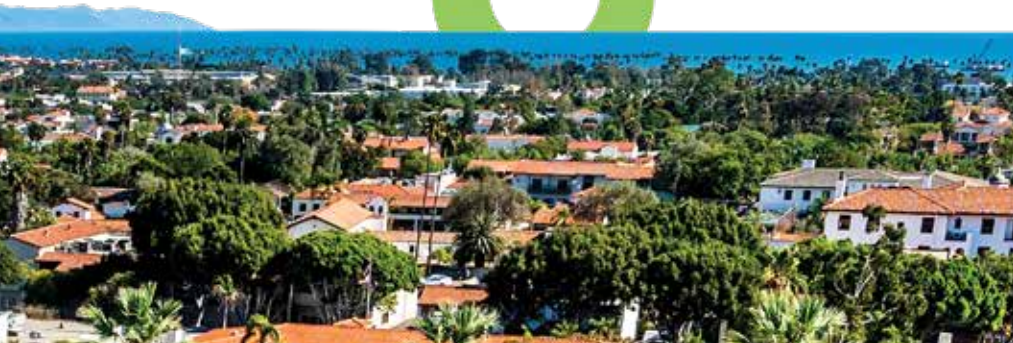
Collaborated with Ablitt's Fine Cleaners & Tailors and Santa Barbara Channelkeeper to **divert 29 tons (and counting) of film plastic from the landfill** through an upcycling program that repurposes these hard-to-recycle plastics.



Reduced single-use plastic bottle consumption by **6 million through 116 bottle filling hydration stations.**

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Continue to build a circular economy model in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties that reduces urban food waste, converts remaining waste to usable products (such as compost and renewable electricity), and uses those products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Build on 15-plus years of success reducing single-use plastics in our region, including advocating for plastic waste ordinances and installing dozens of refillable water stations in schools and parks across the region.
- Host more online webinars and in-person events that inform our region about the critical importance of adopting a circular economy model that designs waste out of the system.



OUR PARTNERS

170+

Active Partnerships

CEC is built on the foundation that it will take all of us, working together in new ways, to solve the climate crisis. Bound together by a shared sense of urgency and accountability, we are working to accelerate progress and stitch together a community of true resilience.

IN 2021, CEC PARTNERED WITH:

350.org Santa Barbara	Cachuma Resource Conservation District	Citizens Climate Lobby	County of Santa Barbara, Public Health
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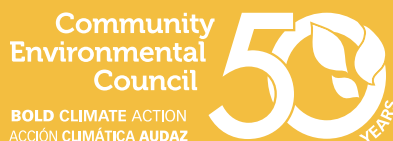
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