



Technical Advisory Council

Item 12: Implementing Nature-Based Solutions in the Eastern Sierra

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Introduction

The presentation from Mammoth Lakes Town Council and TAC Member John Wentworth will provide an overview of efforts by regional practitioners to implement a variety of projects that lie at the intersection of state of California initiatives with implications for climate change adaptation and resilience. These efforts include proactive wildfire mitigation, 30x30 asset preservation, and job creation and economic development through Sierra Jobs First Catalyst-funded projects.

Sierra Jobs First

California Jobs First is a Statewide Investment in job creation, industrial strategy, and economic development initiatives to create a greener and more equitable economy.

The state is divided into thirteen separate regions, each with its own process. Sierra Business Council, a Sierra-based nonprofit, was selected as the convener for what the state defined as the “Eastern Sierra” region, comprising the seven counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Tuolumne.

Once the region submitted its [Strategic Plan](#) in August 2024, the Catalyst funding phase began, a historic, state-led initiative to create economic resilience and a community-led, climate-forward future for California. In March 2025, [a total of \\$9M was awarded to 40 projects](#) meeting the pre-implementation, planning-phase criteria for Catalyst funding under the initiative, and with the most potential to align with regional strategies to grow climate-resilient, equitable jobs.