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## **2025-2026 ICARP Priorities**

With guidance from the California Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation’s (LCI) Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) Technical Advisory Council, ICARP staff implement a suite of programmatic priorities for 2025-2026 centered on four themes. This quarterly staff report summarizes programmatic updates and their alignment with the following priorities:

### **Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities**

Build lasting, respectful partnerships with California Native American Tribes and vulnerable communities by centering Tribal sovereignty, expanding inclusive engagement opportunities, and aligning state efforts with local needs. Improve grant accessibility, ensure language access, support informed decision-making, and enhance community capacity through targeted training and technical assistance.

### **Showcase Impact Through Storytelling**

Elevate the voices of local communities by sharing stories of climate resilience through accessible campaigns, case studies, and inclusive outreach. Highlight community-led successes, demonstrate the co-benefits of adaptation efforts, and use robust data to celebrate and track progress across California.

### **Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools**

Develop and enhance data tools and resources to guide equitable local planning and climate adaptation. Support Tribally-led and community-driven research, translate complex information for practical use, and coordinate regionally-specific strategies that reflect shared priorities and respect Indigenous data governance.

### **Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action**

Prioritize investments in frontline communities and foster cross-sector partnerships to drive equitable resilience outcomes. Leverage ICARP’s coordinating role, provide technical and funding support for local efforts, and promote integrated, regionally-driven approaches to climate adaptation across jurisdictions.

*See Appendix A for the full list of priorities.*

## ICARP Highlights

- **Fifth Assessment Rollout:** Reports and key findings from the Fifth Assessment will be ready to roll out the public on the California Climate Assessment website, beginning in Summer 2026. LCI will offer various engagement opportunities, tailored materials, tools, and technical assistance to promote findings, foster networking, enhance learning, and support connections between research, investments, and on-the-ground action (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities; Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).
- **New Vulnerable Community Platform (VCP) tools:** Staff released a new feature for the VCP – a Report Generator that creates a PDF document with a complete breakdown of the VCP’s data for a select block group, tract, zip code, or Census Designated Place. In collaboration with CNRA, LCI also published a guide for program administrators on how to use the VCP can be used for identifying populations most vulnerable to climate change, and what is required to count for the 40 percent requirement in the Climate Bond (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).
- **Climate Ready Cohort:** The pilot Climate Ready Cohort has completed the 6-month climate vulnerability assessment curriculum. The curriculum led Cohort members through preparing a vulnerability assessment for their communities based on VCP data and tools. Cohort members are now organizing engagement events and outreach to get community insights that will inform their assessments. (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities; Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).
- **Extreme Heat Action Plan Final Drafting.** In response to feedback from the public comment period, CNRA and LCI, alongside agency partners, have been working on finalizing the EHAP draft. The draft was shared with agency partners on April 27 for final feedback and then was shared with GO for final approval.
- **Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant Round 2.** A first draft of Round 2 grant guidelines were released for public comment earlier this year and currently being updated based on feedback received. Round 2 will launch this summer, with applications due in fall and awards by January 2027.
- **Adaptation Planning Grant Program (APGP):** Staff will continue to finalize APGP case studies for posting on the Adaptation Clearinghouse to document lessons learned, best practices, and key outcomes from Round 1 grantees (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Showcase Impact Through Storytelling*).
- **Regional Resilient Grant Program (RRGP):** On April 28<sup>th</sup>, RRGF grantee, the California Water Institute at California State University, Fresno Foundation presented on their project at the San Joaquin Valley Catalyst Convening hosted by LCI and SGC. The CA Water Institute shared strategies of their planning project to turn flood risk into water resilience within a 4-county region. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).

# California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment

Staff Lead: [Elea Becker Lowe](#)

## Background

California's Climate Assessment is a multi-year research effort with government, academic, Tribal, and community partners to generate new data, original research, and syntheses on the ways climate change impacts California's diverse communities. At the direction of [SB 1320 \(Stern, 2020\)](#) and with funding from the [2021 Climate Budget](#), ICARP is coordinating California's Fifth Climate Change Assessment in partnership with the California Energy Commission, California Natural Resources Agency, California Strategic Growth Council, and more than 500 expert and community partners. The Fifth Assessment includes the latest climate change projections and modeling for California's future climate, original research that fills gaps in the state's understanding of climate impacts, regional and topical reports uplifting community priorities throughout the state, decision-support tools, and a first-of-its-kind [Tribal Research Program](#). Through a community-driven research process, the Fifth Assessment is being uniquely developed to support on-the-ground implementation and decision-making at local, regional, Tribal, and state levels, with a focus on the needs of communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

Thanks to partnerships with diverse research teams, including academics, Tribal communities, community representatives, practitioners, and other subject matter experts, the Fifth Assessment is on track to deliver findings from nearly 70 reports and data products to the public starting in summer 2026.

## Recent Accomplishments

- Led by Editorial Board Lead Editor, Dr. Pramod Khargonekar of University of California, Irvine, Deputy Lead Editor, Dr. Trent Biggs of San Diego State University, and with support from UC Berkeley California Institute for the Energy and Environment, the Fifth Assessment portfolio is undergoing a comprehensive review and editing process, including reviews by subject matter experts, the Tribal Advisory Group, and State Agencies. This process ensures the portfolio's scientific integrity and accessibility. (*Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools Priority*).
- The Fifth Assessment team has partnered with the UC Davis Institute of the Environment and other key partners to support the final publication of key materials and plan an engaging and equitable rollout process to share the best available science with California's diverse communities. This will include opportunities for connecting research to action, capacity-building, education, and storytelling. (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities Priority*).

## Looking Ahead

- Reports and key findings from the Fifth Assessment will be ready to roll out the public on the California Climate Assessment website, beginning in Summer 2026. LCI will offer various engagement opportunities, tailored materials, tools, and

technical assistance to promote findings, foster networking, enhance learning, and support connections between research, investments, and on-the-ground action.

- The Fifth Assessment will be featured during the Resilient California Summit (co-organized by LCI, Climate Resolve, Farallon Strategies and the California Natural Resources Agency) in Sacramento from October 20-22, 2026. This summit will bring together climate adaptation and resilience practitioners, local and state government, Tribal partners, community organizers, utilities, private firms, and academia to celebrate and uplift climate resiliency efforts in California. This will be a key moment to highlight major findings and discuss opportunities for strengthening adaptation and resilience throughout the state. (*Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools Priority; Showcase Impact Through Storytelling Priority*).

## Climate Services

Staff Lead: [Ben McMahan](#)

### Background

The ICARP Climate Services Program helps local, regional, and state public agencies; community-based organizations; and Tribes in California understand and use climate change information to advance climate adaptation. The program develops climate adaptation guidance and tools, helps people use climate change science and data, supports local adaptation planning and projects, and assists California public agencies and other organizations in making climate-resilient decisions and investments. The Climate Services Program's portfolio includes the Adaptation Clearinghouse, Cal-Adapt support, State Adaptation Guidance, technical assistance, and the Vulnerable Communities Platform (VCP).

### Recent Accomplishments

- In April, staff released a new feature for the VCP – a Report Generator that creates a PDF document with a complete breakdown of the VCP's data for a select block group, tract, zip code, or Census Designated Place. Ultimately, this tool allows users to quickly summarize climate vulnerability at various scales and ensures users less adept at working with maps are still able to access the data and information they need for grant applications, developing climate adaptation plans, and informing outreach (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).
- In collaboration with CNRA, LCI published a guide to use the VCP for the 2024 Climate Bond (Proposition 4) for program administrators of bond-funded programs. The guide explains how the tool can be used for identifying populations most vulnerable to climate change, and what is required to count for the 40 percent requirement in the Climate Bond when using the VCP (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).
- Staff supported peer-to-peer learning sessions for the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Round 1 Grantees in Southern California in March 2026. These sessions were focused on how data can be used to inform grantee

projects. At these sessions, staff also shared the VCP and other tools that can be used to support extreme heat projects (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).

- The pilot Climate Ready Cohort has completed the 6-month climate vulnerability assessment curriculum. The curriculum led Cohort members through preparing a vulnerability assessment for their communities based on VCP data and tools. Cohort members are now organizing engagement events and outreach to get community insights that will inform their assessments. These events will be ongoing through the spring and summer (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities; Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).

### **Looking Ahead**

- LCI is supporting the update to the Adaptation Planning Guide in partnership with CalOES and CNRA. The Adaptation Planning Guide will provide a framework for local adaptation planning. Staff are leveraging new data, tools, and resources in the State's portfolio to ensure the update reflects the best available science and resources for users. Staff look to release a draft for public comment in summer 2026 (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools; Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).
- Staff are incorporating the use of the VCP into the guidelines for Round 2 of the EHCRP. This will help the program identify vulnerable populations to prioritize in funding and also provide a resource to prospective grantees to help tell their story of why their community is vulnerable to extreme heat. This will be the first application of the VCP in a State grant program (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools; Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).
- Based on the technical assistance pilot for EHCRP grantees, staff are identifying lessons learned and opportunities. These discussions will inform development of subsequent TA support for later rounds of EHCRP and other programs. We aim to provide tailored and relevant support for grantees (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools; Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- LCI continues to work on additional features and functions for the VCP, including a separate climate data viewer to highlight climate data relevant to resilience planning, decoupled from the social data (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools*).
- Staff are exploring options for subsequent rounds of the Climate Ready Cohort training pilot, based on lessons learned, as well as widespread interest from potential participants statewide (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools; Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).

# Community Planning and Capacity Building – Recovery Support Function

Staff Lead: Sierra Woodruff

## Background

In partnership with the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), LCI serves as the lead state agency on the Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function (CPCB-RSF), which strengthens the adaptive capacity of local governments to plan for and implement long-term disaster resilience and recovery programs by coordinating information, technical assistance, and funding. LCI, through ICARP, works to integrate climate adaptation and resilience policies into hazard mitigation, emergency management, and disaster recovery programs. To extend the impact of the CPCB-RSF, the ICARP team will lead the development of a peer-to-peer learning network for disaster resilience and long-term recovery planning.

## Recent Accomplishments

- Staff continue to provide long-term support and technical assistance to communities affected by the Palisades and Eaton Fires to support long-term recovery planning (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- LCI staff, in collaboration with Cal OES and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) partners, continue to track projects and emergent needs, as well as gaps and opportunities regarding funding, to support priorities identified in the Recovery Needs Assessment (RNA) and Recovery Support Strategy (RSS) for Los Angeles County, following the Palisades and Eaton Fires. (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities; Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).

## Looking Ahead

- CPCB monthly meetings are transitioning to include a broader network of stakeholders, including those affected by previous disasters. The RSF will continue to support LA city and county governments in long term recovery, but are also reconnecting with previous collaborators, to identify opportunities to support anticipatory planning for disaster and long-term recovery statewide. (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities; Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).
- Staff continue to coordinate with and support CPCB leads at Cal OES as they explore options for how lessons learned from the 2025 Los Angeles area fires and other disasters could be used to develop recovery framework guidance (*Expand Localized Data, Research, and Tools; Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).

# ICARP Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Portfolio

Staff Lead: [Braden Kay](#)

## Background

Extreme heat is a public health, climate resilience, and social equity problem that will impact every community in California. The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP) builds capacity for heat action planning and project implementation in the most heat-burdened communities through both their grants and policy work.

The EHCRP invests in local, regional, and Tribal heat reduction and mitigation efforts. In its first round of funding in FY 2024-25, the grant program awarded nearly \$32 million across 45 projects in 23 counties to deliver practical, community-led solutions. Project examples include:

1. **Solar-powered air conditioning for vulnerable households**, paired with workforce development opportunities to help local youth enter the growing green economy.
2. **Heat-proofing parks and green spaces**, alongside community-centered training programs that build awareness and readiness for extreme heat.
3. **Thirty-one new heat resilience planning projects** - currently there are only 10–15 extreme heat plans nationwide – this investment marks a pivotal step toward accepted national practices for heat resilience planning.

With funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and Climate Bond (Proposition 4) dollars, the program will support a second round of awards in FY 2025-26. Nearly 500 community members and partners helped shape this next phase through input sessions held in summer and fall 2025. Draft guidelines will be released for public comment in February, with the application anticipated to be released in Summer 2026. The next set of extreme heat solutions is expected to move into implementation by Summer 2026.

The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience portfolio also includes updating California's [2022 Extreme Heat Action Plan](#) (Action Plan). This plan outlines a strategic and comprehensive set of state actions to address extreme heat. Actions in the plan are organized around four tracks: building public awareness, strengthening community response, increasing the resilience of our built environment, and utilizing nature-based solutions. These tracks include established and recommended state actions to address extreme heat. California committed to updating the Extreme Heat Action Plan in 2026 and every three years thereafter (SB 306, Caballero 2023) to promote comprehensive, coordinated, and effective state and local government action on extreme heat. CNRA and ICARP staff will work with agency partners and members of the public to deliver the 2026 Action Plan update.

EHCRP is also working with the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the California Department of Insurance, Cal OES, and the California Department of Public Health in support of the development and dissemination of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA) CalHeatScore. The CalHeatScore tool can be used by local governments, Tribes, community-based organizations, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and other institutions to protect the most vulnerable Californians from deadly heat

waves through increased awareness and intentional preparedness. LCI had a partnership with UCLA Luskin Center and the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative (LARC) to produce training materials, webinars, and videos to support local jurisdictions, Tribes, and CBOs in using the tool.

### **Recent Accomplishments**

- **Extreme Heat Action Plan Engagement.** EHCRP hosted 5 in-person regional workshops across the state in March and April to provide updates on Round 2 of the grant program, heat data tools, California's Extreme Heat Action Plan, and other state resources on heat resilience (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*)
- **Extreme Heat Action Plan Public Comment.** The Extreme Heat Action Plan draft was released for public comment on February 25, 2026. During the public comment period, the EHCRP team held in-person workshops in Fresno, Riverside, and Redding. The workshops attracted over 100 participants and staff collected general plan and track-specific feedback from members. During the public comment period, an online survey was also available for feedback. When the public comment period closed on April 8, the data collected during public outreach and through the online survey was analyzed and key themes were shared with agency partners. (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities; Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*)
- **Extreme Heat Action Plan Final Drafting.** In response to feedback from the public comment period, CNRA and LCI, alongside agency partners, have been working on finalizing the EHAP draft. The draft was shared with agency partners on April 27 for final feedback and then was shared with GO for final approval. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*)
- **CalHeatScore Outreach.** EHCRP, in partnership with the OEHHA and LARC, held its 6<sup>th</sup> and final CalHeatScore Webinar on March 4<sup>th</sup>. This webinar looked ahead to the 2026 heat season, highlighted how CalHeatScore can support local resiliency efforts, and shared updates on the tool and related resources. Throughout the series, 884 individuals attended CalHeatScore webinars. Alongside partners at OEHHA, CDPH, and UCLA, EHCRP also held a train-the-trainer session on February 13<sup>th</sup> for state agency partners and co-created a User Guide for individuals and institutions to integrate the tool in decision-making processes (*Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools*).
- **Round 1 General Update.** Grantees are 10 months into their 30-month contracts. The first Round 1 grantee, working on an expedited timeline, is scheduled to wrap in Summer 2026. This \$250K investment is producing a bus stop shelter design for hard-to-shade areas and forged a partnership between Kounkuey Design Initiative and LA County Public Works (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).
- **Round 1 Grantee Visits.** EHCRP completed over 12 site visits including: Lake County; the Town of Paradise where they're developing plans to increase community

heat resilience while recovering from wildfire; and Imperial County where funding is supporting street-level outreach (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).

- **Round 1 Peer Learning Program.** Peer-to-peer learning kicked off in March, grantees will have opportunities to connect based on region and technical area to build meaningful connections across the cohort. A contractor came on board to support current grantees and scale peer learning and technical assistance to future cohorts (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- **Round 2 Draft Guidelines.** A first draft of Round 2 grant guidelines were released for public comment earlier this year and currently being updated based on feedback received.

### Looking Ahead

- **Extreme Heat Action Plan Release – Summer 2026.** The Extreme Heat Action Plan will be released by July 1, 2026. The final report will be designed by staff at the Department of Fish & Wildlife and include new updates that stem from the feedback we received during the public comment period. CNRA and LCI intend to disseminate this plan across the state and are finalizing roll out plans.
- **Round 2 Launch – Summer 2026.** Round 2 launches this summer, with applications due in fall and awards by January 2027. The round will focus on planning and rolling out extreme heat infrastructure, spanning both built environment and nature-based solutions (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).

## ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant Program

Staff Lead: Sarah Samdin

### Background

In 2021, LCI received funding in the state budget for the ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant Program (APGP) to support local, regional, and Tribal adaptation planning across California.

As communities in California experience more frequent, prolonged, and severe impacts of climate change, state, regional, local, and Tribal governments are undertaking adaptation and resiliency planning. However, many jurisdictions lack the capacity, tools, guidance, and resources to effectively prepare for climate impacts. To meet this need, APGP provides funding to help fill planning needs, provides communities the resources to identify climate resilience priorities, and supports the development of a pipeline of climate resilient infrastructure projects across the state.

Key priorities of APGP are:

- Explicitly and meaningfully prioritize equitable outcomes, particularly in the most vulnerable communities.
- Encourage communities to equitably plan for and respond to multiple climate risks.
- Build statewide capacity to plan for and implement equitable planning strategies.

- Embed equity into the planning process, from project visioning through project evaluation.
- Support coordination and alignment of state and federal climate and disaster resilience funding programs.

### **Recent Accomplishments**

- In April, the City of San Fernando, APGP grantee, unanimously adopted its first Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan and updates to its Mobility and Open Space Elements in its General Plan. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools*).
- Staff are working with Round 1 grantees to uplift key milestones and accomplishments on LCI social media platforms (*Showcase Impact Through Storytelling, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- All Round 1 grantees have completed all programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements. Staff is wrapping up program close out and documenting lessons learned to support streamlining of ICARP Grant Program processes. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action*).

### **Looking Ahead**

- Staff will continue to finalize APGP case studies for posting on the Adaptation Clearinghouse to document lessons learned, best practices, and key outcomes from Round 1 grantees (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Showcase Impact Through Storytelling*).

## **ICARP Regional Resilience Planning & Implementation Grant Program**

Staff Lead: [Dolores Barajas](#)

### **Background**

ICARP developed the Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program to fund planning and implementation resilience projects on a regional scale. Available to California Native American Tribes, public entities, CBOs, and academic institutions, the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) supports diverse partnerships in advancing resilience to multiple climate risks. In 2023, the program awarded \$21.8 million in grants to 16 projects. Awards were offered through a competitive process and through funding set-asides.

Key Priorities of ICARP’s Regional Resilience Grant Program are to:

- Support regional projects aligned with ICARP priorities that improve regional climate resilience and reduce climate risks from wildfire, sea level rise, drought, flood, increasing temperatures, and extreme heat events.

- Support projects or actions that address the greatest climate risks in the region, particularly in the most vulnerable communities.
- Fill the gaps in climate resilience funding and support sustainable and cohesive climate resilient projects.

### **Recent Accomplishments**

- Staff completed quarterly check-in meetings with each of the 16 grantees, to assess progress, discuss any issues, and identify support LCI can provide. Notably, these meetings included initial planning for the grant project's closeout timeline. (*Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- On March 7<sup>th</sup>, RRGF grantee, the Coachella Valley Water District, partnered with Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation (PUCDC) to sponsor Ganas de Fiesta, a community event. Their participation focused on water quality, conservation, and climate resilience. Attendees learned how to protect local water resources and received free water testing and conservation kits to use at home. This work was part of the broader effort supported through their RRGF water resilience planning grant. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- The RRGF project, the Le Grand Community Water Program in Merced County recently completed drilling a community well as part of their project deliverables. Water testing met quality standards, and the grantee is working on purchasing the land of the well site. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- RRGF grantee, San Diego County in partnership with the Resource Conservation District, held 3 community chipping events throughout the county. Community chipping events are designed so that residents can bring their hazardous vegetation to a central location in the community to be chipped and hauled away. The county also provides curbside services and roadside vegetation management along evacuation corridors as part of their RRGF project, Regional Cohesive Fires Strategy for Evacuation Preparedness and Wildfire Resilience. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).
- On April 28<sup>th</sup>, RRGF grantee, the California Water Institute at California State University, Fresno Foundation presented on their project at the San Joaquin Valley Catalyst Convening hosted by LCI and SGC. The CA Water Institute shared strategies of their planning project to turn flood risk into water resilience within a 4-county region. (*Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).

### **Looking Ahead**

- (Spring) RRGF staff will host the 5<sup>th</sup> technical assistance workshop for grantees, focusing on the grant close-out process, including the final report and case study,

illustrating the milestones, barriers, and lessons learned throughout the grant cycle  
(*Showcase Impact Through Storytelling, Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities*).

## Appendix A

### Cultivate Trust and Empower Communities

- A. Deepen partnerships with California Native American Tribes and Indigenous communities that meaningfully respond to Tribal feedback, include consistent and reliable engagement opportunities, and honor and respect Tribal sovereignty.
- B. Foster meaningful ongoing relationships with grantees, local governments, youth, and vulnerable communities.
- C. Strengthen participatory and equitable grant processes that prioritize community needs and enhance accessibility to State funds.
- D. Evaluate and address shortcomings in community support and engagement to better align State efforts with local priorities.
- E. Align public engagement, technical assistance, policies, investments, and State-funded research to meet the diverse needs and contexts across regions. This includes providing language access for non-English speaking communities.
- F. Build capacity in vulnerable communities through focused technical assistance and training programs.
- G. Guarantee reliable public access to statewide and locally specific information to support informed decision-making.

### Showcase Impact Through Storytelling

- A. Develop tailored outreach campaigns, case studies, and storytelling initiatives to demonstrate the tangible outcomes of climate adaptation investments. Ensure outreach and storytelling are conducted in a way to meet the needs of vulnerable communities, including persons with disabilities and the hearing impaired.
- B. Highlight locally led efforts and success stories across California communities to inspire action and enhance public understanding.
- C. Uplift Tribal voices, stories, and perspectives, highlighting the work California Native American Tribes and Indigenous communities have done since time immemorial.
- D. Track, analyze, and celebrate investments, policy adoption, and project implementation with robust data to ensure long-term progress.
- E. Communicate the co-benefits of resilience efforts, such as job creation, improved health, cost savings from disasters, and opportunities for innovative economic models (e.g., worker-owned cooperatives).

### Expand Localized Data, Research and Tools

- A. Further develop and leverage informational resources, frameworks, and tools to guide local governments in assessing vulnerabilities and implementing adaptation actions.
- B. Identify shared regional and local priorities to streamline efforts, avoid duplicative processes, and ensure consistent messaging.
- C. Expand decision-support tools and data resources to deliver equity-centered guidance, enhance local planning capacity, and support resilience-oriented recovery from climate impacts.
- D. Support low-capacity users with technical assistance, translating complex data and information into actionable insights for projects and plans.

- E. Fund Tribally-led research and knowledge sharing that respects Indigenous data governance and acknowledges the unique relationships and histories of Tribes in California.
- F. Develop regionally-specific action-based research that uplifts local priorities through a community-driven research model.

### **Implement Innovative Adaptation and Resilience Action**

- A. Prioritize investments in climate adaptation and resilience efforts in the communities most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
- B. Utilize ICARP's role as an interagency connector to advance a comprehensive and coordinated response across state agencies for equitable climate adaptation and resilience outcomes.
- C. Foster and invest in diverse partnerships among public, private, Tribal, and community-based entities.
- D. Support access to multiple funding mechanisms for local projects.
- E. Provide technical assistance to align plans, accelerating the development and implementation of holistic resilience plans.
- F. Provide technical assistance, evaluation, and case studies for climate adaptation infrastructure and programs.
- G. Identify opportunities to fund regional resilience efforts that help interconnected and diverse communities build resilience across jurisdictional boundaries.