



## LA HRTC Steering Committee Meeting Summary Notes and Transcript September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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### Meeting Summary Notes

#### **SCAG Presentation of EPA' Climate Reduction Grant Program**

The meeting begins with greetings and overview of the agenda. A meeting moves to cover a presentation by Ryan Wolf from SCAG about the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program, which aims to support efforts in complying with the Paris Accords and reducing emissions. Ryan provides background information on the program, its objectives, timeline, and eligibility criteria for applying for grants. He also discusses the different agencies involved in facilitating the effort and highlights the importance of creating a Regional Climate Action Plan as a prerequisite for implementation funding. The transcript ends with an explanation of phase two of the program, which involves applying for implementation grants ranging from 2 million to 500 million dollars. Eligible applicants include states, municipalities, tribes, and territories. Individual applicants can sub-award to other jurisdictions, including counties and cities. Coalitions can also apply together. Programs can be new or expanded, with a focus on GHG reduction and benefiting disadvantaged communities. Various sectors are eligible for funding, including transportation, electric power, industrial, wastewater, sustainable materials, agriculture, and carbon removal projects. The program aims to strengthen regional climate planning and collaboration. CBOs may partner with municipalities or other eligible entities but cannot apply directly. There is uncertainty regarding partnerships between public agencies and nonprofits due to lack of clarity in the NOFO guidance. Specific projects and investments that benefit communities should be included in the PCAP for eligibility purposes.

#### **Steering Committee Introductions:**

The meeting proceeded with an opportunity for introductions so that the Steering Committee members could get to know one another. The participants express excitement about working together to create sustainable and equitable opportunities for communities in Los Angeles County.

#### **Election Results: Chair, Vice Chair A and Vice Chair B**

The CERF team overviewed the election results and announced Kevin Harbour as the newly elected chair of the Steering Committee. Andrea Slater will be Vice Chair A and Stella Ursua will be Vice Chair B. Results are displayed in the PowerPoint presentation.

#### **Steering Committee Bylaws Update:**

An update on the Bylaws was given. The CERF team has received the feedback from the SC members, and they are working on drafting a working document with the request provisions. Feedback from steering committee members was given that working meetings should be scheduled to allow the SC members to work more thoroughly on the Bylaws. The CERF Team committed to working with the Chairs to implement working meetings to help draft and finalize the Bylaws document. A working document will be shared for further review and comments next week.

#### **Fiscal Agent Updates: CCF**

Matia provided updates stating that 2/3 research reports have been contracted. Beacon Economics and CVL Economics, Industry Cluster Contract did not receive any bids, CCF is working on a solution. Steering Committee members requested a profile of the 2 research companies that were chosen for the research contracts. CCF is working on contracting with PayKeeper, that will work with them on issuing out the grants to all the Affinity Hub Leads, would like to have that completed in the next couple of weeks.

Maria provided an update that the Catalyst grant application has been shared with Fiscal Agents, as an invite only solicitation. The Convenor, Fiscal Agent and Chairs will be meeting with the grant writer later today to begin looking at that grant application. LAN'Synch was recognized for bringing the support to hire a grant writer to assist in applying for the Catalyst funding. Steering Committee Members requested to see the application; Maria committed to sharing this with the CERF team to include in the meeting highlights newsletter that will be going out to the Steering Committee.

### Upcoming Meetings

LA HRTC Biweekly Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 2:00 pm

LA HRTC Partners Meeting:

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - 10:00 AM

### Actionable Items

1. **Bylaws Update:** The CERF team will be working on drafting a working document for the bylaws based on the feedback received from the steering committee members. Once the draft is more fleshed out, it will be shared with the steering committee for further review and feedback before finalization. Working Meetings will be coordinated for Steering Committee members to work through the bylaws document.
2. **Research Reports:** The second research report on Industry Clusters did not receive any bids. The proposed solution is to ask Civil Economics and Beacon Economics, who were awarded the other research reports, if they can also take on the responsibility of completing the Industry Cluster report. The CERF team will provide an update as a solution is reached.
  - a. The Steering Committee requested for a profile of the two research companies that were awarded a contract. The profiles will be shared in the meeting highlights newsletter.
3. **Fiscal Agent Update:** The Fiscal team is working on executing contracts with Civil Economics, Beacon Economics, and Paykeeper, who will be responsible for issuing grants to the affinity hub leads. They are also meeting with a grant writer and the steering committee chairs to discuss the Catalyst Grant Application.
4. **Labor Engagement:** There is a plan to address labor engagement by having a meeting between the steering committee chairs and the state, followed by a meeting between labor and the chairs to discuss their involvement.
5. **Open Action List:** It was suggested to create a Google shared keep track of open action items and doc to allow steering committee members to submit action items, and agenda items.

### Meeting Chat Box

Alan Cheam

04:19

Good afternoon, Steering Committee members! Please submit your attendance here:

<https://forms.gle/gAo5soVNqSn9LTuw8>

Sejal's iPhone

05:32

Hey all! In my car and driving during this meeting

Alan Cheam

06:10

Good afternoon, Steering Committee members! Please submit your attendance here:

<https://forms.gle/gAo5soVNqSn9LTuw8>

Sejal's iPhone

06:19

I have a fundraiser then as well

Jennifer Zellet, Antelope Valley College

06:46

They gave events by month, but it would be most helpful if we could get actual dates as early as possible.

Toni Symonds

08:14

Hello. Toni Symonds representing the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California.

Sejal's iPhone

08:24

Yesssss!! Congratulations to our amazing leaders.



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Kevin Harbour

09:08

kevin.harbour@bizfedinstitute.org

Alan Cheam

09:42

Hi Ryan, you should be able to now.

Sorry, my mic isn't working for some reason!

Toni Symonds

17:06

So, ARB is the state lead applicant?

2 Replies

Scarlet Peralta

23:24

Good afternoon, Steering Committee members! Please submit your attendance here:

<https://forms.gle/gAo5soVNqSn9LTuw8>

Rev Najuma

23:56

thx

Toni Symonds

24:52

It would be helpful to be consistently briefed on the development of the application that includes LA.



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Sharon Evans

25:50

Alternately for folks that call in while driving or in transit, may they include their info in the chat rather than on a form in the future?

1 Reply

Jennifer Zellet, Antelope Valley College

38:16

Rev. Najuma, I'm sorry for your loss. Bless you and your work



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Rev Najuma

39:03

@Jennifer Zellet, Antelope Valley College thank you!!!!



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Sharon Evans

42:48

Congratulations Robert Saucedo for your Presidents Award

Chris Temblador - The Center

43:03

Hello to all the South LA orgs on the call!

1 Reply



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Rev Najuma

43:15

Hello!!!!



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Kevin Harbour

43:57

Dr. Saucedo!

Sharon Evans

53:25

Congrats on your impact Cheyanne



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Steven D Turner

53:41

If interested in an online platform to reach the black business community, join us at [www.CommunityBriefing.com](http://www.CommunityBriefing.com)



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Rev Najuma

54:45

Hi Hypin!!



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57:37

if interested in being a placement center for the youth@work paid internship for youth ages 14-24, email me [hyepin.im@facela.org](mailto:hyepin.im@facela.org) [www.facela.org](http://www.facela.org)



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Also if interested in the C2 Leadership Institute for equipping faith leaders, [www.facela.org](http://www.facela.org)

Steven D Turner

58:42

What are recommended readings to have a working knowledge of climate change and real solutions to climate control?

Jennifer Zellet, Antelope Valley College

01:03:41

Apologies all...I have a 2 oclock meeting. Have a great day

Benjamin Torres, (he/him) CDTech

01:05:42

Thank you everyone - looking forward to working with all of you. I have a 2pm call.

Sharon Evans

01:05:46

Can we please designate a LAEDC staff person to maintain a running tab of committee requests and queries for follow-up action?

1 Reply



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Toni Symonds

01:07:22

Can we get profiles on the two companies? I know one, but not the other.

1 Reply

Kelly LoBianco (she/her) - DEO

01:07:59

My apologies. I have another meeting now! Talk soon. Excited about research projects.

Kevin Harbour

01:08:23

BizFed Institute Workforce Development Forum and Career Fair registration:

<https://bizfedinstitute.org/blog/events/bfi-workforce-development-forum-and-job-fair/>



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Toni Symonds

01:10:38

Can we please all get a copy of the application. There is no reason that everyone can't see the grant.

Robert Sausedo

01:10:39

Thank you for your hard work. I have to leave for another meeting.



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Stella Ursua (She/Her) GRID Alternatives LA

01:11:00

My apologies...I have a 2:00pm meeting that I am running late to...perhaps we can make these calls 75 mins moving forward? Thank you all...so excited about working with you all on the Steering Committee.

Sharon Evans

01:11:07

Please share the full Catalyst Fund application with all members of the the steering committee for future discussion



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Ricardo Mendoza

01:11:14

Thank you everyone, I have to jump off for another meeting.

Hyepin Im

01:11:44

Need to excuse myself...thank you

Sejal's iPhone

01:12:27

I have to go as well. If/when we get the presentation from 1pm into our shared folder that would be great. It was helpful. Thank you!

Zahirah Mann

01:13:03

I need to leave for my next meeting. Great discussion. Looking forward to getting the materials and seeing any responses to the questions. Wishing everyone well!

Sharon Evans

01:14:44

The HRTC was not made aware of a budget modification request by LAEDC or CCF

Sharon Evans

01:15:29

Isn't that date, Oct 13 on top of the HRT training

1 Reply

Sharon Evans

01:15:48

statewide HRTC trainings at Cal Forward

Sharon Evans

01:21:28

thank you Andrea. That is very important

## Meeting Transcript

**03:30**

Speaker 1

Hello, everyone. Good to see you, Andrea.

**03:37**

Speaker 2

Likewise.

**03:41**

Speaker 1

We've got a little brewing kinship here, I believe.

**03:44**

Speaker 2

Oh, yeah, definitely. Alumin, I am working there. I'm not going to lie. It was an interesting return.

**03:56**

Speaker 1

Well, we'll have to talk offline about that because I worked for UCLA alumni for a while, so I'm sure we can compare notes.

**04:05**

Speaker 2

Oh, I'm sure.

**04:11**

Speaker 1

Hey, Jennifer.

**04:16**

Speaker 2

Hi, everybody. How are you? Good to see you, Kevin.

**04:19**

Speaker 1  
Good to be seen.

**04:21**

Speaker 2  
I don't remember to take myself off mute, so I wouldn't know, initiate the meeting with you're muted. Although most people like it when I stay muted. I'll confess to that.

**04:35**

Speaker 1  
Not me, though.

**04:38**

Speaker 2  
You're a friend, man. You're a friend. Hello, everyone.

**04:44**

Speaker 1  
Hey, Stella.

**04:45**

Speaker 2  
Hey, Kevin. How's it going?

**04:47**

Speaker 1  
It's going well. And yourself?

**04:50**

Speaker 2  
Not too bad, not too bad. Just running around today, trying to find a place to know.

**04:56**

Speaker 1  
I know that feeling. Yeah. Hey, Charles.

**05:06**

Speaker 3  
Mr. Harbor, how are I am well. Very good.

**05:12**

Speaker 2  
Hey, Charles.

**05:13**

Speaker 3  
Hello there, Stella. How are? That's good.

**05:18**

Speaker 1  
I see our friend Kevin Clark. We've been probably talking in the last few days more than we have in three years.

**05:30**

Speaker 3  
It all right. Maybe give maybe another 30 seconds and we'll get started. So I'll be mindful of time and yeah, we'll get going.

**05:45**

Speaker 2  
Can I ask a quick question?

**05:47**

Speaker 3  
Of course.

**05:48**

Speaker 2

I was just on Theory of Change call, and they mentioned the October 11 through 13th summit. How important is that? Because I actually already have another end of year summit during that time in San Diego.

**06:07**

Speaker 3

Well, California Forward is sponsoring that one, and I know it's important to them, that's for sure. But it's important to me as well. So myself and Jermaine Hampton from LADC, we're going to be attending yeah, there's going to be a lot of breakout rooms in that, but obviously I'll be sharing my experiences there, and I'll be attending the most appropriate rooms for surf. There's actually one room dedicated for I believe it was beyond what happens beyond surf or what could happen beyond surf. But regardless, I'll be the eyes and ears, as will Jermaine.

**06:48**

Speaker 2

Okay, thank you for that. Just a little background on that. That's annual economic summit that they put on, and it's always at a different location of the state. They try to balance it out between Northern California and Southern California each year, so it goes back and forth. But that's annual conference that they always put on. It is actually excellent, and it's great to attend if you have the ability and wherewithal to go in the future.

**07:11**

Speaker 1

Yeah, short notice for me, too. I have conflicts on two out of those three days traveling and one full day of meetings. But if I can swing it, I will. But I'll be leaning on you then, Charles.

**07:26**

Speaker 3

No problem. Just a little flag here. It looks like Alan is having audio issues. I'm actually having connectivity issues right now. You should see the way I'm nudged up against my router and modem, but hopefully we'll get through this with no issues here. But let's get started. Thank you all for being here for the steering committee meeting. I want to right away congratulate Kevin, Andrea and Stella for their being elected the chairs, Kevin being the chair Andrea and Stella being the vice chairs. We get into that a little bit more later on. But right now we have a guest who's going to be giving a presentation from Skag. And where are you? Please tell me you're here. Ryan. Ryan Wolf. I'd like for you to make yourself look really good. So please introduce yourself and you have the floor right afterwards.

**08:31**

Speaker 1

Sounds good. So I'm Ryan Wolf. I'm the manager of the Sustainable and Resilient Development Department at Skag. And if you're not really familiar with Skag, we're the regional planning agency covering six counties. And today we are here to talk to you about the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program, which is an EPA grant program that stemmed from the Inflation Reduction Act. And I can start presentation whenever you are.

**09:00**

Speaker 3

Us. Were you going to share your screen or did you send it to us prior?

**09:04**

Speaker 1

Chioma just said that you all would facilitate me sharing, but it looks like I am not able to share just yet.

**09:13**

Speaker 3

Hey Alan, if you are on the call or Scarlett, how did you guys want to move forward?

**09:24**

Speaker 2

Yeah, Alan is the host for is he on?

**09:31**

Speaker 3

He's on here so we probably can't hear him. So if we just need to give Ryan access so he can share the screen.

**09:40**

Speaker 2

Okay, it looks like he has it now.

**09:43**

Speaker 3

Okay, there you go.

**09:45**

Speaker 1

Okay, let me bring this up and I'll jump right into it. All right, how is this showing up for all of you? Just a second, let me put it in the screen.

**10:09**

Speaker 2

Yeah, it's there, Ryan, but if you can go to slideshow mode.

**10:15**

Speaker 1

Give me just one moment. It's showing up in the presentation mode. Correct?

**10:24**

Speaker 3

It's just showing your screen. I think you need to go to the other side now. It's showing the side with your notes on the right.

**10:36**

Speaker 1

Okay, I'll say what I'm going to do real quick, make it easier.

**10:44**

Speaker 3

There you go.

**10:45**

Speaker 1

Okay, sounds great. So I'll jump into it. So again, Ryan Wolfe with skag. I'm going to go through the background of this and what this program is focused on today, as well as who's involved in it, and then we can take some questions. So for all of you, the Inflation Reduction Act is where this program comes from. As you may know, this program is really geared towards supporting the national effort to comply with Paris Accords, reduce emissions significantly, and also create regional and national jobs, as well as reduce air pollution and address environmental justice more broadly. This program, the CPRG, is one of the largest programs in the Inflation Reduction Act and so it has a total of \$5 billion. It's in two phases. The first part is these planning grants which go to states, regions and tribes to create essentially climate action plans. One of the early deliverables is called what's a Priority Climate Action Plan, which is a prerequisite for applying for the second phase of this program, which is this \$4.6 billion in competitive implementation grants.

**11:54**

Speaker 1

And I'll get into it a little bit later, but these grants can fund a wide variety of projects across economy wide sectors, everything ranging from transportation to building energy to active transportation to waste. So it's a very wide variety of projects that it can potentially fund. It has three core objectives. The program so reduce climate and air pollution, supporting jobs and lower energy costs, and then addressing environmental justice. And I'll also get back to this, but it's defined here as not what we use in the state broadly, the disadvantaged communities as per SB 535, but instead is filtering this through the justice 40 initiative at the federal level, which overlaps very substantially with our 535 communities. So this is the current timeline. And just noting this program is a

really fast moving program. The EPA announced this earlier this spring and it released the implementation guidelines in September.

**12:50**

Speaker 1

So just last week. And then this first delivery I mentioned, the PCAP is due on March 1. And again, this establishes what can be applied for under this program. And in our region we have a PCAP planning grant which covers La County and Orange County. So a variety of agencies are working together to facilitate this regional effort. And then the application grants themselves are due on April 1 of 2024. So at the same time as we're creating this PCAP, we're also looking forward to what kinds of projects can be applied for. So get a little bit more into the phase one planning grants, which is where we are now. And just wanted to give you a little bit background on the different agencies that are helping to facilitate this effort. So the county of La is actually the lead grantee, so they're kind of managing the technical effort, but all these other agencies are involved in the Regional Steering Committee and essentially we're helping to guide the technical oversight of it to create this Regional Climate Action Plan, as well as coordinating outreach and engagement.

**13:51**

Speaker 1

So that we are coordinating with cities, nonprofits, business groups, everyone across the bicounty region who might have really good ideas for what investments should come out of this program and be applied for. So, as I mentioned before, the PCAP is a prerequisite for implementation funding and any GHD reduction strategies must be included in a state. So the California PCAP or the metro area PCAP to be eligible in our region. Five of the six counties have received these planning grants and as I mentioned, La and Orange County have one planning grant. Also, tribes in our region are covered by it, those types of things. But on the right the flowchart just noting is a strategy eligible for funding. So for example, in the Laoc PCAP we'll be including buildings, building energy, also transportation and waste in our PCAP. And so anyone within the Laoc region that's an eligible entity to apply, which includes municipality and a variety of other agencies, can apply under our regional PCAP.

**14:56**

Speaker 1

And then the state is also doing its parallel PCAP, which we anticipate will be much broader, and build off the state Scoping plan which really includes pretty much any sector you could think of and you would be able to apply for either one of those. So one of the challenges in this process, as I mentioned, just a really fast timeline, there's a large number of climate action plans in the Laoc metro area as well as the broader region. And so what we're doing right now is looking at all the different measures and efforts that cities across the region are taking on in the transportation, building energy and waste sectors, because we have to really prioritize, given this short timeline, which sectors to focus on. And so on the transportation side this could be DMT efforts such as improving transit service, investing in transit capital, more active transportation, smarter development patterns that reduce the amount of amount people have to drive or provide them access to really good transportation options.

**15:52**

Speaker 1

On the building energy side, this includes weatherization, renewable energy, other energy efficiency projects, and on the waste side this could waste aversion, those types of things that keep any waste out of going into landfills and those types of things. And then beyond that, we anticipate other folks are maybe going to want to apply for conservation grants. And so that would be where we'd want to really make sure that the state PCAP includes those types of things as well. And of course, as I mentioned before, the state PCAP is anticipated to be much more comprehensive. The thing to pay attention to here is that on the left, that diagram, you see all the different sectors that the state Scoping plan covers. And then on the right you also see that it includes things like carbon sinks, as you know, forests, wetlands, all of those things. And so ideally, the way the state's plan will provide the umbrella under which we can all operate and then our PCAP will be a little bit more focused on some of the regional priorities.

**16:53**

Speaker 1

So phase two is the implementation grants. And just remember that I mentioned that the PCAP is a prerequisite for applying for these implementation grants. And these grants are going to be due on April 1 of 2024. These are going to range between 2 million and 500 million. So if you have a smaller project, you could apply for it using a \$2 million grant and then all the way up to a 500 million dollar grant. So the applications will be due on April 1. There's 4.3 billion available to states and then metro areas and tribes and territories, and then the awards are expected in July of 2024. This chart here just shows the number of toll awards they anticipate and the amount of

funding that would go through this program in each of these tiers. And this is a national program. So metro areas will be competing against each other from across the region, from across the country, as well as states themselves.

**17:43**

Speaker 1

So who and what is eligible? States, municipalities, tribes and territories are all eligible to apply under this. And they can apply as individual applicants. And these individual applicants can sub award to other jurisdictions. So for example, a county government could apply for one and then decide to sub award to various cities or other jurisdictions in it. Coalitions can also get together as well and submit a big application together. And the note that does require a memorandum of agreement, which is a heavier lift and requires really advanced planning in a very condensed timeline like this. And then in terms of the types for programs, these can be new programs, brand new, that are coming out, or they can be expanded programs. So for example, if there's a program in place that's already focused on electrification, buildings or transportation, and an applicant wants to scale that up to have more benefits, they can do that.

**18:37**

Speaker 1

There's a different scoring criteria in this, but it heavily focuses on GHG reduction. And then the other component is really benefiting disadvantaged communities. So historically, marginalized communities have been red, lines, suffer from air pollution, a variety of those types of things are really emphasized. And from a layer perspective, in terms of geographically how those are defined, they're using the justice 40 approach. So there's the EJ screen map and those types of things at the federal level that we'll be looking to establish an access to. In terms of the sectors, there's transportation, electric power, industrial, wastewater and sustainable materials, agricultural, and then carbon removal such as natural lands and restoration projects that are all eligible. So very wide. And when the NOFO came out last week, we noted that there's almost nothing within these sectors that is not eligible. Just note that there's a real big emphasis on GHG reduction.

**19:31**

Speaker 1

So while jurisdiction can do a plan, that plan is probably going to really need to be coupled with implementation and on the ground investments, just our role. We're working with the regional steering committee of those agencies that I noted earlier to really position the whole region and also this by county region to maximize amount of funding that comes from the CPRG. And we also want to strengthen regional climate planning, collaboration and capacity. A lot of the 89 jurisdictions in La County, there's a majority that actually have climate plans, but other counties that neighbor that is not the same case. And so to the extent that this program can facilitate more climate action plans in the region. That's another benefit. And then the other thing is, the EPA has mentioned that they would like to use this process to better position regions to compete for other federal and state focused funding.

**20:20**

Speaker 1

So that's kind of a high level overview of this program. Obviously, there's a lot more detail. The NOFO itself, which provides the guidance and came out last week, is about 90 pages. So there's a lot of details in there, and happy to answer any questions now. And, of course, if anyone would like to have a separate conversation that's more in detail, happy to have you reach out to us, and we would love to talk to you about that as well. So with that, I will stop and see if there's any questions.

**20:48**

Speaker 2

Hi, this is Linda Kelly from Fathers and Mothers Who Care. So are you saying that even though we're in an urban community, we can apply for this for our CBOs to implement?

**21:01**

Speaker 1

So CBOs are not eligible entities under this. And so I think the way CBOs would really want to engage with this is help to lift up through this planning process in partnership with cities or other jurisdictions, what particular projects would be really beneficial and how they would really benefit various communities and then work to ensure that those are put into the application process.

**21:26**

Speaker 2

Okay, thank you.

**21:29**

Speaker 1

Ryan, I got a question. So as it relates to CBOs nonprofits, if a particular municipality could use the skill set or capabilities of either of those organizations or others, is there an opportunity for them to team with a municipality or any of the other eligible categories? Yes, I believe so. I don't see anything in the NOFO that would prohibit that. So I think there would definitely be an opportunity to partner with. The reason I asked is that when we did work with the CPUC and delete the divide on broadband infrastructure issue, were able to kind of structure a model like that so that the folks on this call could actually participate. Yeah, go ahead. I'm sorry. So I would just like to know if you could come back with a definitive answer on that before people move forward. Sure. We definitely can, because the NOFO just came out last week.

**22:27**

Speaker 1

There's definitely some follow up questions that we have for EPA to establish what partnerships look like. Specifically, the NOFOs really focuses more on public agencies, but it doesn't. And so it's not as clear what the nature of partnerships between, say, a public agency and a nonprofit could be. But that is a good question that we have as well, and we will seek to get answer on that. If there's no other questions, I would just encourage you all if you have specific projects you would like to lift up or additional questions. I think part of this process is we want to ensure that it is incorporating the viewpoint of CBOs on this. It is challenging to do so in just a six month planning process. Like, ideally good planning processes, engagement processes generally take longer than six months, but we're working with what we have at the EPA level, and if you have specific types of programs or investments that you are aware of or think should be made, that would be something that we would love to lift up.

**23:32**

Speaker 1

We'd like to ensure that those types of strategies are included in the PCAP so they are eligible to be applied for. And then if there's partnerships to be made, we would like to help support those as well.

**23:45**

Speaker 3

Thank you. Thank you, Ryan.

**23:47**

Speaker 2

Really appreciate oh, sorry, I'll just chime in. I just wanted to let everyone know since I can help be a connector here as well. The county is part of the steering committee for CPRG and kind of working closely with Ryan as well, so I can also help make connections like that, especially for local projects.

**24:12**

Speaker 3

Thank you. Is there I may have missed this and apologies if I did. Can you share this presentation?

**24:21**

Speaker 1

Yes, I can. I can send it back to the email thread that I was working through earlier and then you can distribute it however works best for you. If that works.

**24:30**

Speaker 3

Yeah, thank you. We really appreciate that.

**24:32**

Speaker 1

No problem. Thank you for taking the time today. I really appreciate it.

**24:36**

Speaker 3

Really appreciate it. Hey, Charles, can you hear me? Yes, I can hear you just fine. Okay, well, first things first, I was trying to let everyone know earlier, but at our first steering committee meeting, we indicated that we would be taking attendance by having everyone put their name and organization in the chat, but we decided to switch that to a Google form. Thank you, Scarlett. She had just sent the link to submit your attendance, so please make

sure to submit your form before the end of the meeting. And one other thing, I think, Zaheera, I saw your hand up. I wasn't sure if that was an accident or not, but just wanted to.

**25:14**

Speaker 1

Flag that real quick.

**25:16**

Speaker 2

Thank you, Alan, I appreciate it. Rita answered my question because I was curious in terms of how to make some of these connections. And then Charles asked the other question in terms of follow up for the PDF for the presentation. So thank you though. I appreciate you coming back to me.

**25:33**

Speaker 3

Yeah, of course. And Charles, you can go ahead and continue with the agenda if you haven't ryan, unless you guys have any other questions for Ryan. Ryan, we thank you again and you can feel free to enjoy the rest of the hour.

**25:53**

Speaker 1

All right, thank you so much. Take care.

**25:55**

Speaker 3

Thank you. Okay, so welcome again. Let's get going with our agenda here. There's not a lot of items here, but there was a request on the last near committee meeting for everyone to do a roundtable type of intro, and let's do that now, if you don't mind. So the first person I'm seeing on my screen is Zahira. So why don't you go ahead and do a quick intro of yourself? Great.

**26:26**

Speaker 2

So zahira Mann. I'm the President and CEO of the South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone, or Slate C. We are working on economic revitalization and environmental sustainability issues in South La. And we're also one of the 22 federally designated promise zones throughout the country. We have around 100 cross sector partners that we work with, and we focus on issues related to jobs, small business, entrepreneurship, transit education, and public safety. And we have a number of the partners that we work with who are also on the steering committee. So great to see all of you here as well, and then I'll turn it back over to you, Charles.

**27:03**

Speaker 3

All right, thank you, Zaheera, and welcome aboard. Congratulations on the appointment. Next name I am seeing Jennifer Zealot. I hope I'm pronouncing your last name properly.

**27:15**

Speaker 2

Did it perfectly. Thank you, Charles. Jennifer Zellett. I'm the superintendent president of Antelope Valley College. In this committee, I'm a resident, so I'm curious really what that means. Given our last call, there was a lot of discussion about what that role functions like and how it fits into the planning committee. But I was drawn to this program. Basically, ABC is a community college and we do a lot of jobs training and workforce development and a lot of CTE programs. And we're always looking to develop training that supports local industry and provide services. And so I thought this would be a better way for us to connect and make bigger connections throughout the county. By the way, I'm up in Lancaster, so north La. County, but still La county nonetheless.

**28:06**

Speaker 3

Okay, great. Thank you. Thank you. Next name I'm seeing is Stella Ursua. Did I pronounce it correctly, Stella?

**28:14**

Speaker 2

Absolutely, Charles. Thank you. Hello, everyone. My name is Stella Ursua. I'm with Grid alternatives. The Greater La office. And we serve mainly La County, but we also serve Orange County and Ventura County. We

serve disadvantaged community members that need to have solar installed to help reduce their energy bill as well. We work on multifamily affordable housing projects, commercial projects, and we moved into battery storage, resilience centers and electric vehicles and charging stations as well. And what brought me to the surf program, I just thought it was a great opportunity to connect with all of the wonderful partners out there and to address issues of decarbonization electrification, but as well, workforce development for our communities. Thank you. Great to be here.

**29:13**

Speaker 3

All right. Thank you, Stella. Next name I'm seeing is Libby Williams.

**29:20**

Speaker 2

Hello. I would say good morning this afternoon. Good afternoon, everyone. Libby Williams. I'm the COO at Vermont's Boston Economic Development Corporation. We are a 40 year old CBO based in South Los Angeles. We target the South La and Watts area, but we service the entire county. We provide business assistance and services, technical assistance. We have our own CDFI, so we do lending from 5000 and \$50,000. We also have a Teen Tech center and an at and T Community Learning center. And I am one of the CBO reps and happy to be here.

**29:54**

Speaker 3

Happy to have you. Thank you very much. Next name I'm seeing is Benjamin Torres. You have the floor.

**30:01**

Speaker 1

Good afternoon everybody.

**30:02**

Speaker 3

Benny Torres, president and CEO of CD Tech. We're a community economic development place based organization here in South Central Los Angeles. We've been involved in this process from the beginning. The reason being we want to make sure that historically marginalized communities throughout the county and specifically in south central Black and brown residents and small businesses and young people are connected to the sustainable community development economy and want to make sure that folks are prepared, engaged and at the table in helping decide how do we mitigate existing conditions and more importantly, how do we create or just as importantly, how do we create economic opportunities that not only provide families sustainable and stable household economies but also bring about a new democracy that is about collaboration, change and creating new opportunities? Thank you. Thank you Benjamin, welcome aboard. Next name I'm seeing is Stephen D. Turner.

**31:06**

Speaker 3

You have the floor.

**31:09**

Speaker 1

Hi, I'm Stephen Turner. My primary focus. I'm the producer and the host of Community Briefing. We're an online platform, a coalition of business leaders and aligned advocacy organizations, mainly here for the black community, focus on work contracts and economic development. Also, I'm a resident of the spa second San Fernando Valley. And I'm president of the San Joaquin Valley Economic Development Coalition that's located in Fresno, California.

**31:41**

Speaker 3

Hey. Thank you, Steven. Glad to have you here. Next name I'm seeing is Kevin Harbor. You have the floor.

**31:48**

Speaker 1

Good afternoon everyone. My name is Kevin Harbor. I'm the president of BISFET Institute. We're a 501 c three nonprofit. Our focus is to convene forums and programming around subject matter that affects the regional economy and quality of life. I'm really looking forward to continuing this process of connecting community based organizations, building sustainable careers, and bringing in businesses to hire in that area and also

reducing the carbon footprint in the process. I was raised in Le Merck Park South La. And I'm excited about our work and what the possibilities are and the progress that we'll make. So looking forward to working with all of you.

**32:38**

Speaker 3

Thank you. Kevin, welcome aboard. And next, another Kevin I'm seeing. Kevin Clark, you have the floor. Hi guys. Sorry my voice is a little raspy here. My name is Kevin Clark, Deck Carve Foundation for the Performing Arts. We're a 32 year old 501 nonprofit organization. In my work, we have been literally a dual registered apprenticeship program in the arts, media, entertainment sector. We are an award winning documentary film production program, primarily serving the Department of Defense and the Department of veterans affairs. I've recently become a partner with the Los Angeles County ISD which is internal Service Department and their delete the Divide campaign. And we're also a digital outreach partner with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and their new program, the Southern California Apprenticeship Network. Also a vendor for Laco LAUSD. And yeah, I'm a resident worker on this steering committee. Thank you. Kevin, welcome aboard.

**33:47**

Speaker 3

Next name I'm seeing is Andrea Slater. You have the floor.

**33:57**

Speaker 2

Sorry about that. This is Andrea Slater, UCLA Labor Center. I'm the new director for Care at work. We've had other staff that have been involved with the surf process and the so I am now you're stuck with me. So nice to meet you all.

**34:16**

Speaker 3

Nice to have you. Is it Andrea or Andrea?

**34:20**

Speaker 2

It's Andrea. But I am not particular. My parents don't even say it the same way. They both have different pronunciations. So I go with my mom. She gave birth to me.

**34:29**

Speaker 3

Okay, fair enough. Thank you. Next name seeing is Rita. Oh boy. Rita Kampalath. Did I get it right?

**34:38**

Speaker 2

That was pretty close, Cheryl. Thanks. Rita Kumppalath. I'm the Chief Sustainability officer for La County. So our office's role is really to provide sustainability policy support for the Board of Supervisors as well as overseeing and implementing our county sustainability plan. The plan is really broad and of course recognizes that economy and workforce development are a critical part of making a sustainable la. So were excited to see this program elevating the linkage between climate and economic resilience. That's kind of what brought us here in particular. It came across our radar because we have been leading work to develop a just transition strategy to go along with the county's work phasing out oil drilling. So that's like a specific project. But as noted with this climate pollution reduction grant, that is one of several state and federal funding sources that we're looking into and to just build up climate resilience in the region, but always making sure that we're thinking about the economic impacts and the workforce development and equity impacts of everything we do.

**35:48**

Speaker 2

So really excited to be part of this group.

**35:51**

Speaker 3

Well, thank you. Rita. Fantastic having you aboard. And I know the state is smiling very wide because you guys came aboard, so thank you again. Next name I'm seeing is Chris Templador. Did I get it right? Yes, sir. Pleasure to meet everyone. My name is Chris Templador. I'm with the Center Biol Industry sitting in for Reed today, and I'm a new senior program manager and the area we operate in is in California and also in Atlanta. And what brings us to this call and this committee is really in the interest of small business and interested in this area to

close the wealth gap and also increase opportunity within the green conversation that's happening. So thank you for having us. Thank you for being here. Chris, welcome aboard. Next name I'm seeing. I'm probably going to butcher this one. Help me out. Rev najuma you got it right.

**36:52**

Speaker 2

Reverend Najuma. Good afternoon, everyone. You got it right. I'm Reverend Najuma Smith. I wear a few hats. I am the executive assistant director for community and public engagement for the center of Religion, Civic Culture at USC that also houses the Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement, which I run. And then I'm also the founder of southern California community empowerment corporation. So the work that I do at USC, we focus on training faith leaders how to do civic engagement, community development work, and then through the nonprofit, my community based nonprofit, we do a lot of work empowering youth and young adults and also doing some community engagement, some community outreach, programming around issues related to violence, street violence, gun violence. The organization was founded in honor of my son, whose life was taken in 2018 by gun violence. So we do a lot of work, our CBO does a lot of work around addressing issues of violence in our communities.

**37:57**

Speaker 2

And then I'm also a pastor, which is why I have the title Reverence. I'm a pastor, Board of Encouragement Church here in Los Angeles. So glad to be on with you all and to be here to thank you.

**38:08**

Speaker 3

Very nice to have you here. Next name I'm seeing is Bobby Lee Davis. You have the floor. Good afternoon, everyone. I am Bobby Lee Davis from dilette Family Foundation. I am one of the co founders and I represent Spa Two, but I serve all of La County. We focus on health care and justice and community education and mental health for disadvantaged communities as well. And what drew me to Surf is just simply I believe in strength and numbers. We all kind of want a more balanced communities across the Southland, so here I am. Thank you, Bobby. Glad to have you. Board. Next. Name I'm seeing Jessica Quintana. Did I pronounce it correctly?

**38:54**

Speaker 2

Yes, absolutely. Hi everybody. Good afternoon. Jessica Quintana, executive Director of Centro Child, the Long Beach Community Hispanic Association here located in the city of Long Beach. I've been part of the Surf since the very beginning, since the inception. Why I got involved is because Long Beach is the second largest city in the county, and sometimes we don't get a lot of resources or support or recognition in our city. We have a lot of challenges in economic development, job training, safety. The organization mission focuses on workforce and economic development. We also were the lead regional recovery organization for CCF. For Long Beach, we also operated the Vaccinate all 58 hub for the State of California. For Long Beach, we also focus and have a hub for community violence intervention that has been recently funded by President Biden's Initiative for Communities to really focus on community violence intervention and create strategies for their cities.

**40:05**

Speaker 2

So we're currently doing the asset mapping and developing a evaluation plan for the City of long beach. We also in the process of developing two big community development initiatives. One is the Latino Cultural Center for Long Beach and then also a business and workforce development center on Atlantic Avenue. We are happy to be here, really looking forward to having more information on data because as we know, this is a data driven approach to a lot of the work that we're talking about, disinvested communities. And so I'm going to be very excited when we get to that part so we can learn about the county and all the disinvested census tracks and really start creating some roadmaps and solutions to address those issues. So thank you so much, Charles, and it's a pleasure meeting everybody here today. This is a great team.

**41:07**

Speaker 3

Thank you, Jessica. I agree with you on that one for sure. Thank you all for being here. Thank you for that, Jessica. Tony simons, you are next. You have the floor.

**41:16**

Speaker 2

Thank you.

**41:17**

Speaker 4

So, Tony Simons, I'm participating on the steering committee on behalf of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California. It's the largest American Indian Chamber in the United States, and it's an organization that's led by and dedicated to serving the needs of Native Americans, native American owned businesses, tribes, tribal business enterprises, and of course, the broader business community. We have a related organization, the American Indian Education Fund, and it is a federally designated Apex Accelerator, which means that it provides technical assistance to Native American entrepreneurs who are interested in government procurement. We serve all of Los Angeles as well as the whole state, and originally I am from the San Fernando Valley.

**42:04**

Speaker 3

Tony, thank you. Thank you for being here. Next name I am seeing is Robert Salcedo. Did I say it properly correct? You did. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Robert Cusado. I'm President and CEO of Community Build, and I'm delighted to be associated with this August panel of folks. Community Builder is a 30 plus year old legacy organization in South Los Angeles that provides a broad spectrum of services ranging from the Mayor's Grid Gang youth reduction program for intervention and prevention, safe passage to schools and parks for over 30,000 kids and residents. We're also in the housing development business with 62 units of permanent supportive housing at our second location. Some of you may be familiar with the work we did during the Pandemic Crssla.org Crssla.org, which is the Community Response System of South La, where we pulled together a number of stakeholders to provide mutual aid throughout the Pandemic.

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Speaker 3

And then through our Healthcare Worker program, we just launched Cure La, which is a 21st century revolutionary evolutionary approach to healthcare without walls. And the reason for that is, if anybody on this call today had to go to the hospital for a non life threatening emergency, you would not be admitted in any of the 169 hospitals in La County because they're in capacity and capacity at people who did not get the care for their diabetes, heart disease, et cetera, during the COVID pandemic. So I'll stop there. We do some public policy work as well around water. So some of you may have heard of the Groundswell Movement, which is a social justice initiative, clean, safe drinking water throughout California. And of course the Independent Professionals Association help gig workers get back to work and those who are independent contractors that were impacted by AB Five.

**43:53**

Speaker 3

I'll stop there. I can go on, but that's what I'll lead off. Thank you. Thank you, Robert. That's important work. So glad you gave us a good overview. Next name I'm seeing Kelly LoBianco. LoBianco, how are you?

**44:11**

Speaker 2

Hi Charles. Hi everyone. My name is Kelly Lobianko, and I'm the director of the La. County Department of Economic Opportunity. I'm very excited to serve on the steering committee and also lead the municipal institutions. Affinity Hub for Surf We serve workers and businesses countywide. We're a relatively new workforce and economic development agency of La County. We were created July 1 of 2022. We're the first economic development department for La County. So very excited that our Board of Supervisors took that action during the Pandemic. And we're very focused on building a more equitable economy and driving inclusive and sustainable growth. So we oversee the La County Workforce Development Board, the County's Office of Small Business, and a whole host of other economic and workforce development levers, including high road training, partnerships, capital development with county assets, capital loan funds and the like. So we've been partaking in the Surf program since its inception as well.

**45:17**

Speaker 2

I think I joined La County November of 2021 and one of my first days on the job, I was writing a letter to the state making sure that they were funding the La County region appropriately alongside my partners at LAEDC so that we can do this really important planning work together. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community. US at the county, we're always looking to think about how we can drive a regional economic development strategy. And so I'm excited to be part of an infrastructure that can help lift those voices and ideas to make sure that we're doing this work right and also identifying the most impactful and community driven economic development strategies and making sure we funnel resources that way in the future as a county. So, thank you so much. I look forward to our work together.

**46:09**

Speaker 3

Thank you Kelly, and welcome aboard. Next name I'm seeing is Linda Kelly. I believe you're off camera, but feel free to have the floor if you would like to speak.

**46:22**

Speaker 2

Hi Linda. Kelly. Fathers and mothers who care. Housing Access Center and housing coordinator in Spa Six on the Spa Six Coalition Steering Committee. I'm an instructor for Direct Support specialist and vocational training, also in telecommunication. I'm in six different schools, so I'm not just located in Spa Six. I'm in Antelope Valley, pierce College, East La. Southwest and Compton. So our fathers and mothers have been existence for over 25 years, and we're glad to be in this space to represent the homeless.

**47:12**

Speaker 3

Thank you, Linda. Really appreciate it. And welcome aboard. Next name I'm seeing is Sagel Patel. I'm assuming Sagel Patel just says, Sage, your iPhone if you like. I see you're off camera, but if you'd like to speak, you have the floor.

**47:30**

Speaker 2

Yeah. Hi everyone. You guys can hear me?

**47:34**

Speaker 3

Yes.

**47:35**

Speaker 2

Okay, I think I'm in a bit of a rough.

**47:41**

Speaker 3

You. We hear you just fine.

**47:46**

Speaker 2

Okay, great.

**47:57**

Speaker 3

Too soon.

**47:58**

Speaker 2

My name is Sajel Patel.

**48:02**

Speaker 3

Shoot.

**48:03**

Speaker 2

Okay, come back to me. I'll come back on.

**48:06**

Speaker 3

Okay, let me go to one other person. I'll come back to you. Luis Portillo. You have floor. Hi, everyone. My name is Luis Portillo. I'm the president and CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. We represent the 31 cities in the San Gabriel Valley from the west coast. West side, Lakhana Flemridge to Claremont on the Mountain Lion. We bring together private sector employers, our cities, nonprofits, as well as education students to work on issues of economic development and really to advance the quality of life for the folks in the San

Gabriel Valley. I'm excited to be part of this group, and I can't wait till we start kind of digging into and start putting together proposals on behalf of La county that can really make a difference. Thank you. Thank you, Louise. Sajel, do you want to try again?

**48:54**

Speaker 2

Yes, I'm in a better position. Thanks. Hi. Hi, everyone. Good afternoon. My name is Sagel Patel, and for pronunciation's sake, if this is helpful, it's like Rachel or angel, but it's Sagel. I am VP of Innovation and Economic Development at Rising Communities, who are formerly community health councils. We are based in South Los Angeles, but have programming in South Los Angeles and across the county, largely with work through the Department of Public Health. And our work looks at the impact of health in South Los Angeles using the framework of the social determinants of health. So we look at economic resiliency, community resiliency, housing, jobs, transportation. A couple of examples of our programs include participatory grant making. So we provide grants to organizations in South Los Angeles who are either shut out of traditional funding sources or don't have enough capacity to go after those. So we provide technical assistance around that as well.

**50:15**

Speaker 2

And we are also launching a guaranteed basic income program for brown and black mothers in South Los Angeles that's coming out in January. So yeah, that's a few things. Just really excited to be in this group of largely people of color leaders across the county and really excited to be under that we have the leadership of Kevin Harbor as well. Congratulations. Kevin and such know that you bring, I think, to this group. So really excited about that. Thank you, everyone.

**50:46**

Speaker 3

Thank you. Sajio agreed upon with that next name I'm seeing Ricardo Mendoza. Thank you, Charles, and good afternoon, everyone. It certainly is a pleasure to be able to join this committee with a tremendous experience just regionally, and more specifically in South La. But Ricardo Mendoza, chief business development officer at Coalition for Responsible Community Development, otherwise known as CRCDD. We're a place based community development corporation providing workforce development services. We operate a work source center on behalf of the City of La. Youth source center and a business source center providing additional business support services to local businesses. We also operate a social enterprise and operate a pre apprenticeship program in the construction and building trades and develop affordable housing. We've developed over 400 units to date and have well over 1000 units in the pipeline. So we're excited to be part of this process to bring equity as we look at how do we further build sustainability in many of the communities that have been impacted historically.

**52:02**

Speaker 3

So looking forward to working with everyone. Thank you, ricardo, welcome aboard. Next name I'm seeing is Cheyenne Capello. Hope I pronounced it correctly.

**52:16**

Speaker 2

Sorry, can you guys hear me?

**52:18**

Speaker 3

Yes.

**52:19**

Speaker 2

Sorry, I don't know why I don't think my camera oh, there it is. Hi. Yes, and you did pronounce it correctly. Thank you. My name is Cheyenne Capello. I am the director of operations with the Los Angeles Children's Project. We are currently in service planning area one, the Antelope Valley. We're located in Lancaster. We're a community based organization that has an innovative vocational training. So in classic car restoration, we serve transitional age youth, high barrier youth that go through our program, our twelve week program, and then they get jobs in the aerospace industry. Since all of the skills are transferable, we are just excited to be a part of it. We're newer to it. We've only been engaged with Surf for probably about less than six months when I came on earlier in the year. And we're just really excited to talk about high quality employment programs, opportunities, and then economic development for La.

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Speaker 2

And really for the Annelte Valley as well.

**53:18**

Speaker 3

Thank you. Welcome aboard. Next name I'm seeing is Hypenim. Not sure if I pronounce your name properly.

**53:28**

Speaker 2

Good afternoon. Haipinim.

**53:30**

Speaker 3

Okay.

**53:31**

Speaker 2

All right, just flip the Y and.

**53:32**

Speaker 3

The E. Got you.

**53:35**

Speaker 2

President and CEO of Faith and Community Empowerment based out of Los Angeles. We've been around 22 years, really working to be a voice for the API community, but also Equipping and Empowering faith communities. And some of the programs that we run include a leadership institute, Equipping, Faith leaders to be engaged in these kind of spaces. I see Reverend Najuma in the room, but I would say both herself and myself are kind of rare birds that show up in the spaces. So that's one. We also run a very successful homeownership program. We just hosted a homeownership fair where we had 1200 folks. A lot of county employees showed up, but connecting people with down payment assistance. And we also currently are a partner with the county's Youth at Work program. I think it's a great program that all of you, if you don't know about it, you guys should even be a placement site.

**54:30**

Speaker 2

So contact me if you want to be one. But it's for 14 through 24 year olds. They get paid \$17 an hour with over choice of 700 employers, business, community, and government officials and agencies. Right. So, again, pleasure to be here. I think that it's rare that thought leaders, I think each one of you are can come together to look at how we can do better for our community, for our state. And so it's a pleasure and honor to be in this room. Thank you. Oh, one other thing. I do serve as an appointee by the Secretary of Homeland Security their faith based Security advisory council. And the Secretary is really big on fostering partnerships. And so there's a lot of, again, resources out there. So if you have any ideas, let me know. Thank you.

**55:34**

Speaker 3

Thank you, Haypen. Next thing I'm seeing on the list is Sharon Evans. You have the floor.

**55:43**

Speaker 2

Thank you. It looks like I'm invisible. I can do something about that. Hi, I'm Sharon Evans. Most of you know me from the Outreach and Engagement Committee associated with Surf. I've run the business resource group for 21 years. We are an economic development small nonprofit that really focuses on wealth policies as it intersects with economic development. We work with business, industry, and communities to link policy to programs that can stimulate sustainable wealth. And we have done this for many years. I've worked with the Comptrollers of the Currency. I've worked with us. Department of Commerce. I have served as an advisor in DCN. California, including chairing the Minority Business Commission for two of our mayors here in Los Angeles. I'm in this sector 35 years, and I have a lot of wrinkles to gray hair to show from it. And what's really brought me to surface is the recognition and knowledge that as we move into a carbon neutral economy I have served on

Edison's Clean Energy Advisory Board for seven years and I recognize that 80% of the jobs that make more than \$100,000 in the renewable sector are owned and occupied by people that are not of color.

**57:01**

Speaker 2

And the businesses that participate in our sector are also not owned by people of color, which means our sustainable future needs an opportunity for diversification. I'm committed to that and the partners and strategically, that can help make that happen.

**57:19**

Speaker 3

Thank you, Sharon, and welcome aboard. Is there anyone else from the steering committee that I have missed? Please speak up if I have missed you. Okay, great.

**57:34**

Speaker 2

I believe we have Veronica Padilla.

**57:37**

Speaker 3

Oh, okay.

**57:39**

Speaker 2

I saw my name on the roll call. I'm pretty sure I'm on the committee. Hi, everybody. My name is Veronica Padilla Campos. I am the executive director of Pocoma. Beautiful. We are an environmental justice organization, and although our name is Pocomo, we service the entire Northeast, but our base really started in Pokwema, and we're really about people power and creating opportunities for our community to be at the table and create a better, more sustainable communities for our families. And I think I was drawn to this opportunity because of how hard COVID really hit our community and wanted to see if this was an opportunity where we can create opportunities to help lift up our communities and come back stronger. Yeah, that's it. Thanks for having me.

**58:30**

Speaker 3

Thank you, Veronica, for that. And welcome aboard. My screen is not showing any other names, but if I did miss anyone, please let me know right now, because I love for everyone to introduce themselves. Okay, again, congratulations to you all. I would have liked to actually have the surf team introduce themselves as well. We can save that for the next meeting. I think it was very important for you guys to introduce yourselves, put your thinking caps on to start figuring out how to work together, not just for your organizations, but also your spas, obviously, for the surf program. So on the next meeting, I'll have the surf team introduce themselves because we're all resources to one another, and our backgrounds will be able to help one another out. If you don't mind just going to the next slide. Alan, I'll try to go through this a little bit quicker to try to be mindful of time.

**59:45**

Speaker 3

But as you can see, as we spoke about, Kevin Harbor is the chair is a very tight race, as a lot of the surf races have been, and Benny Torres dismissed it by one vote. So Kevin Harbor is our chair. The vice chairs was essentially uncontested because there were only two nominees. Andrea came in with 17, and Stella came in with 14. So Andrea will be vice chair one, vice chair eight, and Stella will be the second chair. Scarlett, if you could kind of quickly go over the bylaws update.

**01:00:29**

Speaker 2

Yeah, so just one of the updates is that we did receive everyone's feedback in regards to what they would like to see within the bylaws. I know we did give a suggestion and gave a little bit of homework for our steering committee members to look at the Southern region coalition bylaws. I believe they're the only HRTC that has their bylaws that has worked on bylaws and adopted them and placed them on their website. We haven't been able to find bylaws for any other regions, but we did want to make this a priority for our region to be able to just smoothly progress our work forward. And so what the surf team will be doing is in the incoming days and week ahead, we will be working on taking in the feedback, actually drafting a working document with all the provisions that were recommended by the steering committee members once this draft is more fully fleshed out.

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Speaker 2

Hopefully by mid to end of next week, we will be sharing it with our steering committee partners for further comments and feedback prior to finalizing. And so none of this has been finalized yet. We're still working on fleshing this out more as we did receive, I think, plenty of recommendations as far as what our members would like to see in these bylaws. So in the incoming week, we will be emailing everyone with a working document and we will be asking again for further review and comments and feedback to just begin finalizing this document more as we move forward. And I believe we have Tony, who has her hand up.

**01:02:17**

Speaker 4

Yeah, I just wanted to recommend as this goes forward, that we create a side meeting where we can go through kind of line by line and talk about developing it. It's very process oriented. I work with a client that actually is in the southern border and we develop the bylaws. I think it's a wonderful tool. I'm excited that we want to do it here, but it's time consuming to sit and think through the processes. And so maybe a side committee that would then bring revisions back all underlying strike doubts, no one making decisions. I just recommend that would be useful.

**01:02:56**

Speaker 2

Yeah, that's actually a really great idea, Tony. And thank you for bringing the wealth of knowledge of the work that you've been doing with their coalition and helping us here. I think for me, one of the challenges is trying to figure out in ensuring that the bylaws really reflect specifically what the HRTC wants, seeing that we're more of the neutral convener. So I can work with trying to try to set up some working meetings on the side, whoever's available can join and that would be able to give us a little bit more guidance as far as the direction of specifically some of the provisions that you all have asked for. So I'll work on setting up maybe some 1 hour a week type of working meeting that we can all just jump on whoever is available to kind of walk through this document. Hopefully by next week we'll have it more fleshed out.

**01:03:53**

Speaker 2

I think once we have something to work with, then we'll have the working meetings set up to kind of go a little bit more line by line and ensuring that we're reflecting specifically what you all would like to see in that document. And then we have Sahira. Thank you so much for all of your work on this and for today's meeting. One of the pieces I believe we discussed last time for inclusion of bylaws had to do with alternates or having additional team members until the bylaws are approved. Where are we on that? Is it something where it's open or I just wanted to kind of get an update in terms of where that piece stood for right now.

**01:04:42**

Speaker 3

It's important for everyone on the call to know that Kevin, Andrea and Stella are now the chairs for the steering committee. So a lot of the questions that be asked in here towards us as the regional conveners probably should be asked towards them. So right now I'd like to just try to get through some of the updates and I feel bad for all three of you guys. You are officially the leaders of the steering committee in a lot of ways, a lot of directions of how they should go in conjunction with the rest of the steering committee members, but it was important to get everyone's name out. However, let's just keep that in mind that a lot of things should be going through amongst you guys, but with your leaders, your new leaders in place there. So if you don't mind, let's just go to the next slide because I want to try to make sure I get I don't want too many people to drop off.

**01:05:47**

Speaker 2

Yeah, if you have questions, you can drop them in the chat as well and we'll do our best to answer them.

**01:05:52**

Speaker 3

Okay, really quickly, for the three research reports, we ran into a little snag for the second research report, which was the Industry Cluster report, we didn't get any bids on it. So the proposed solution from the State and CCF is to have Civil Economics and Beacon Economics who were awarded the RFPs for the labor and Workforce and the Climate Report to see if they will take on the responsibility of completing the Industry cluster report that LADC essentially started. So we'll have more information about that coming up in upcoming meetings, but we wanted to a congratulate Civil Economics and Economics on securing those and again, we'll have some more

information going forward. Next slide. Fiscal agent update. Well Jose, if you're on the call, if you would like to give any updates briefly, I'm sure they'd love to hear from you. Your Maria.

**01:07:13**

Speaker 2

Hi. Everyone, this is Maria Garcia. I don't think I had an opportunity to introduce myself at your initial meeting last week to everyone who I've not had the opportunity to meet. My name is Maria Gastia. I'm a senior program officer with California Community Foundation. In partnership with my colleague Jose Maheda, we are together project managing the Surf Fiscal Agent role for the Surf Fund. And so in terms of updates, Charles mentioned that we've been able to award two out of the three research RFPs to CDL Economics and Beacon Economics. We're right now working with them to execute the contract. Our hope is to have that done the next couple of weeks. We're also continuing to execute the contract with Paykeeper, who's going to be serving as our subcontractor to work with us in issuing out the grants to all of the affinity hub leads. And again, our hope is to have that completed within the next couple of weeks so that we can begin issuing out those grants.

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Speaker 2

And then the last update that we have is around the Catalyst grant application. As you know, the state issued out the grant application to fiscal agents under an invite only solicitation. This afternoon we're going to be meeting with a grant writer and the steering committee chairs, along with the La EDC surf team and us to begin looking at that grant application. Wanted to recognize Ellie in sync, that is providing the support for the grant writer to help bring that application together so we're able to utilize those resources. And that's all the updates that we have.

**01:09:21**

Speaker 3

Thank you, Maria, I really appreciate that. I think we probably question on the Catalyst grant, was that shared out with everybody?

**01:09:29**

Speaker 2

The application was only shared with fiscal agents. It was invite only. And so each of the 13 regions throughout the state received an invitation. And so right now, this afternoon, we're going to start looking through the application in conjunction with the grant writer, the steering committee chairs, La EDC's surf team and then us.

**01:09:59**

Speaker 3

Is this the same grant that we submitted our comments on or is this something different?

**01:10:06**

Speaker 2

This is the Catalyst program that the state yeah, exactly. The state had issued out guidelines and I believe the Surf Equity leads and LAEDC HRTC submitted comments during the guideline drafting period.

**01:10:31**

Speaker 3

So only the HRTC can apply. Do we know who's putting that together? What are we applying for?

**01:10:40**

Speaker 2

Right, so that's exactly the conversation we're going to be engaging in with grant writer and the steering committee chairs this afternoon. But it is an invitation for the Lahrtc to apply for.

**01:11:08**

Speaker 3

OK, let me go back to the top here. Kevin Clark, I see your hand is up. Yes. I wanted to know if there's any update on Labor's position with working with it before we get to that, just to make sure that all the questions are answered for Maria dealing with any fiscal questions.

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Speaker 4

There's a question in the chat on fiscal.

**01:11:41**

Speaker 3  
Scarlett, can you?

**01:11:42**

Speaker 2  
Yes. So one of the questions was if we can get profiles on the two research companies. I know that CCF did manage that process. So if CCF can provide us potentially like just two small two profiles on the companies that were chosen for the research contracts, we can include that in our update email that goes out to the steering committee if they'd like to read about the two research companies.

**01:12:13**

Speaker 3  
Sure.

**01:12:13**

Speaker 2  
And I believe one of the other questions was if the Catalyst fund application can be shared with the steering committee members for future discussion. Seeing that the application was invite only to fiscal agents, I'm not sure how Maria, you would like to handle that. I don't have a choice request. It's a public document I'm happy to share with everybody. OK, yeah. If you can send that to us, we can also include it in the email highlights for this meeting.

**01:12:51**

Speaker 3  
Great.

**01:12:52**

Speaker 2  
Thank. You so much. Maria, we have an open item from last week. I was trying to type it, but if I may just express it, during the last meeting, Maria, were informed that CCF had submitted and received approval of a budget modification for the La Surf. And were not aware of that. We asked for that information to be shared with the steering committee. And I think they wasn't sure about transparency. That's kind of where they were going to go back and find out if they could share it. Would you please be able to please provide that in the spirit so the steering committee is aware know and the HRTC is aware of what modifications were requested and approved. I'm happy to look into that.

**01:13:39**

Speaker 3  
Our last meeting with the state, for the record, it's not solidified. The budget modification has not been solidified. So we're still waiting for the final green light from the state to say the budget modification is locked. So Maria, it's up to you whenever you want to start sharing information, but for full transparency, just want to let you know that it's not solid yet. Is there any more questions dealing with fiscal? Okay, Kevin, I got your question about labor. Let me get through a few more of those and then I'll circle back to that, give you a good summary on it. Scarlett, did you want to talk about the upcoming meetings?

**01:14:38**

Speaker 2  
Yes, I know we're ten minutes past and we do want to be sensitive to everyone's time. We do have our two upcoming meetings. So the next HRTC Biweekly meeting will be Thursday, October twelveTH, from one to 02:00 p.m.. I will be sending a highlight of today's meeting with any actionable items as well as any updates that we have between now and then. And then our next HRTC meeting that has moved on a monthly basis will be had Friday, October 13, from 09:00 A.m. To 10:00 A.m.. And so if we can go ahead and I think Luis, you have your hand up, but we do want to go ahead and wrap this.

**01:15:18**

Speaker 3  
Yeah, I do have two things. One, just as a kind of recommendation going forward, I think you have a group here who are really willing to get their hands dirty, really willing to go to work and dig into the details of things. So to the extent that we can do a lot of that work here, as opposed to just getting presentations where just we're being talked at, I think would probably be a lot better use of the time that we have so that we can kind of dig into some of those areas. And so I would just say kind of going forward, if that's something that we can kind of

look at how we're doing, whether we do that here or do working, whatever that might be. I think you'd have that. The second one. I know I brought this up last week and I'll bring it up again at the next meeting as well as the next.

**01:15:58**

Speaker 3

All I guess the whole HRTC is the idea that these meetings need to be open and available to all members. So if somebody else wants to watch, participate, comment. This is meant to be a subgroup who was working on this stuff, but we're not meant to be the only one. So I know we post this information, we send out notices, but I still stand my position that this should be open, available to all of them, just.

**01:16:21**

Speaker 1

Like just about every other public group is.

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Speaker 3

And so if we can put something on the agenda for discussion on next meeting for that, I would recommend that. Thank you. I appreciate your eagerness, Luis, but keep in mind that this is the first day that the steering committee chairs have had a voice and I feel terrible that they really haven't spoken that much on this one. So we do need to move quickly and start doing the work we should have been doing probably months ago. However, we want to make sure that we're doing it the right way, not just rushing into it. So this is the first step in making sure that everyone knows who everyone is in this room and then making sure that the chairs are identified and start working with them so we can put together a process that's going to make everything go forward a lot smoother than it has been going forward.

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Speaker 3

So we'll all be in touch with that. Now, in terms of the question for labor Kevin Clark that is the next step, so to speak, is the chairs will be meeting at some point with the state, with the Interagency team to talk about the issues with labor because we don't know what discussions have been had with labor in the state. But in that meeting with the chairs and the state, all of that will be discussed. And from there a meeting will be set up between labor and the chairs in order to figure out how to get them back to the table. Okay, hope that answer that meeting set up between the chairs in the state I'm sorry, I said when is that meeting set for the chairs in the state to happen? After this meeting. So not directly after this meeting. It's going to be set up after this meeting, but it's going to be fairly soon.

**01:18:22**

Speaker 3

Yeah, because there's a seminal moment right now with the writers strike now have ended and sad going back to the table with respect to the ending of that strike. There's a lot of people who are going to be homeless if there's no leadership and no information coming out, especially drilling down to the people that I serve who are waiting for internships, apprenticeships and just gig work. So we need a lot more help in terms of getting information disseminated. I'm sure everyone's working towards the same goal here but those are the next steps. And we'll keep you guys updated through newsletters, emails, so forth and so on. Of course, meetings, these meetings. So, again, if there aren't any more pressing questions there is one.

**01:19:11**

Speaker 2

Charles.

**01:19:12**

Speaker 3

Okay, go right ahead.

**01:19:13**

Speaker 2

I'd like to really get off the phone with one commitment. Who is going to be responsible for running our open action list? We had some issues that we came up last meeting that we asked to be addressed today. And again, I don't want us to go through experience of not having a record of queries or requests from committee members if we run out of time for those items considered. So is that going to be an LAEDC staff merchant, or can we get clear on who's designated to keep up with open items or requests from committee? That's my first question.

**01:19:47**

Speaker 3

I don't have answer for you there, so you can go to your second one.

**01:19:50**

Speaker 2

Mr. Chair, would you please designate someone number two? During the last meeting, one of the recommendations that we kind of skated by was, and I will make this in a form of a formal motion on behalf of the committee, is that the committee look at who actually has the experience and knowledge of dealing with labor and that we consider nominating or designating a task force, a labor task force. And those be the individuals that we select as a steering committee to go off and deal with the labor work. Because, again, they're experienced and they're what have you. That was put on the call last week as a recommendation and no action has no discussion. No action or no vote or anything on it has come forward. Rather than just say, oh, these three people, we love our chairs and we know who they are. But we may have within our own steering committee capabilities and experience that could be of value to us.

**01:20:43**

Speaker 3

Sharon, thank you for that. But the state made it very clear that they want to speak with the.

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Speaker 2

Can. I can let you know that I actually have a very good relationship and work experience in labor with both the County Fed and SCIU. So I've worked for both and know who the people are. And so that was part of the reason why I put my name in the nomination process, was to help navigate this. Thank you for that. Complete.

**01:21:26**

Speaker 1

If I can lean in real quick, my suggestion would be to put together a Google shared doc in between when Andrea, Stella and I meet on Friday morning. Tomorrow morning, we can decide who manages that, and then you'll have access to submit any concerns, action items, agenda items that you would like to see addressed or whatever. I think that would be the easiest way to do it.

**01:21:59**

Speaker 3

Maybe.

**01:21:59**

Speaker 1

Charles, we can talk about what that means. Maybe we could put it on the LADC site.

**01:22:04**

Speaker 3

Sure.

**01:22:05**

Speaker 1

Or just share.

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Speaker 3

We can find a way to make it efficient for everyone.

**01:22:10**

Speaker 2

Thank you.

**01:22:10**

Speaker 1

Karen. Does that address your question? Is that sufficient?

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Speaker 3  
All right.

**01:22:18**

Speaker 2

Okay. Thank you so much, everyone. We are 18 minutes past our meeting time, so we do want to be sensitive to everyone else's commitment. Again, we ask for your patience as we've just sat our chairs, and we are moving this process along. We will be taking in all the feedback that was given today and incorporating that as we move forward. Thank you, everyone. And I will be sure to send everyone the meeting highlights in the incoming day. Have a great rest of your upcoming weekend.

**01:22:48**

Speaker 3

Thank you, everyone. Bye.