



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance  
Board of Directors  
AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 10, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

**No Location**

**Meeting will be Conducted Via Zoom**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** IN RESPONSE TO THE DECLARED STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCIES DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND LIMITED PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, THIS VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM.

**REGARDING MEETING PARTICIPATION:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [VCREA.ADMIN@VENTURA.ORG](mailto:VCREA.ADMIN@VENTURA.ORG) BY 5.00 PM THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING AND ZOOM INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

**REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS:** IF YOU WISH TO MAKE EITHER A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OR COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM BEING HEARD, YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR COMMENT VIA EMAIL BY 9.00 AM THE DAY OF THE MEETING TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: [VCREA.ADMIN@VENTURA.ORG](mailto:VCREA.ADMIN@VENTURA.ORG). PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL: (A) MEETING DATE, (B) AGENDA ITEM NUMBER, (C) SUBJECT OR TITLE OF THE ITEM, (D) YOUR FULL NAME. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEM SPECIFIED IN YOUR EMAIL, YOUR EMAIL WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hernandez

**2. ROLL CALL**

Kelly Cattanach

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA BOARD MEMBERS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 18, 2022 VCREA BOARD MEETING**

**6. AGENDA REVIEW**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*See Guidelines above*

**8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

*At this time members of the VCREA Board of Directors may comment on matters pertaining to VCREA*

**9. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE VCREA FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (E), OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

**10. 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**11. 2022 TRANSITION YEAR RECAP AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff presentation and roundtable discussion

**12. CLIMATE RESILIENT VENTURA COUNTY**

Staff presentation

**13. PROGRAM UPDATE**

**14. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 10.30am assuming approval of Item 10.



## **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors**

### **Item 5**

**Subject:** Minutes from the August 18, 2022 Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

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**Requested Action:**

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 18, 2022 VCREA Board Meeting

**Attachments:**

1. Draft Summary Minutes from the August 18, 2022 Board Meeting
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## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

### Action Minutes

### Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting

August 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

#### No Location- Zoom Meeting

#### 1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hernandez at 10:32 a.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Gabriela Basua	City of Oxnard
Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District
Lynn Edmonds	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Christina Villaseñor	City of Fillmore
Sofía Rubalcava	City of Ventura
Velma Lomax	Ventura Unified School District
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks
Leon Shapiro	Ventura Regional Sanitation District- Alternate

Directors Not Present:

Richard Araiza	City of Santa Paula
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Matt LaVere	County of Ventura

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA DIRECTORS

Director Leon Shapiro (alternate), representing the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, was sworn in by Executive Director Sue Hughes.

Chair Hernandez shared a few words regarding the passing of Carmen Ramirez. Director Ramirez (alternate) was an advocate for clean energy and reducing our dependency on fossil fuels. She was a strong advocate for the environment in areas of health, education, and coastal erosion. She served on the VCREA since 2015. Chair Hernandez hopes Carmen's passing will inspire us to carry on her mission and remember her in our decision-making process moving forward as the VCREA Board. Chair Hernandez extended, on

behalf of the Board, our condolences to her family for this great loss to our County. Chair Hernandez will be closing the meeting in Carmen's honor but wanted to frame the meeting around Carmen as she is so foremost on our minds right now.

The Board thanked Chair Hernandez for her words.

Director Jones moved that we forward Chair Hernandez's message and our condolences to the family on behalf of the VCREA Board. Director Edmonds seconded the motion.

#### **5. MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2022 VCREA BOARD MEETING**

Upon motion of Director Edmonds, seconded by Vice Chair Judge, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting.

#### **6. AGENDA REVIEW**

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were submitted.

#### **8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

No Director Comments were made.

#### **9. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF VCREA FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (E), OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Lomax, the Board approved the Resolution.

#### **10. CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PROGRAM UPDATE**

Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Joseph Cabral, External Affairs Manager for Ventura County, gave a brief presentation including who Clean Power Alliance is and their various programs that benefit the community. Such programs include Power Share Program, Community Solar Program, Power Response Program, Power Ready Program, Electric Vehicle Charger Program, and Green Leader Program. Information was also provided regarding the Community Benefits Grant.

#### **11. RATIFICATION OF JAVIER SAUCEDO CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Staff member Alejandra Telléz provided a brief overview of Javier Saucedo's contract amendment that includes SB 1383 work in partnership with the County of Ventura's Public Works Agency (PWA). This state grant funding received by PWA is for the implementation of any aspect of Senate Bill 1383. Javier's role in this is to assist businesses and schools in implementation efforts.

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Jones, the Board approved the Ratification of Javier Saucedo contract amendment.

## **12. SERVICE RATES FY 22.23**

Staff member Alejandra Telléz provided information pertaining to Service Rates. Staff is requesting approval for Service Rates for FY 22.23 which take in consideration the changes made to the County's FY 22.23 Service Rates recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Edmonds, the Board approved the Service Rates for FY 22.23.

## **13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

Staff member Alejandra Telléz gave a brief overview of the changes made to the Conflict of Interest Code that updated information pertaining to staff.

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Villaseñor, the Board received and filed the Conflict of Interest Code.

## **14. PROGRAM UPDATE**

Staff member Heather Allen made a few comments regarding information provided in the Program Update and answered any questions.

## **15. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None at this time.

## **16. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None at this time

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

This meeting was adjourned in memory of Carmen Ramirez. Chair Hernandez encouraged all to do our part in carrying on Carmen's legacy and to continue to address clean energy, reducing our use of fossil fuels, and protecting our environment. Rest in peace, rest in power. We love you Carmen and miss you very much.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022.



## **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors**

### **Item 9**

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

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**Requested Action:**

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the VCREA for a 30-day period pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE  
RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE  
VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD  
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (e), OF  
THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ventura (“County”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (“VCREA”);

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use remote teleconferencing in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions;

**WHEREAS**, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558;

**WHEREAS**, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;

**WHEREAS**, VCREA previously adopted a Resolution on August 18, 2022, finding that the required conditions set forth in Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3) exist;

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of extending the use of remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), the Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists, and the Board has done so;

**WHEREAS**, emergency conditions persist in Ventura County, specifically, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 4, 2020 (“State of Emergency”);

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2021, Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer, issued a recommendation to continue practicing social distancing measures throughout Ventura County communities, including to continue to implement 100 percent remote meetings of all legislative bodies in Ventura County, to prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19 (“Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing”);



**WHEREAS**, VCREA does hereby find that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, the State of Emergency remains active and continues to directly impact the ability of its members and attendees to meet safely in person, and that the Ventura County Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin, continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing to minimize the spread of COVID-19 including that all legislative bodies in Ventura County continue to meet remotely, as further explained in his Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing, which has not been rescinded and remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, VCREA does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), as authorized by subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953, and that the Board shall comply with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(2); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Staff supporting VCREA are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including continuing to conduct open and public meetings of VCREA in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) December 10, 2022, or such time the Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which VCREA may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

Upon motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, and duly carried, VCREA hereby adopts this resolution on 10 day of November, 2022.

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Laura Hernandez, Chair  
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

ATTEST: Sue Hughes  
Executive Director  
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Cattnach, Program Administrator



## **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors**

### **Item 10**

**Subject:** 2023 Meeting Schedule

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

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**Requested Action:**

1. Approve

**Attachments:**

1. None
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The following VCREA Board meeting schedule is presented to the Board for consideration and approval.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Thursday, November 16, 2023



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance  
Board of Directors**

**Item 11**

**Subject:** 2022 Transition Year Recap and Staff Recommendations

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

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**Requested Action:**

1. None

**Attachments:**

1. None
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## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

### Item 12

**Subject:** Climate Resilient Ventura County

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

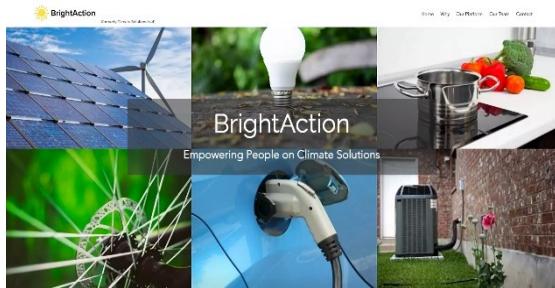
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**Requested Action:**

1. None

**Attachments:**

1. None
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The Resilient Central Coast Campaign had a soft launch during the Central Coast Sustainability Summit on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Campaign's official launch will be in January 2023 and will showcase the landing pages for the twelve Central Coast cities and counties partnering in the campaign. The Climate Resilient Ventura County page can be found [here](#).

As a reminder, the goal of the Resilient Central Coast Campaign is to achieve measurable progress towards reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from four areas (home energy use, transportation, food choices, and waste). The Campaign utilizes an online organizing platform called [BrightAction](#) to engage micro-community leaders (e.g., neighborhood groups, church groups, Girl Scout troop leaders, civic clubs, university groups, etc.) by providing bilingual training, marketing materials, and other resources to encourage them to use their social networks to help achieve community building, GHG emissions reductions, and increased resiliency.



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance  
Board of Directors**

**Item 13**

**Subject:** Program Update

**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022

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**Requested Action:**

1. None

**Attachments:**

1. Program Update
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# VCREA Program Update

## Electrified Transportation Updates

### National Drive Electric Week

This past September, VCREA hosted two in-person public events and one virtual event for National Drive Electric Week (NDEW):



In partnership with County of Ventura, VCREA hosted the Ventura Electric Vehicle (EV) Ride and Drive event at the Ventura County Government Center on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The event featured a variety of vehicles to test-drive/ride, including affordable sedans, SUV's, electric motorbikes, and e-bikes from different vendors. The public benefitted greatly from speaking to real EV owners at the static EV showcase portion of our event, where 12 different models were on display. Regional partners like the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and Clean Power Alliance (CPA) also supported education and outreach with their own

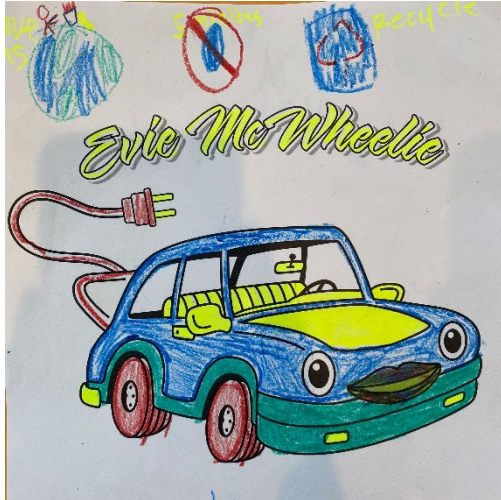
information booths. EV-related promotional and educational materials were distributed to the public by VCREA and partners.



On September 29<sup>th</sup>, VCREA hosted the Oxnard EV showcase at the Thursday Oxnard Plaza Park Farmers' Market. The showcase featured a variety of EVs to learn about, including affordable sedans and SUV's. Vehicle owners enthusiastically spoke with curious event attendees and eased their concerns regarding vehicle range, cost, and charging logistics. Regional partners like the Ventura County APCD, Santa Barbara Community Environmental Council (CEC-SB), and CPA supported bilingual education and outreach with their own information booths. EV-related promotional and educational materials were distributed to the public by VCREA and

partners. The Farmer's Market showcase was a fantastic opportunity to promote EVs in the Spanish-speaking community, where many individuals were unaware of affordable EVs and the rebates and incentives available to them.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, VCREA hosted a NDEW Brown Bag Lunch Webinar. The webinar highlighted the Ventura County Regional EV Blueprint, provided a brief overview about EVs, information about charging and where charging infrastructure is located, and promoted EV purchase incentives.



## Clean Air Day

To celebrate [Clean Air Day](#), VCREA participated in Gold Coast Transit District's [Clean Air Summit](#) on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Clean Air Summit and Expo was an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss hydrogen fuel cells, micro-mobility, and vehicle electrification.

VCREA also collaborated with Ventura STEM Network to bring EV-related youth activities to 17 classrooms throughout the County of Ventura. Teachers could choose to participate in one of two engaging activities: "rEV Your Engines" or "Drive Your Imagination". Supplies were distributed at the beginning of Clean Air Day week and teachers were given two weeks to integrate the activities into their lesson plan. The "Drive Your

Imagination" activity was a coloring contest based on VCREA's Evie McWheelie cartoon character. Classrooms from the following elementary schools in the Oxnard and Oak Park School Districts: Lemonwood, Curren, Driffill, Brekke, Marina West, McKinna, Rose Avenue, Cesar Chavez, and Ramona Elementary School participated in the coloring contest. Students in the STEM program at Camarillo and Fillmore Middle Schools participated in the "rEV Your Engines", in which they worked in groups of 4-5 to build a toy remote control electric car.

## Other EV Activities

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, VCREA's EV Coach, Nancy Clarin, joined CEC-SB in delivering a public webinar called Get Charged: Everything You Need to Know to Drive Electric. VCREA provided an overview of available EV resources and support available throughout the Ventura County. VCREA's EV Coach highlighted VCREA's in-person events and online resources like VCREA's Drive Clean Newsletter and [Transportation Electrification webpage](#). Aside from VCREA's presentation, the webinar also included an overview of [Access Clean CA](#), a convenient tool that allows individuals to apply to multiple CA rebates on one platform.

To receive information about active EV incentives and rebates, EV News, and EV events, please sign up to receive the Drive Clean newsletter [here](#). The November Drive Clean newsletter can be found [here](#).



On November 19<sup>th</sup>, VCREA will be participating in Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project's (MICOP) monthly community meeting to raise awareness about EVs and to showcase their brand-new Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In Electric Hybrid minivan, which was paid for through grant funds from the [Ready, Set, Go Electric Ventura County EV Blueprint](#) implementation project. The plug-in hybrid electric minivan is utilized by MICOP to

transport community program participants and community leaders to and from meetings, events, appointments, and activities. Click on the [MICOP Monthly Community Meeting](#) link to learn more.



VCREA, in collaboration with Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition (C5), is hosting an EV workforce training series in 2023. The series will start in February 2023 and include trainings for charging station maintenance and installation, EV sales, and EV First Responder Safety. See below for details:

- [EVITP Webinar and Scholarship](#)  
The Ventura County region has an increasing need for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certified electricians to support charging station installation and maintenance. VCREA will host an EVITP training targeted at electricians as well as provide a scholarship to cover training and exam fees for 15-20 electricians.
- [Dealership Trainings](#)  
Dealership staff in the Ventura County region often have little experience selling EVs to the public. To help increase EV sales experience, VCREA will host an EV sales training and incentivize dealerships by developing a formal recognition of “Green Dealership Leaders”.
- [Electric Vehicle Safety Course: Implications & Considerations for Emergency Responders](#)  
As the number of EVs on the roadways increases, it is important for first responders to understand how a response involving these types of vehicles is different than those with an internal combustion engine. VCREA will partner with the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC) to host an in-person training to firefighters and other emergency responders in the Ventura County and Central Coast region.

## Energy Efficiency Updates

### Library Grant



VCREA staff is partnering with the Ventura County Library and County of Ventura’s Sustainability Division to offer sustainability-themed special events, conduct Green Business certification, and expand the Library of Things to help residents discover new ways to improve indoor air quality, reduce electricity use, conserve water, eliminate waste, and reduce waste at three library facilities located in disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Funding for such

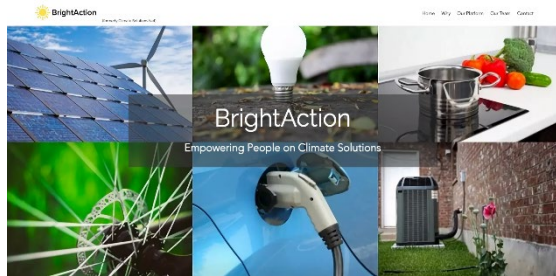
activities was awarded by the Library Services and Technology Act Grant.

The Library Services and Technology Act Grant builds off of the partnership between VCREA, 3C-REN, and Ventura County Libraries to offer Induction Cooktop kits and DIY Energy Toolkits that local residents can check out at Ventura County libraries and use the kits at home for up to three weeks. To learn more about the cooktops, DIY energy toolkits, and other energy- saving tools, and to find a participating library, visit 3C-REN’s Home Energy Savings online [here](#) or attend one of the DIY Energy Toolkit and Induction Cooktop kits in-person presentations by VCREA staff.

Lastly, VCREA and 3C-REN staff are working with the cities of Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Oxnard, Camarillo, and Santa Paula to expand the DIY Energy Toolkit and Induction Cooktop program to their city libraries.

## Regional Collaboration

### Resilient Central Coast Campaign



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### Central Coast Grant Opportunities

VCREA partnered with Ventura County organizations including the Ventura County Community Foundation and the [Central Coast Climate Justice Network](#) to apply for [Strategic Growth Council's Regional Climate Collaboratives \(RCC\) Program Round 1 grant](#) funding. The goal of the application was to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise around climate resiliency with a particular focus on increasing access to funding resources for project planning and implementation within under-resourced communities. VCREA's role in the grant may include technical assistance for developing climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects.

VCREA is also an active partner in the six-county [Uplift Central Coast Coalition](#), which was just awarded \$5 million in grant funding through [California's Community Economic Resilience Fund \(CERF\)](#). The Coalition is led by REACH, the Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) and Monterey Bay Economic Partnership with the goal is to create an inclusive economic development plan for the six Central Coast counties of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura that focuses on equity, sustainability, job quality, economic competitiveness, and resilience. VCREA's role in the coalition may include technical assistance for developing climate change resilience projects and climate related workforce development. Stay tuned for more details.

Throughout 2022, VCREA has been actively tracking [Resilience Funding and Financing Program Timelines](#) as well as participating in numerous grant guideline development sessions.