

September: RICAPS Monthly Meeting

September 22, 2026



Agenda



Time	Item
1:30 – 1:35 pm	Welcome & Agenda Review
1:35 – 2:00 pm	Announcements
2:00 – 2:55 pm	SMC Community Resilience Accelerator
2:55 – 3:00 pm	Meeting Closing



Announcements



Finance and Design Support for Climate Capital Improvement Projects

Webinar

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- Wednesday, Sep. 23 (**tomorrow!**)
- Learn how the San Mateo County Sustainability Department can connect your organization to design assistance and financing that can lower the costs of your new construction, major renovation, or resilience projects and help reach your climate action goals! Register [here](#)



Provide feedback on Building Performance Standard (BPS)

Sep. 24th

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- Please join Silicon Valley Clean Energy's September Member Agency Working Group on Sep. 24th, 10am-12pm. This a standing monthly collaboration call with cities on issues concerning clean energy and electrification.
- WestLight Energy, SVCE, and their consultants will provide a brief overview of the planned **research and analysis for a regional model of Building Performance Standards**.
- They seek your feedback to help ensure that the project outputs will help meet your city's needs. The project team will engage with stakeholders throughout the research and share results in early 2027.
- *Email Katinka Lennemann (klennemann@smcgov.org) for the meeting invite.*



Sep. 29th, WestLight Incentives Update



- In the next Building Electrification Working Group (Tuesday Sep. 29th, 10-11am) WestLight will be presenting updates on the **impacts of the loss of federal tax credits & potential program adjustments** for building electrification.
- Attend the meeting to learn more & provide feedback.
- *Email Katinka Lennemann (klennemann@smcgov.org) to be added to the invite if you don't have it already.*



Sep. 30th, WestLight Lasting Impact Summit



- Join us as we celebrate a decade of clean energy progress in our region and honor our partners who have made it possible
- Explore a showcase of clean energy technologies and connect with fellow advocates, clean energy professionals, and leaders from across government
- Wednesday, September 30 from 3:30 – 8 p.m. at Skyline College
- Please register [here](#)



Oct. 8th, CCA Webinar – Spread the Word!



- **Beyond Corporate Utilities: Your Community Choice Energy Providers**, co-hosted by all seven Bay Area Community Choice Energy providers, will take place Thursday, October 8, from noon to 1:00 p.m.
- The webinar will help Bay Area employees understand how Community Choice Energy works, identify the provider serving their place of work and at home, and learn about locally available clean energy options, rates, discounts, incentives, and energy-saving programs.
- [Register for the webinar](#) and see the RICAPS newsletter for shareable materials.



YOU'RE INVITED!

BEYOND CORPORATE UTILITIES: YOUR COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY PROVIDERS

October 8, 2026
12:00 P.M.
📍 **Virtual**

LEARN ABOUT
COMMUNITY
CHOICE



DISCOVER
HOME ENERGY
PROGRAMS



EXPLORE
REBATES, REWARDS &
SAVINGS

In celebration of Clean Air Day, join the six Bay Area Community Choice Energy providers on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 12 p.m. for a free webinar to learn about clean energy options, incentives, and resources available to you.

- Learn about community choice
- Discover programs and services available to you
- Get your questions answered

REGISTER NOW!





OneShoreline Flood Preparedness Initiative

Winter weather is coming.

Flood Preparedness Initiative:

- **Shared messaging** — ready-to-use language for jurisdictions, timed to King Tide dates
- **Cities' preparedness** — lessons-learned resource + multi-jurisdictional connections
- **Public webpage** — one page linking County/City flood resources, alerts, and materials
- **Social media campaign** — five days of posts during State Flood Preparedness Week, Oct. 14–24



Planning is underway.

Emails will be going out to cities and jurisdictions next week following meeting with County DEM. Look for announcement in the RICAPS post-meeting newsletter.

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact:

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The Efficiency and Sustainably Energy
(EASE) Home Program

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Emma Grossman, egrossman@smcgov.org



Measures Offered

Core Measures

Customer co-pay: 20% of costs

- Attic Insulation*
- Wall Insulation*
- Duct Sealing or Replacement*
- Induction Cooking*
- Air Sealing
- Weatherstripping
- Smart Thermostat
- Health and Safety Upgrades
- Minor Home Repairs
- Air Purifier

✔ 80% costs covered ✔ Comprehensive support

*At least one starred core measure is required

Additional Measures

Customer co-pay: Full cost minus 3rd-party rebates

- Heat Pump Heating and Cooling
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Heat Pump Dryer
- Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades

✔ Finding and applying for third-party rebates
✔ Comprehensive support

Who Qualifies?

- Live in a single-family home (up to 4 units) built before 2010
- Are a PG&E customer
- Have a household income under or at 120% AMI

Household Size	Income Limit
1	Up to \$162,450.00
2	Up to \$185,700.00
3	Up to \$208,875.00
4	Up to \$232,050.00
5	Up to \$250,650.00

Renters can apply as well!

- Renters need Property Owner permission
- Both parties will need to sign the Participation Agreement and a Rental Upgrade Agreement





San Mateo County Sprint 2/3 Goals

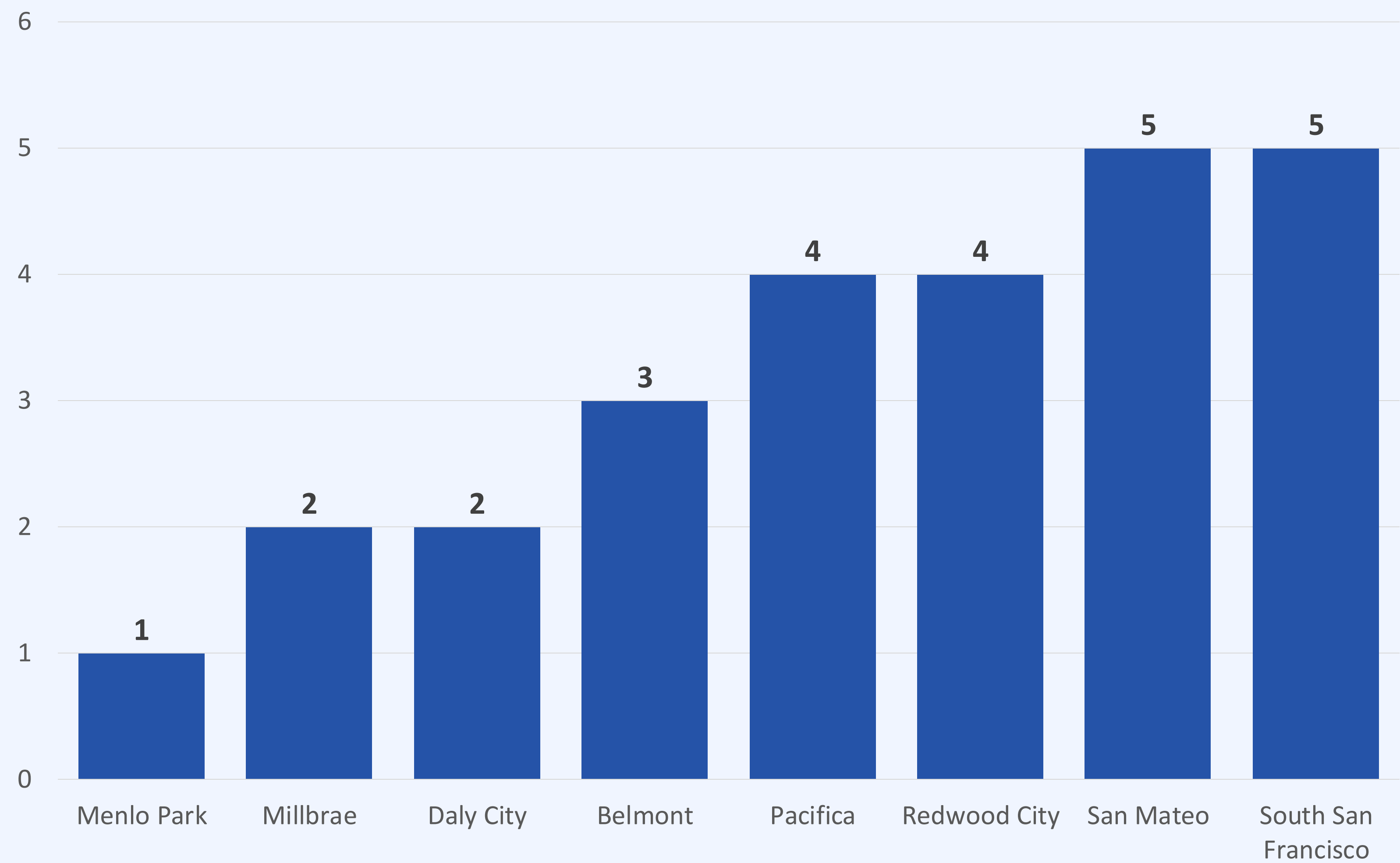


- **Sprint 2/3: October 19- January 10**
- Mass marketing will begin early October
- County Goal: **~150 scheduled site visits** and **72 completed or scheduled projects** by the end of this sprint
- Up to **29%** of leads come through internet searches or rebate referral sites (such as your City's website)
- Up to **17%** of leads come from government channels including local gov't newsletters and social media posts
- **We need your help in spreading the word to your residents!**
 - Newsletters
 - Social media posts
 - Updating your website

Check out the RICAPS newsletter for our EASE Marketing toolkit including templates and suggestions for each of these media types!!



Completed EASE Projects by City



Upcoming
Opportunities to
Partner with
Stanford





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The Hub of Cardinal Service

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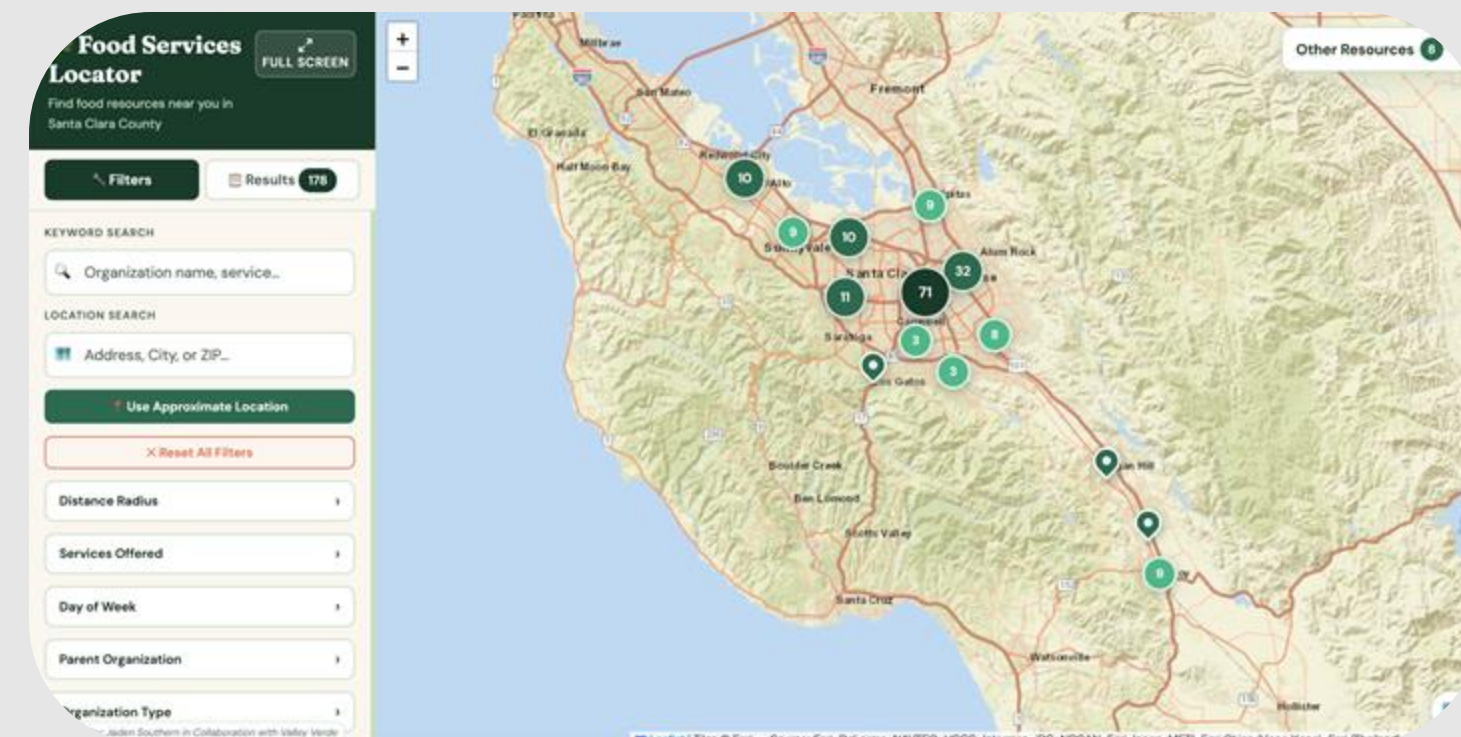
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Engagement Opportunities

Mission: *The Haas Center for Public Service inspires Stanford University to realize a just and sustainable world through service, scholarship, and community partnerships.*

Community-Engaged Learning & Research

- Courses
- Research
- Capstones



Valley Verde food services locator tool by a student in Advanced GIS Course

Co-Curricular Opportunities

- Student group volunteering
- Public service internships
- Community Service Work Study



StoryMap developed by a summer 2026 Cardinal Quarter fellow

Previous Projects



Sustainable Cities Program: centering partnership, systems thinking, and ability to scale in cities and urban regions worldwide.

- Rachael Londer, City of Menlo Park
- Christine Luong, City of Palo Alto

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Oct. 27th, In-person RICAPS



Join us at the Mission Blue Center in
Brisbane!





SMC Community Resilience Accelerator

**Extreme Heat and Community Resilience
Program Grant Proposal**

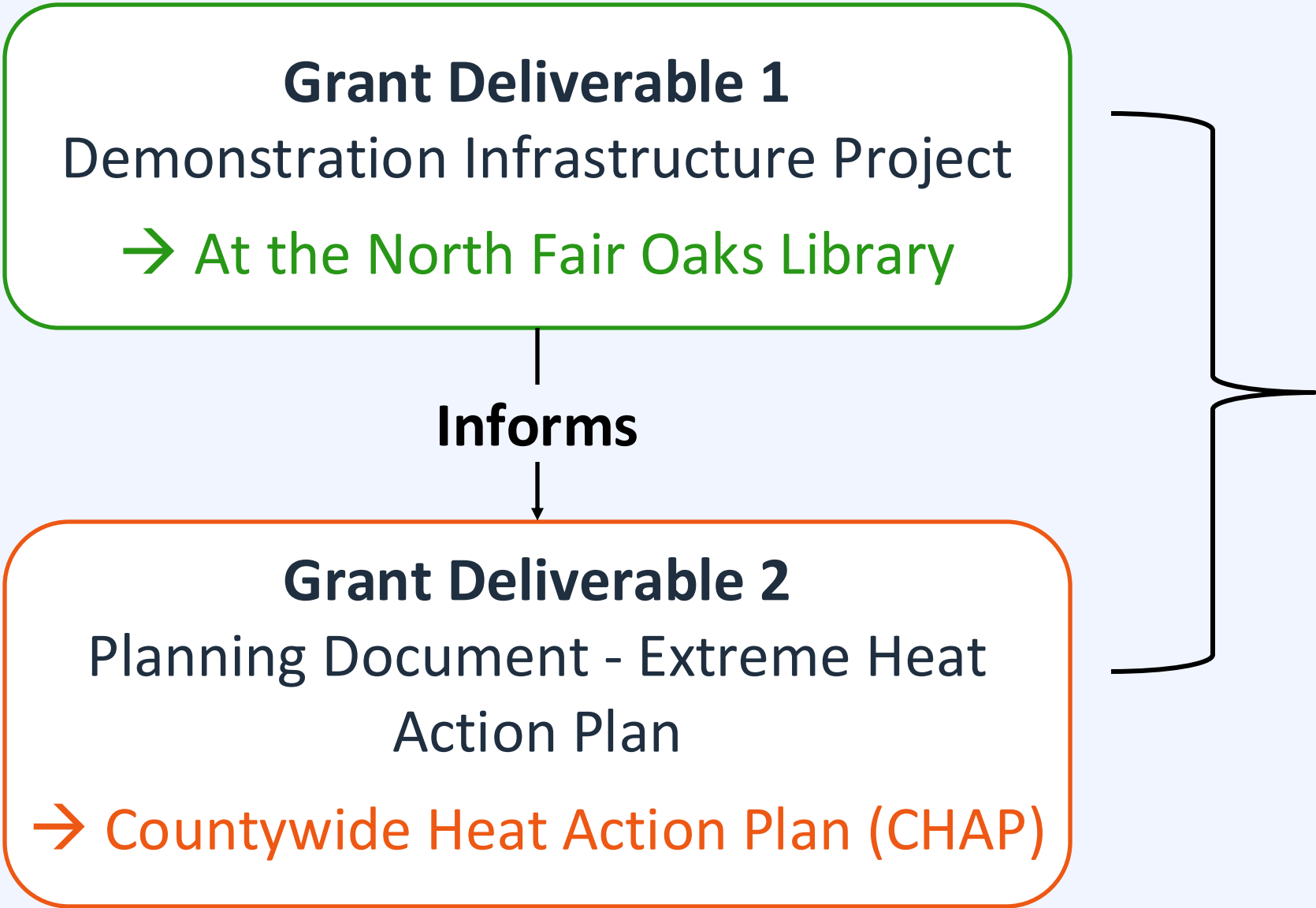


Funding Opportunity



The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP)

Early Transformative Infrastructure provides up to **\$1.2 million** in funding, with **25 – 60% dedicated to a built demonstration project (up to \$720K)**, to support extreme heat action planning and community-informed infrastructure that protects vulnerable populations



Submit these to EHCRP

- Pre-Application submitted August 11th
- **Full Application due October 13th (2pm)**

Grant Requirements

- ☐ CBO Co-Applicant
- ☐ Demonstration project co-designed with community
- ☐ Construction complete before end of grant terms (30-months)



Overview: SMC Community Resilience Accelerator



Grant funds would enable us to complete the grant deliverables. Then, the lessons learned along the way will inform the **SMC Community Resilience Accelerator**: applying these processes to plan for other climate hazards (flooding, SLR, wildfire smoke, etc.)

Deliverables

Grant Deliverable 1

Infrastructure Demonstration Project

→ North Fair Oaks Library & Human Services Agency Campus

Grant Deliverable 2

Planning Document - Extreme Heat Action Plan

→ CHAP: County Heat Action Plan
(includes infrastructure strategy and toolkits on heat resilience infrastructure, community preparedness, and engagement)

Core Components to Achieve Deliverables

- Regional heat vulnerability and infrastructure assessment
- Cross-sector partnership with cities, County departments, SamTrans, CBOs, and Stanford
- Community-informed solutions and project design
- Workforce training to build local capacity and long-term impact

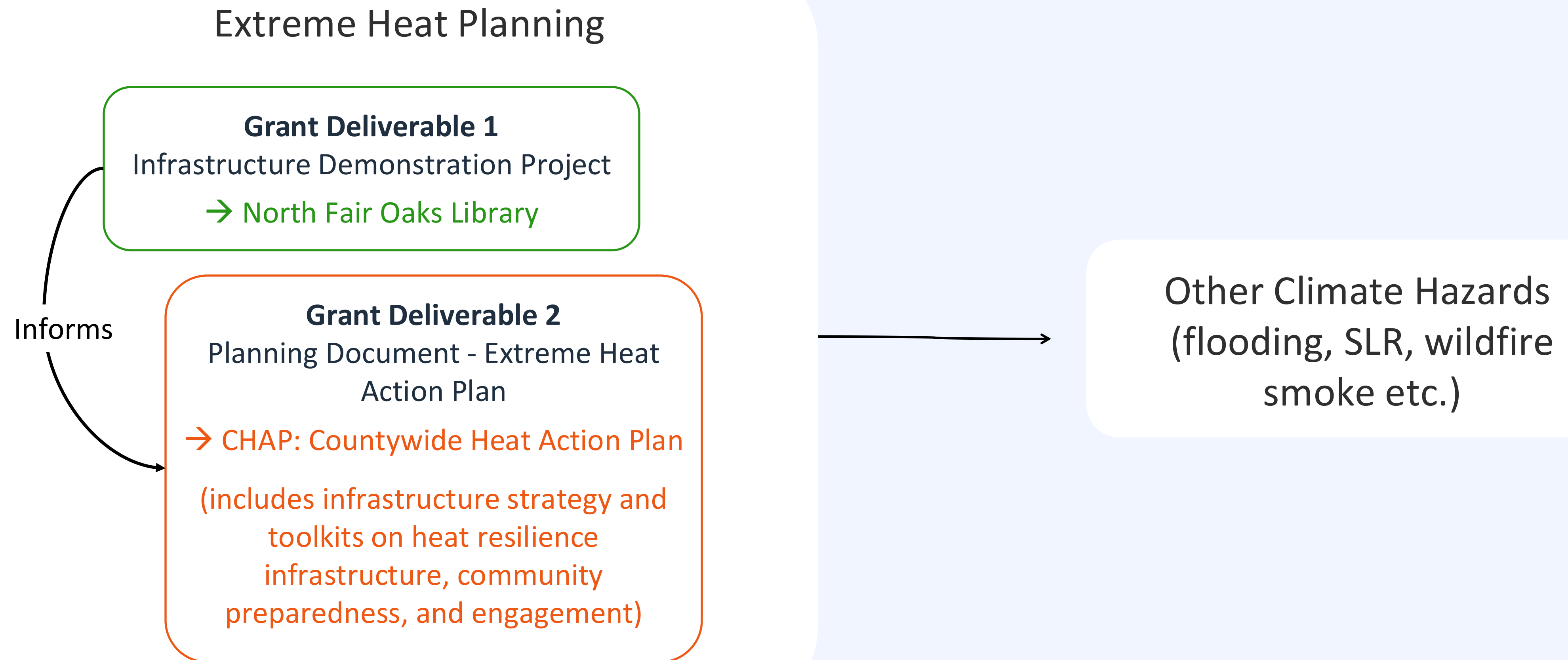
Intended Outcomes

- ✓ Creates a coordinated regional approach to heat resilience by bringing together cities, County departments, and community-based organizations.
- ✓ Builds a replicable model for regional resilience planning and implementation
- ✓ Implements Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Action SMC 30 and 28
- ✓ Integrate with public works processes and support future resilience project implementation



Any questions?

SMC Community Resilience Accelerator



Demonstration Project: North Fair Oaks Library/SMC HSA Building

Overview

Fund the Right-of-Way and heat-resilience elements of the North Fair Oaks Library.

Project Elements

- Shade structures
- Cool pavement
- Urban greening
- Bioswales
- Bus shelter/transit-user improvements
- Water refill stations

Related plans:

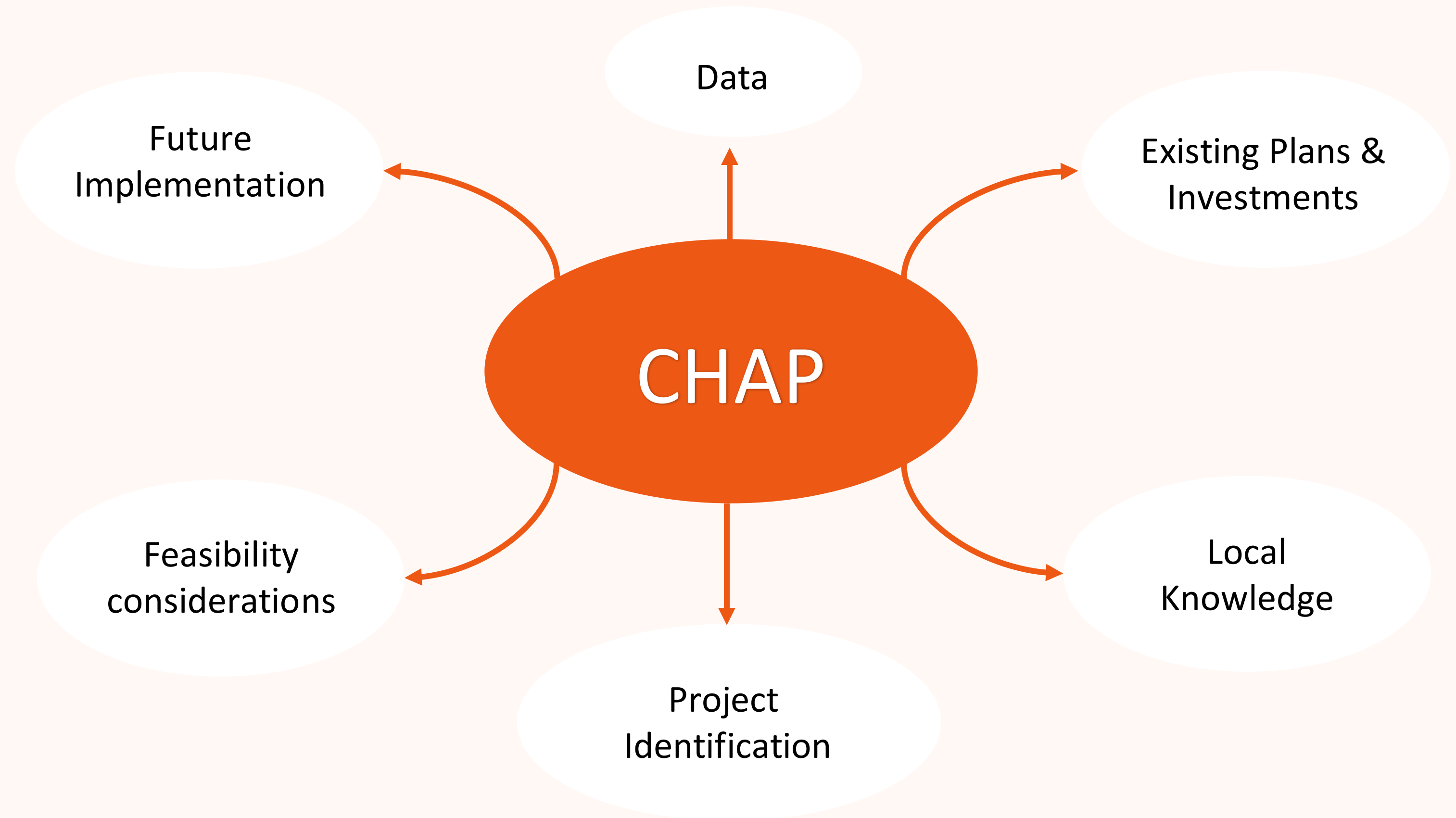
- RWC Walk, Bike, Thrive
- SamTrans Bus Shelter Improvement Plan
- CBO coordination/community input
- Stormwater permit
- Air District BARCAP



Countywide Heat Action Plan (CHAP)



The CHAP would **institutionalize lessons learned** from the demonstration infrastructure project in North Fair Oaks into an Infrastructure Strategy and Toolkit creating a regional, repeatable approach to heat action implementation. **This regional plan would benefit from information from each of your jurisdictions.**



Project Approach



Phase	Details
1. Heat Vulnerability & Infrastructure Gap Assessment	• Identify where residents face the greatest heat exposure and where cooling infrastructure gaps exist • Convene County departments, cities, community-based organizations (CBOs), and technical partners to build a shared understanding of heat risks, align on priorities, and identify feasible resilience solutions
2. Community Input & Data Validation	• Engage communities to inform project priorities and designs • Validate heat exposure data with Stanford using mobile heat sensors across the region
3. Demonstration Project Design	• Finalize the demonstration project design with public works and NFO library staff that is informed by the heat vulnerability assessment, CBOs and residents, helping shape project scope from the outset to ensure investments deliver meaningful community benefits
4. Construction	• Implement demonstration project(s)
5. Capacity Building	• Build regional capacity by training contractors, public works staff, community-based organizations, and community members to design, deliver, operate, and maintain heat resilience projects, creating the local expertise needed to replicate and sustain investments
6. Plan & Toolkits Completion	• Finalize the Regional Extreme Heat Action Plan and toolkits • Share resources through regional workshops, enabling cities, CBOs, and other partners to replicate successful approaches and continue advancing coordinated heat resilience across the region



City involvement (proposed)

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What we will need from you (if awarded)

- Information to identify areas of heat exposure and vulnerability including existing infrastructure and planned investments to identify gaps and opportunities for heat resilience
- Criteria to identify local jurisdiction priority areas for infrastructure based on analysis which will guide heat action planning and capital projects
- Reviewing findings from regional community meetings on extreme heat and from the demonstration infrastructure project to think through what's feasible for your jurisdiction
- Input from your public works teams on what would be needed to replicate the demonstration infrastructure project elements/ideas from the needs assessment in your city (aka – what is needed in the toolkit)?



Discussion





Phase 1: Heat Vulnerability and Infrastructure Gaps



Please move yourselves into the following breakout rooms:

Breakout Room 1: North county (north of City of San Mateo)

Breakout Room 2: Coastside

Breakout Room 3: Central Peninsula (City of San Mateo + further south)

In these rooms, please discuss the following. A facilitator in each room will [take notes](#) as you discuss.

- **Who from your city would need to be involved** in conducting/reviewing the heat vulnerability assessment and infrastructure prioritization? And **how should they be engaged?**
- What **level of analysis** for heat vulnerability, infrastructure, and community preparedness **currently exists** for your jurisdiction (Plans, projects, policies, investments)?
- What **types of infrastructure, policies, or programs** would your jurisdiction want to pursue, and where are there **constraints / concerns?**
- What would make the CHAP **useful** to your jurisdiction as you develop future projects and CIPs?



Breakout Room Share-out

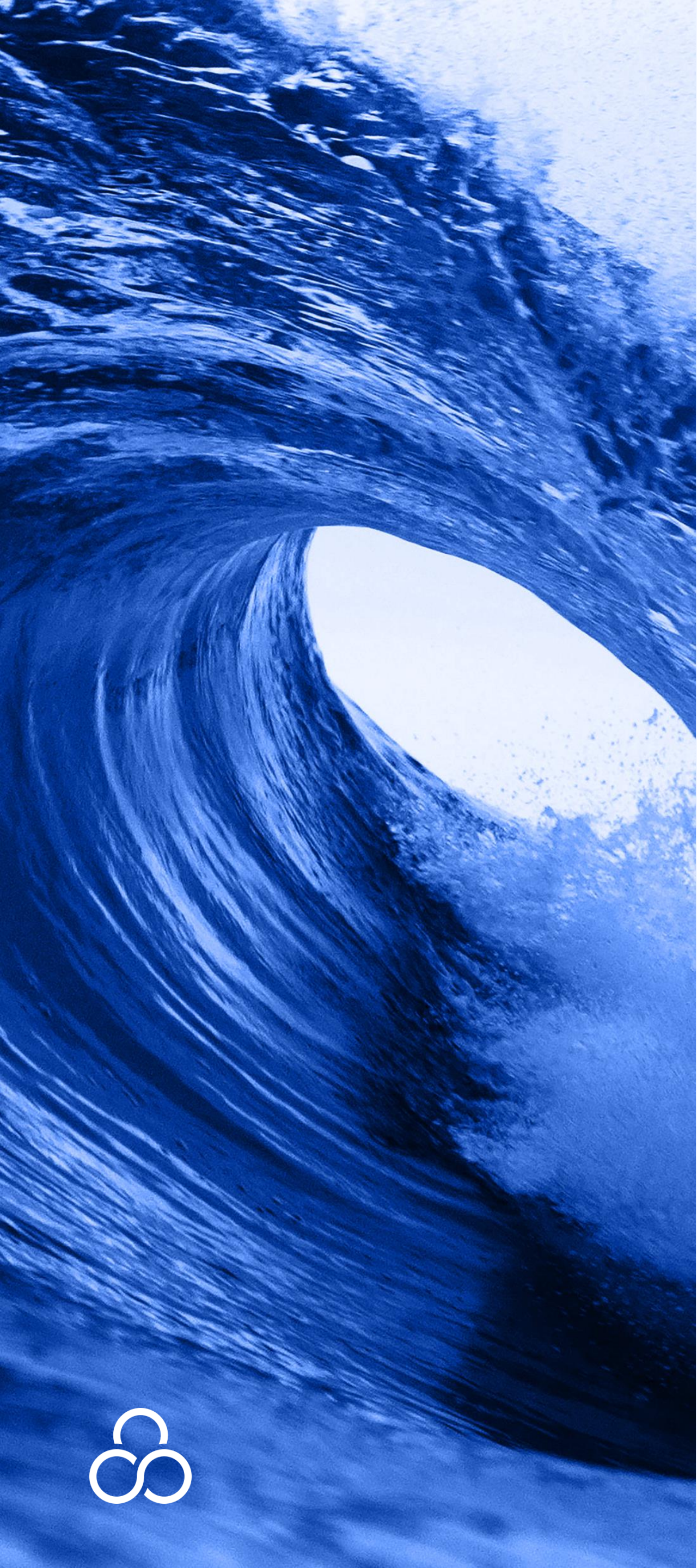


What did you breakout room talk about?

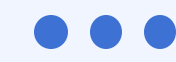


Jurisdiction Round Robin





Jurisdiction Round Robin



1. Would you sign onto a RICAPS letter of support for our Extreme Heat Grant Application?
2. What do the city PW/ RICAPS touchpoints need to be in this process?
3. Are there any areas of the process that you may want to be more involved? For instance:
 - Help review the grant application language
 - Become a formal Contributor to the grant
 - Be involved in the community heat vulnerability assessments
 - Help develop the infrastructure strategy (Public Works input on maintenance considerations and infrastructure components would be greatly appreciated here!)





Thank you.

