

This document provides a summary of polling question responses and comments from participants captured at the second Climate Action Plan Update (CAP Update) workshop held on June 2, 2021. The workshop focused on how equity can be centered in the CAP Update project.

**1. In one word, what does a focus on equity in the CAP Update look like to you? / En una palabra, ¿cuál es su visión de un enfoque en la equidad en la Actualización del Plan de Acción Climática (CAP)?**





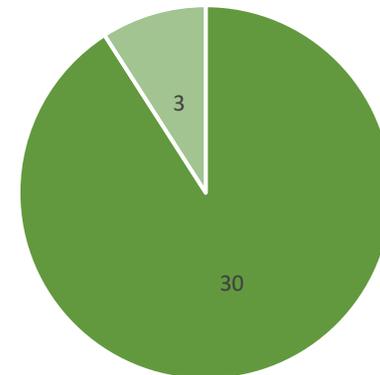
### 3. How the CAP Update Affects Quality of Life

The vast majority (91%) of responders said that the CAP Update does affect their quality of life. Reasons for this impact included links between the environment and communities, climate stabilization / the climate crisis, and potential impact on community resources like housing and transportation.

Responders who answered “yes” included the following additional thoughts:

- The environment is linked to our QOL
- Determines how much gov agencies are required to care about certain communities in San Diego.
- It is an opportunity to improve our communities
- It should improve everyone's quality of life
- Pollution in the unincorporated areas doesn't stay there. Transportation is Countywide. Etc.
- Yes, to secure a livable planet for the next generation.
- Quality of our shared natural environment; quality of life for those of us in disadvantaged communities who are worst impacted by climate change
- Under the legal concept of cumulative impacts, the CAP either supports climate stabilization or it ends most life forms on Earth. You performance so far breaks my heart. I have 5 grandchildren.
- I hope it results in clean air to breathe
- failure is not an option. Wew MUST resolve the climate emergency
- We can't have healthy lives in an unhealthy environment
- We are a cell in the body of the universe. We need to be a benign one.
- Access to transit and potential traffic
- Housing affordability (?)
- Global warming and weather patterns
- Will determine our collective future

Do you feel the CAP Update affects your quality of life in any way? / ¿Considera que la Actualización del CAP afecta de alguna manera a su calidad de vida?



■ Yes /Sí ■ Not Sure / No estoy seguro

#### 4. Public Health Issues

A majority of responders (85%) said that they or their community was experiencing public health issues. Air pollution and asthma were mentioned multiple times as issues of public concern. Additionally, mental health concerns stemming from environmental and economic stress came up. Other health issues mentioned included water quality, heat, and wildfires. Solutions to address these public health issues included prioritizing air quality, electrifying the built environment and transportation, and working with communities and regional groups.

<b>Are you or your community experiencing any public health issues? / ¿Usted o su comunidad tienen problemas de salud pública?</b>	<b>What are the specific issues or concerns that affect your community in San Diego County? / ¿Cuáles son los asuntos o preocupaciones específicos que afectan a su comunidad en el Condado de San Diego?</b>	<b>How can the County help address those issues, if any? / ¿Cómo puede el Condado abordar esos asuntos, si los hubiere?</b>
Yes / Sí	Air pollution that causes respiratory issues or other health impacts	Planning and investing in electrifying transportation, and other sectors like home energy, busses, trucks, transit, cars.
Yes / Sí	Heat waves; increased air pollution leading to increased health issues such as asthma attacks	Prioritize air quality in the CAP update; incentivize EVs
Yes / Sí	Air pollution	Follow CARB solutions support Regional Transportation Plan
Yes / Sí	COVID and future pandemics due to loss of wild habitat and encroachment on wild areas	allow county staff to telework as much as possible. preserve and rehabilitate wild areas. plant trees, improve public transport
Yes / Sí	asthma	
Yes / Sí	Heat - Lack of trees/greenery. Surrounded by freeways - Air pollution. Lack of parks. Mental stress from all of these.	Work with SANDAG to reduce transportation pollution.
Yes / Sí	Air quality Border beach sewage	
Yes / Sí	Respiratory issues from natural gas in buildings and air pollution	Electrify new building developments Develop efficient, convenient mass transportation system
Yes / Sí	air quality, especially wildfires	ban 2 cycle engines, better wildfire management

Yes / Sí	Heat illness; air pollution; flooding impacts in remote areas; increasing wildfire threats in remote and urban areas	have an aggressive CAP, and end land use sprawl
Yes / Sí	Humanity is on a path toward a devastating collapse of the human population. This is harming our mental health. It is very sad. The truth hurts and there is little hope of success.	Get real. This is a systems engineering problem driven by what the climate scientists specify.
Yes / Sí	Air pollution so extreme many employers are violating CAL OSHA laws	Eliminate ICE vehicles ASAP
Yes / Sí	clean air and water	better policies to better address and make the public aware of what we all collectively need to do to help preserve our community and our resources
Yes / Sí	Homeless destroying protected habitat	It can't if past is prologue
Yes / Sí	air pollution, clean water	
Yes / Sí	asthma	100% renewable energy. Electrify everything
Yes / Sí	Wildfires and the resulting air pollution.	Better wildland management....on County owned land.
Yes / Sí	Pollution from transportation high VMT. Unhealthy buildings	Reduce VMT. Electrifying buildings.
Yes / Sí		Electric cars. The County will never have the density to support transit.
Yes / Sí	We live near the 15 freeway. The air quality during rush hour (am and pm) is terrible.	Light rail going to north county via SANDAG
Yes / Sí	Wildfires burned down homes in community Young people are increasingly experiencing genetic health impacts due to environmental issues	That's a big one. Wildfire resource help/prep, especially for people in older communities. Education on safe drinking water/health.
Yes / Sí	Campo--excessive heat throughout summer, especially when power is shut off.	
Yes / Sí	Increased frequency of asthma issues, increase in impacts from heat waves	Focus on the climate change and public health impacts, and climate adaptation
Yes / Sí	Air pollution from vehicles as I live within a 1/4 if freeways	Improve Transit and reduce VMTs
Yes / Sí	Asthma from all the air pollution and grime in the bay	Electric vehicles and make sure to regulate those who toy and alter their emissions with their emissions as many do who drive to the base every day thru IB
Not sure / No estoy seguro	air quality, radiation	Better air quality measures and policies
Not sure / No estoy seguro	Wildfire	Better transit. Limiting building in very high fire risk areas.

### 5. Outreach & Engagement Best Practices

Accessibility, transparency, and trust were main points brought up when asked about involving the general public and underserved communities in CAP Update outreach strategies. Another area of emphasis was including diverse methods of outreach, including in-person with food, phone calls, small group or individual meetings, and social media.

**How can we best involve you, as well as other individuals and organizations, in the CAP Update? / ¿Cuál es la mejor manera de involucrarlo a usted y a otras personas u organizaciones en la Actualización del CAP?**

**What methods should the County consider to reach underserved communities? / ¿Qué métodos debe considerar el Condado para estar en contacto con las comunidades desatendidas?**

be accessible and transparent to various communities. make the effort to get feedback from underserved groups; thread with other jurisdictions. work towards common goals	in person contacts that are culturally and linguistic appropriate. Look for the unseen and voiceless.
Build trust with community members and other organizations to work together with residents in Environmental Justice communities to prioritize investments and solutions there first. ; Have real incentives for providing input, food, compensation ; Demonstrate that community input will lead to some change and won't be ignored	Block parties.
Comments through email; opportunity for input at various geographical areas.	Co-host future meetings with community based groups
Continue community engagement and outreach	Community meetings, churches and schools
Continue to engage the community to keep us updated	Door-to-door and incentives.
create an opportunity for individual input. the issues are too complex for preset Q&A	Engage non-profits, NGOs, faith groups who work directly with those communities.
Current method is working fine.	Go to the people.
Door-to-door outreach to a sample of members communities of concern. Numerous meetings with non-profit and community organizations, especially park and community representative groups.	Hold outreach/input sessions live in the underserved communities. Maybe with free Covid vaccinations
email and phone calls.	It is also essential that the County compensate and offer vouchers to folks in Communities of Concern for sharing their experiences as the County continues to gain public feedback.
extremely transparent email updates	Phone calls to community members with short surveys
-Hire young people and people from traditionally marginalized communities -Outreach to schools!	provide a stipend for participant's time

-Have an anonymous form for people to submit comments. Put it in your social media bios	
Involve all communities, Emerald Keepers in Coronado workshops and more; Let's involve local high schools too ; Outreach to teachers and schools for their involvement	Provide compensation for resident leaders who are sharing advice and time.
Meetings like this one and outreach to people without access to computers and smart phones	small groups, in person, find existing groups
More focus groups, allow for the public to meet with individual County staffers	Social media and go to farms and work places
My experience/expertise involves EVs. Utilize people with experience.; 350.org seems to have an equity mission now.	Speak at schools when parents are there
Notice meetings, community outreach through events	The biggest barrier is a lack of information about how serious our climate emergency is. See if you can go into the schools to promote climate change literacy. That literacy is defined in the California Democratic Party Platform. You can get CAP input there.
Notify property owners for input	Use the CBO to reach out and Faith Base ORg
Organize future workshops/workgroup meetings by topic areas instead of lumping all topics covered in the CAP update into one workshop	Webinars like this are a good start! I didn't really know what I was walking into, so maybe advertise what a webinar means when you ask people to go? It's not that intimidating and I think if people knew then they would come.
Present the CAP Update goals and possible solutions via community meetings, social media and mailings....as seniors are not always on social media.	Once we get in person again—food! Provide attendees a yummy meal.
Provide monetary compensation or vouchers to participants	
Reach out in all languages in our region; pay attention to grassroots environmental and social justice orgs	
Reach out to local environmental organizations like SD350 SDGNDA SDBEC and the like.	
Send us draft proposals and incorporate feedback. Reach out to stakeholders	
Small group discussions	
Support SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan and reach out to EPIC	
Volunteer opportunities, engage community, individual input	

## 6. Cultural Nuances

Accessibility across language barriers and without jargon was emphasized in these responses. Additionally, responders noted that framing the information impacts how it is received, and suggested tying CAP Update information to people’s daily lives and the potential for economic development instead of traditional “green” and environmental reasons.

**What cultural nuances should the County take into consideration during the CAP Update? / ¿Qué matices culturales debe tener en cuenta el Condado durante la Actualización del CAP?**

- Providing materials in different languages
- Visual material that can be interpreted by various languages is important
- ACCESSIBLE language! No jargon!
- Ensure that the process is easy understood by anyone and everyone by using phrases and wording that will be understood by everyone.
- Interpretation
- Involve leaders in communities of concern and building of affordable housing
- people of other cultures, or who do not speak english, may be extremely shy but have great input/ideas
- have goals that folks can tie to their everyday life and improve their quality of life
- Consider the jargon the County is using when giving presentations, because many people are easily confused by the specifics climate science
- Educate communities in their languages about the adverse health effects of climate change.
- do not rely on emails, social media, Internet to reach communities
- Language outreach in other than English
- avoid jargon, but do not speak down to communities
- We have not been given the facts about climate change. Culturally we are ignorant because our institutions (faith based, educational, political and so on) have failed to teach the truth about climate change.
- We do not understand that failure will end our habitat, meaning we will starve.
- Not all ESL speakers speak Spanish
- burning of fossil fuels is a big part of some cultures of sorts. We may need education in this area
- tribal cultures
- latinx and BIPOC
- There is not always a trust in government outreach...and some residents do not believe their input will make a difference. County needs to demonstrate in some tangible way that there is trust and respect.
- Communities of concern are always the most affected by climate change issues and worst affected by pollution.
- uniqueness of each
- Generational differences! Gen Z, Millennials, and older generations will read and access this plan in totally different ways
- Consider stepping outside the “green” framing. There are other things that the CAP will address that might be more important to people
- Understand that not everyone sees things the same way. Recognize property owners perspective may be very different than the tenants or renters. Both are important and relevant.

Continue to reach out to different cultures because they may have different issues.

attitudes toward work, housing, and transportation may differ.

Make available in several languages, engage with POrt communities especially and rural communities affected by wildfires and drought

Add social media outreach!!!!

Sea level rise should be a big part of it, too as people understand that and share the beaches

## 7. Unincorporated County Underserved Community Locations

Participants identified communities along the border, East County, Backcountry, rural/agricultural areas, and tribal lands as places that require special attention in CAP Update efforts.

**Where are there underserved communities in the unincorporated area of San Diego county that you believe require special attention? / ¿Hay alguna comunidad desatendida en la zona no incorporada del Condado de San Diego que requiera atención especial?**

Spring Valley

Farm workers, workers serving residential areas or wealthier communities

Any areas along the border; Spring Valley; Communities living along freeways in unincorporated areas

Refer to CAI Enviro screen. Study Chula Vista's Climate Equity Index. Involve indigenous leaders

East/Back country, border communities; areas classified as food deserts. those far from accessible open space and public transit (trolley)

I represent disadvantaged communities in North County. North and east of Escondido, San Marcos; in and around the tribal lands; including but not limited to tribal communities; primarily spanish speaking; Reach out via the National Latino Research Center, and Podar Popular

All those living close to freeways, suffering from air pollution.

all affected by Public Safety Power Shutoffs

East County has very poor areas

reservations; every community with below average income

Ramona has underserved and underrepresented residents....qualifying for "Disadvantaged Community" status under AB 1550 and the California Healthy Places Index. Approximately 25% of Ramona residents speak a language other than English.

Any that are considered communities of concern.

They are threaded throughout San Diego. South County in particular but there are areas near industry all over.

Tribal areas, east county

East County, rural areas. Places with a high concentration of people in a small area.

Spring Valley, casa de oro

backcountry, reservations

Border, rural and tribal areas need to have input and attention especially regarding wildfires; Need electric car chargers in those areas as well (subsidized) to help the change to EVs

### 8. Biggest Concern for Underserved Communities

Air quality, transportation, and affordable housing were listed by multiple participants as the most important concern for underserved communities. Additionally, structural issues such as communities' ability to participate in the process, the involvement of community leaders, and socio-economic disenfranchisement were noted as concerns.

**If you had to choose the most important concern for underserved communities, what would it be? / Si tuviera que elegir la preocupación más importante de las comunidades desatendidas, ¿cuál sería esa preocupación?**

- access to a variety of mobile/transportation options + affordable housing + wildfire safety
- Air quality, transit accessibility; Cooling centers. ; High end development, displacement ; Subsidized solar for lower income households and rental properties.
- How funding is being used and why underserved communities are not prioritized.
- Air quality from cumulative impacts of pollution from diesel trucks, polluting industries; quality green spaces like parks, community resiliency hubs and more trees or community gardens; Prevent displacement from climate investments causing rising housing costs
- Ensure that it's a community-driven process where the issues and solutions are identified by the communities themselves because they're the experts in what they need
- We need to involve leaders. Air quality
- Transportation Build microgrids investment in communities of concern
- access to quality public transit (extend the trolley), access to quality affordable housing, access to green/open spaces, access to clean water and healthy food; end gentrification and high end/luxury housing developments. build affordable housing/infill development
- allocation to resources and education ; rebate programs so that communities of concern aren't left behind as we mitigate the climate crisis
- Socio-economic disenfranchisement - Communities of Concern have been left out of the economic equation that empowers people to control their environment. That's why we live in "underserved" communities.
- Prioritizing all emissions reduction investments in communities of concern.
- Air Quality
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- Wildfire threat; heat illnesses; transportation access
- The concern is that a bad CAP contributes to ending humanities habitat, which will first be experienced as soaring prices for food. Underserved communities will be the first to not be able to afford to eat. ; The most important concern is that a bad CAP contributes to ending humanity's habitat, which will first be experienced as soaring prices for food. Underserved communities will be the first to not be able to afford to eat.
- wildfire smoke
- ability to voice the problems they are facing and have it adequately addressed
- air quality
- providing microgrids and VPPS and use BTM energy to increase family wealth
- Exposure to unhealthy environment via air pollution through locatiions near high traffic areas and via power shut offs during heat waves/wildfire - forcing residents to open their windows for air circulation and to cool.

Air and water quality

Clean air, water and available food. No way you can disconnect these.

Access to public resources (water, energy, transit, housing, crisis response infrastructure)

affordable housing, good public transportation, access to food stores in the area.

Affordable housing

access to cool areas during heat wave; do not overburden those communities relative to other communities with solutions to GHG reduction

Air quality

## 9. CAP Update and Its Policies to Assist Underserved Communities

Participants noted that investing in communities through job creation, infrastructure / green space, and easy-to-follow subsidies / rebate programs. Aggressive GHG reduction targets, like clean energy and affordable infill housing, were also noted as ways to assist underserved communities because of the environmental benefits in which it will result.

### **How can the CAP Update and its policies assist underserved communities? / ¿Cómo pueden la Actualización del CAP y sus políticas ayudar a las comunidades desatendidas?**

Provide just transitions for people in unincorporated + underserved communities.

Ensure benefits and burdens are equitably distributed

Increase access to safe places for walking, biking, and recreation

Subsidizing rooftop solar for Lower income households, access to electric vehicles. Encourage infill development closer to jobs and transit. ; Help provide accessibility to outdoor recreation opportunities, outdoor programs for disadvantaged communities to enjoy the natural resources of the county (transportation, promotion, support).

Use "San Diego Green New Deal CAP" sent to the City of SD as a guide. ; Create an anti-displacement strategy to ensure that members from these communities enjoy the infrastructure and housing they have fought for in their communities and are not displaced.

Prioritize investments in Environmental Justice communities first; Create more green spaces, electrify transportation

Make clear directives that are legally binding and implemented. Subsidies for communities of concern

invest in creating clean jobs in/for these communities. ; policies that dismantle "dirty" infrastructure and build "green" infrastructure, with a priority of the most disenfranchised/polluted

; hold county contractors accountable to help achieve the goals in the CAP

create a robust and tangible County Housing Element

By ensuring that economic development and economic empowerment are prioritized in communities of concern.

Understand what the communities need and invest

Programs to continue to educate on climate change; rebate programs to encourage environmentally-friendly changes in the home (perhaps work with the local utilities to create these programs)

Provide job training for high-paying green jobs; Reach out to those communities for their input. Many here submitting suggestions are not from underserved communities.

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Aggressively reduce GHG production; recognize the land use linkage to inequity and GHG production, i.e. reduce VMTs

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Achieving climate-stabilizing targets will end most use of fossil fuel causing more healthy living and adding a lot of green jobs

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desalination to provide affordable water

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develop a comprehensive set of mitigation policies to assist everyone. Be aggressive in taking action

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Ensure a stable energy source so residents are not exposed to air pollution during heat waves, wildfire and location near busy roads.

Understand that many underserved communities have residents that must travel to the jobsite bringing tools and materials. Provide a way to allow people their livelihood when making policy changes.

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Have legally binding targets and prioritize funding for communities of concern.

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Change direction from allowing polluting industries anywhere

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Make sure that solutions are distributed equitably (rebates, incentives, investments, infrastructure), and fix existing problems with equity and level of potential future concern in mind. ; Make it easy for people to get investments and rebates. It's confusing to have to fill out a bunch of applications.

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Provide subsidies for upgrades that community can not afford but need and will bring greater productivity and reduce health issues.

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Provide tangible solutions for air quality and transportation, invest in green jobs for these communities hiring locally

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Encourage infill, village-oriented development where housing is most affordable, closer to urban areas, amenities to reduce the transportation cost burden of lower income households who spend disproportionately for transportation.

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## 10. Remove Barriers to Participation

Being present in communities was noted as a major solution to remove barriers to participation. Many responders mentioned the importance of language accessibility and meeting day / time accessibility. Additionally, some participants discussed the lack of climate literacy in the community and suggested going to schools and community groups to inform more people about the climate crisis.

### **How can the County remove barriers so that everyone can participate? / ¿Cómo puede el Condado eliminar las barreras para que todos puedan participar?**

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Provide child-care during in-person meetings .

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Hire people to do organizing for the outreach directly to community members.

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Reach out to local community groups outside of the environmental space, such as Kiwanis or Rotary, because this might be the only type of organized groups in some communities. Work with County libraries to hold workshops and meetings there.

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Hire community leaders to speak at schools and libraries

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hold meetings at various times (weekends, week day mornings, etc.). have community leaders facilitate discussions (in person), as there can be a barrier of language or literacy.

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You have to go out, not expect them (us) to come to you. Timing is crucial. Provide incentives - financial and other. Leave the arrogance at home.

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Outreach in Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic;

The biggest barrier is a lack of information about how serious our climate emergency is. See if you can go into the schools to promote climate change literacy. That literacy is defined in the California Democratic Party Platform. You can get CAP input there.

Speak at schools when parents are there during night meetings

Accessibility for people with special needs (hearing, vision, learning, etc)

Invite small group input

Barriers to stable technology impact participation in rural areas. Small, focused community meetings .

Collaborate with neighborhood groups.

Go out into the community.

More kinds of communication strategies—social media, infographics, short sentences

Ensuring that everyone is aware. Reach out to community groups including local churches and religious. .

A small incentive maybe a good method to reach folks.

These meetings are a start, but involve more outreach and locations in person when possible

Go to worksites, farms and other areas where immigrant labor is used.

## 11. Anything Else?

Participants again called for bold action in CAP Update measure development and inclusive, robust outreach efforts.

### **What else should the County take into consideration during the CAP Update process? / ¿Hay algo más que el Condado debe considerar como parte de la Actualización de CAP?**

That there is a lot of other big projects currently going on. SANDAG RTP, City of SD Budget etc. so residents are currently being spread thin an expected to be available. Compensating residents for their experience is essential. Also showing how resident input is being integrated.

Relationship building with community members takes time. Community members are the experts for their own solutions. Listen and build trust to work together

Follow climate science and hire experts like EPIC and involve students

be bold and aggressive; prioritize climate and social impacts. empower the historically disenfranchised

; solar powered everything, community power.; dismantle the bureaucracy. just get it done

The ongoing impact of white supremacy, patriarchy and other -isms in all of the institutions in San Diego.; I am deeply offended that you did not finish reading my statement on white supremacy!!

; You skipped over WHITE SUPREMACY twice!! Please explain.

The county needs to work very closely with incorporated cities and community groups. As well as the various military commands here in the County

Join a CCA; Include electrification of new building development.

Incorporate Zero Waste principles, such as the circular economy

The link between GHG/VMT production, and land use patterns. The County has a key role here

A CAP must be a plan to achieve climate stabilization with a set of enforceable measures.; The best way to decrease VMT is with pricing systems. We must improve the way we pay to use parking and roads. ; Since cars are the category that emits the most you must have a plan to show how cars will achieve climate-stabilizing targets.

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Given decades of disinformation by Exxon, etc. not everyone will be happy about any plan.; the drawdown project may have useful videos, etc.; I think too much focus on reduced VMT is wrong. If we have EVs instead of ICEVs this becomes mistaken policy.

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Climate change/ sustainability career opportunities!

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research from academia. Be bold!

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That CAP Update solutions sometimes negatively impact unincorporated areas while benefitting urban areas....solar panels should be on every roof in urban/suburban areas before putting solar farms in scenic backcountry locations. Same with wind turbines....major, negative impact for the area "hosting" the turbine - without the benefit. Rural areas have their power turned off first....while more populated areas enjoy closed windows/air conditioning... This is a health consideration.

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Must align with state federal and global GHG reduction targets.

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How important our habitat lands play in controlling climate change.; Data.

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Remember to get advice from young people. They're the ones that this is for!

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You are all doing an awesome job with this huge undertaking. Thank you for your work!; Include a history about race, space, and place

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Keep it simple and easy to understand. Be patient and really listen. Ask questions.

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Reach out to the experts that understand the climate changes in San Diego

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Calculate location accessibility and transportation burden not just housing affordability. Need to look at location accessibility which is a combination of housing costs + transportation costs which are a major burden on lower income households. Affordable housing that is affordable not just in the cost of the housing but in the cost of transportation. ; Climate change information workshops to help lay out the clear science behind climate change to explain to people why this is important. There is a serious lack of climate literacy and building industry / oil industry spread much disinformation.

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