

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

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RE: SBCCOG Sub-regional Climate Adaptation Plan

## **Adherence to Strategic Plan:**

*Goal A: Environment, Transportation and Economic Development.* Facilitate, implement and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

## **BACKGROUND**

Building from the previous climate action planning work, South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) engaged a CivicSpark Climate Fellow to prepare a sub-regional Climate Adaptation Plan and city specific vulnerability assessments. These documents help South Bay cities better understand and prepare for climate impacts. With the approval of the SBCCOG Sub-regional Adaptation Plan, cities will have a template and framework to continue adaptation planning within their jurisdiction. Additionally, under SB 379, all local jurisdictions are required to prepare a climate vulnerability assessment and develop adaptation strategies. This puts cities in compliance with SB 379. And furthermore, this plan will help make cities more competitive for grant opportunities.

The Fellow presented the draft Sub-regional Climate Adaptation Plan at the August 2019 Board meeting. Follow the link to the full plan [here](#).

## **SUB-REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN**

In addition to recording localized climate projections from Cal-adapt and providing a social vulnerability analysis, the Plan synthesizes climate risks associated with regional sectors including water, energy, coastal management, biodiversity, and migration. The SBCCOG selected high-level adaptation and resilience strategies aimed to support climate change education and planning throughout the region as well as mitigate the risks identified in these priority sectors. For each of the strategies, potential funding sources were identified along with projected implementation timeframes. The strategy sectors include:

- Planning, Education, & Outreach
- Water Management
- Energy Management
- Coastal Management
- Transportation
- Biodiversity
- Migration

Some examples of strategies are:

- Educate elected officials, city staff, businesses, and residents on climate risks
- Support cities through the adaptation strategy development process
- Continue to educate local governments and residents of energy efficiency programs and incentives
- Explore a multi-jurisdictional approach to planning for green infrastructure

A full list of proposed strategies to be implemented by the SBCCOG upon fund procurement can be found [on pages 143 - 158 of the document.](#)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the SBCCOG Board adopt the Sub-regional Climate Adaptation Plan and urge cities to adopt their own vulnerability assessments.