

California Strategic Growth Council: 2024 Catalyst Conference

Progress in Place: From Power Building to Project Implementation

With historic investment through the Inflation Reduction Act and California's Climate Budget, "Progress in Place: From Power Building to Project Implementation," promotes community and local capacity, while anticipating challenges associated with project development and implementation. The sessions reflect the urgency to make place-based investments that center and support disinvested communities, at the speed at which federal and state funds are being deployed.

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3.4 Ensuring a Strong Climate Justice Ecosystem

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Session Overview

This session will be a group discussion on real time learning and recommendations with other leaders across the state. This work requires action by all leaders across a broad spectrum of organizations to make progress on climate change and resilience. Tribal Nations, small organizations and medium-sized organizations play a key role at the nexus of community development and climate change and have the relations and trust to build enduring physical and social infrastructure. However, institutional and governmental processes prioritize larger organizations with the resources and capacity and visibility. This session will explore what we all need to do differently to change our processes, policies and practices to build a vibrant ecosystem that nourishes and supports tribal nations, small organizations and medium-sized organizations to improve conditions and opportunities in communities across the state.

Session Outcomes

- Understanding the way to build a strong organizational ecosystem.
- Candid discussion on what we can shift and do differently to make generational change and improve climate and support strong organizations, tribal nations and institutions.

- Identify priorities to advance climate change practice across tribal nations and communities in California.