A Letter From Our CEO and Board President

Dear Friends,

For more than five decades, the Community Environmental Council has focused on building networks of diverse, engaged activists who champion rigorous climate action. This impact report provides a brief snapshot of how we are stepping up our investment in collective power to meet the urgency of the climate crisis and garner significant, lasting change to reverse its impacts.

In July, we opened the California Central Coast’s first Environmental Hub, activating it as a collaborative epicenter for community-led climate solutions. We certified our 154th (and counting) CEC Climate Steward, and adapted the program for middle and high school students to empower the next generation of climate leaders. CEC’s Electrify Your Life concierge service has consulted with nearly 1,000 individuals on energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades for their homes and businesses.

In 2023, we engaged 55,000 community members, expanding a groundswell of climate action that ripples out far beyond our region.

We hope you are inspired to make this report your own call to action. To stop climate change in its tracks, we need all of us, working together. We hope you’ll join us.

Sincerely,

Sigrid Wright
Chief Executive Officer

Jon Clark
Board President
During another year of significant growth, we continued to sharpen our focus and deepen our capacity to respond regionally to the global climate crisis. In 2023 we successfully closed our five-year, 50th Anniversary Campaign and opened an Environmental Hub for the community. We continued to diversify our revenue streams, increasing our billable grants and contract revenue by 55 percent. This allowed us to broaden existing programs, expand our service area, and develop new projects and partnerships. CEC consistently receives high ratings from GuideStar and Charity Navigator for financial health, accountability, and transparency.

**OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS***

$10.8 MILLION in assets

$4 MILLION operating budget (19% growth)

32% GROWTH in program investment

*unaudited

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CEC’S LEGACY: 50+ Years of Environmental Leadership

1970
- Founded one of the nation’s first ecology centers
- Founded one of the nation’s first learning and research community gardens

1973
- Opened one of the nation’s first community recycling centers

1976
- Helped pass California’s recycling law, the first in the nation
- Pioneered hazardous waste collection and curbside recycling programs

1985
- Shifted CEC’s mission to focus on climate change
- Built the Watershed Resource Center at Arroyo Burro Beach

1990
- Published one of the nation’s first carbon neutrality plans

2001
- Installed the first Rethink the Drink water bottle refill station in a local school

2004
- 2007
- 2010
For more than 50 years, CEC has strategically catalyzed change on the Central Coast, influencing California and beyond.

Launched a solarize program that helped nearly 1,000 homeowners and nonprofits install solar.

Secured city commitments to 100% renewable energy.

Secured our region’s first wind farm.

Published a countywide community-driven food action plan that led to the launch of the Santa Barbara County Food Action Network.

Co-founded the Central Coast Climate Justice Network.

Achieved Community Choice Energy for most of the region.

Named California Nonprofit of the Year.

Trained and certified our 154th CEC Climate Steward, and counting.

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“CEC is impressive: it recognized early on that we need to move beyond fossil fuel dependence. Their solutions can open a robust pathway for the global climate resilience we so desperately need instead.”

Sara Miller McCune
Our Work

CEC builds on-the-ground momentum to reverse the threat of the climate crisis. We transform the systems that fuel it. We safeguard the community from its impacts. We lead, we partner, we act. And every day, we inspire people to create a more resilient California Central Coast.

As the modern environmental movement broadens to better reflect the racial, economic, political, and age diversity of our region, we are building networks of diverse, engaged activists who champion rigorous climate action.

By focusing our efforts, together we are making progress to:

**REVERSE** the trajectory of climate change by propelling a rapid, equitable transition to zero emissions and zero waste in the Central Coast’s energy, transportation, food, agriculture, construction, and waste sectors.

**REPAIR** the disrupted carbon cycle by accelerating and bringing to scale climate-smart agriculture practices that draw down excess carbon from the atmosphere.

**PROTECT** vulnerable populations from extreme weather and other climate impacts by deploying bold, community-led solutions rooted in climate justice.
2023 | CEC’S IMPACT AT A GLANCE

55,000
Community members were INFORMED, ACTIVATED, AND GUIDED ON CLIMATE ACTION by CEC through events, meetings, and webinars in 2023.

961
Residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations ACCESSED INCENTIVES for EVs, EV chargers, solar, energy efficiency, and renewable energy through CEC’s Electrify Your Life concierge service in 2023.

300
TONS OF COMPOST APPLIED on Gaviota Coast rangelands in 2023 reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 1,303 metric tons.

17,160
Residents will have access to CENTRALIZED DISASTER SERVICES, SUPPORT, AND EDUCATION at our region’s first three climate resilience hubs, launched in 2023.
50+ Years of proven success leading locally designed solutions to our region’s most pressing environmental challenges.

1.5 million
Residents in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties have access to 100% RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ELECTRICITY sooner because of CEC’s advocacy for community choice energy programs.

154 Community members are CERTIFIED CEC CLIMATE STEWARDS, equipped to play an active role in the statewide effort to advance rapid and equitable solutions to the climate crisis.

114 CEC CLIMATE ACTIVISTS in 17 cities across the Central Coast region are helping advance strong policies that bring equitable climate solutions to scale.

7.5 million SINGLE-USE WATER BOTTLES WERE NOT USED because of 125 community water refill stations installed as a direct result of CEC’s Waste Reduction program.
OUR WORK
Climate Policy

CEC spent 10-plus years tracking, helping improve, and advocating for the Strauss Wind Farm, which opened near Lompoc this year with 27 wind turbines, generating enough electricity for 36,000 homes. Photo by BayWa r.e.
OUR VISION

CEC collaborates with a diverse group of passionate and committed community members and partners to enact bold policies that bring equitable climate solutions to scale. When the California Central Coast advances ambitious climate goals and solutions, we illuminate a path for more aggressive policies across the state.

IN 2023, CEC:

Scaled up environmental advocacy across city councils, boards of supervisors, and legislative bodies by engaging CEC Climate Activists to support climate policies in their communities.

Successfully campaigned for the City of Port Hueneme and County of San Luis Obispo to join community choice energy programs, bringing the total number of Central Coast residents who have access to clean energy to nearly 1.5 million. CEC is part of a coalition that pushed Central Coast Community Energy to adopt project selection criteria that incorporates strong labor and environmental justice standards that serve as a model for other community choice energy programs.

Introduced an ecological framework for revitalizing downtown Santa Barbara to guide future development and ensure the well-being of residents and our environment.

WHAT’S AHEAD

Advocate for the City and County of Santa Barbara and the cities of Guadalupe and Camarillo to adopt ambitious climate action plans that accelerate state mandates and timelines for reaching zero-carbon goals.

Took 58 policy actions.

Spoke at 15 city council and board of supervisor meetings throughout Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.
OUR WORK

Spotlight: Enacting Bold Climate Policies, Together

The Community Environmental Council’s Climate Activists are spurring a groundswell of grassroots policy action across California’s Central Coast. Since early 2023, more than 100 residents from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties have asked to be notified of opportunities to take action in their communities. When a climate policy item is presented to a city council or board of supervisors, CEC Climate Activists in that region are alerted with details about the meeting and guidance on how to participate.

In 2023, activists spoke at city council meetings, submitted public comments, and rallied their communities in support of issues like building electrification and 100% clean electricity. The collaborative efforts of CEC, partner organizations, and community members play a crucial role in driving bold climate policies forward and building momentum for a just, resilient Central Coast.

A groundswell of climate action

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CEC Climate Activist

A community member who, alongside CEC’s Climate Policy team, participates in public meetings, sends emails to elected officials, and shares opportunities for action with friends, family, and neighbors.

“Collective efforts create a meaningful impact that can effect change in the community.”

—Rodney Smith
CEC Climate Activist & Student Fellow, Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas
CEC Climate Activist Rodney Smith provided public comment in support of a building electrification ordinance in the City of Ventura. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
City of Guadalupe residents are especially impacted by air pollution from pesticides, dust, and other agricultural inputs. Photo by Mar y Sol Productions.
IN 2023, CEC:

Through the Guadalupe Community Air Project, collected and analyzed local air quality data and created bilingual resources and opportunities for community discourse on air pollution, pesticide exposure, and health.

Hosted 19 meetings with presenters from 15 partner organizations for Nuestro Tiempo (Our Time), a space for Spanish-speaking community members to learn more about how climate change intersects with key issues, share ideas and concerns, and design ways to take action.

Partnered with the County of Santa Barbara to deliver a Spanish-language electric vehicle (EV) training for 33 peer educators to help enroll low-income or disadvantaged households in CEC’s free EV purchase guidance services. The partnership more than tripled CEC’s capacity to conduct Spanish-language EV outreach and education in the region.

WHAT’S AHEAD

Through a new collaboration with Dignity Health, expand the Guadalupe Community Air Project to communities in the City of Santa Maria and Southern San Luis Obispo County that are disproportionately affected by air quality and more likely to have existing medical conditions. The project will bring together multilingual groups to share knowledge and learn how to protect themselves from health issues caused by intersecting climate impacts tied to agriculture, wildfire smoke, and heat.
In order to build a climate-resilient future, we must involve everyone who is impacted, including frontline communities that speak many languages. One way CEC is working to ensure all stakeholders are involved is by deepening our partnership with Rooted Language Justice (RLJ), an immigrant women-led enterprise that provides Spanish-English language interpretation and translation services. In 2023, RLJ provided over 200 hours of language services to facilitate live interpretation at 11 CEC events, translation for 125 educational materials, and consultation and training on best practices for integrating language justice in multilingual spaces. As a result, CEC has been able to more deeply engage Spanish-speaking communities in climate action — and inspire our partners to make language access a priority.

“Providing language services is one way we make this movement accessible to the communities most affected by climate change.”

—Javi Infante Varas
Co-founder, Rooted Language Justice
Nayra Pacheco Guzman and Javi Infante Varas of Rooted Language Justice help organizations like CEC integrate language justice into their work through language access. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
CEC, the Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network, and the Society of Fearless Grandmothers Santa Barbara hosted a forum for seniors to address how they can prepare for extreme heat and play a more direct role in building community resilience. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
OUR VISION

Building resilience requires a whole community approach that considers socioeconomic inequities and structural racism, and prioritizes community-led solutions that support a broad range of needs. CEC is pioneering climate adaptation and resilience efforts that are rooted in equity, catalyzed by place-based innovation, and integrated into long-term planning so that our approach evolves with our changing world.

“Extreme heat causes more deaths annually than any other climate impact in California. The combination of an extreme heat wave and power outages could present a large-scale tragedy for our most vulnerable residents.”

—Em Johnson
Director of Climate Resilience, CEC

IN 2023, CEC:

Through the Santa Barbara County Wildfire Resilience Collaborative, prioritized 10 sites in the City of Goleta and surrounding areas for habitat restoration and wildfire resilience projects, and updated plans to accelerate the implementation of more than 50 projects identified by the Regional Priority Plan to Reduce Wildfire Risk and Improve Forest Health in Santa Barbara County.

Led community engagement, developed tools, and provided technical assistance for the California Central Coast’s first three climate resilience hubs. A Resilience Hubs Accelerator program was designed so that we can activate more resilience hubs throughout our region, more quickly.

WHAT’S AHEAD

Continue to lead and participate in regional and statewide adaptation networks, including the Central Coast Climate Collaborative, the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation, and EHRA. These networks help us track, advocate for, and be ready to unlock significant state funding and investment for climate resilience, building capacity across the nexus of community-based organizations doing the work.

Joined the global Extreme Heat Resilience Alliance (EHRA) and collaborated with regional partners to raise awareness about the increasing threat of extreme heat events in our region. Together, we are identifying solutions that support our most at-risk populations.

“Community-designed and led centers for resilience that offer centralized disaster services, support, and education to residents who are most vulnerable, or at high risk, during disasters.”

—Em Johnson
Director of Climate Resilience, CEC
OUR WORK

Spotlight: Building Resilience for the Future

In an effort to build community resilience to extreme weather impacts, the Community Environmental Council is partnering with the County of Santa Barbara and several area non-profit organizations to establish our region’s first three climate resilience hubs. Having seen firsthand the traumatic effects of natural disasters on families in her community, Executive Director Jamie Collins was thrilled that Girls Inc. of Carpinteria was selected as a hub. She sees it as an opportunity to provide shelter and resources to community members during climate-related disasters and teach children how to talk about these events.

To further her organization’s impact, Jamie enrolled in CEC’s Climate Stewards certification program. She gained a deeper understanding of how climate change is impacting our region, how to communicate about these impacts, and how to take action. Jamie plans to incorporate this knowledge into future programming for the 1,000 girls her organization serves each year — and continue building strong collaborations with local nonprofits, including CEC, to support youth advocacy and foster climate resilience.

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria doubles as a climate resilience hub that can host up to 500 individuals during a disaster and offer 3 days of solar power during grid outages.

“ My job is to prepare kids for the future, and that includes climate change.”

—Jamie Collins
Executive Director, Girls Inc. of Carpinteria
Girls, Inc. Carpinteria, led by CEC Climate Steward alumna Jamie Collins, is one of three climate resilience hubs that CEC is helping launch in Santa Barbara County. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
OUR WORK

Climate Leadership

CEC Climate Stewards attended a field trip at the UC Santa Barbara North Campus Open Space to learn about restoration and the protective barrier wetlands provide against sea level rise and other climate impacts. Photo by Kristen Weiss.
OUR VISION

With the increase in catastrophic climate events, we need more people to take an active role in protecting our communities. **CEC is building networks of diverse, engaged activists who are equipped to champion rigorous climate action in their neighborhoods, businesses, and homes.** Together, we can move at the unprecedented pace required to reverse, repair, and protect against climate threats.

“CEC’s youth climate workshops are an amazing way to learn about new ways to help in your community and meet new people who are passionate about the environment.”

—Valentina, 10th Grade
San Marcos High School

IN 2023, CEC:

**Opened the Environmental Hub,** a 10,000-square-foot epicenter for community activism, education, entrepreneurship, media, and art, located in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara. Since opening in July, the Hub has hosted more than 200 meetings and events.

Piloted our first youth climate workshop, adapting CEC’s Climate Stewards certification program for middle and high school students so they learn about climate change and feel empowered to take immediate climate action.

**Informed, activated, and guided more than 55,000** individuals on climate action through events, meetings, and webinars.

WHAT’S AHEAD

Continue to **grow the network of 154 CEC Climate Steward alumni, and counting,** to provide ongoing support and resources, and to evaluate the impact of their grassroots leadership in communities across our region.
Spotlight: CEC’s Environmental Hub

In July 2023, CEC opened the California Central Coast’s first Environmental Hub as a nexus for advocacy, innovation, and community empowerment in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara. Since then, the Hub has engaged more than 6,000 community members in dozens of events focused on climate action.

The 10,000-square-foot space boasts energy-saving technologies and sustainable building materials. It includes CEC staff offices, two meeting and event venues, and five mission-aligned non-profit tenants. Non-profit organizations have priority use of the space, and a handful of pre-selected volunteer-driven and BIPOC-led partner organizations are offered free and deeply discounted use of the Hub for meetings, workshops, and networking events. By catalyzing collective action and fostering a sense of community ownership, the Hub embodies the spirit of environmental stewardship and serves as a driving force for positive change.

“CEC’s Environmental Hub is galvanizing downtown Santa Barbara as an epicenter of bold community-led climate action.”

—Robin Elander
Downtown Santa Barbara

228 Events 6,480 Attendees

Top Users

League of Women Voters Santa Barbara
White Buffalo Land Trust
HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH CAUSE
Citizen’s Climate Lobby
Central Coast Climate Justice Network
FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA
Future Leaders of America
CEC’s state-of-the-art Environmental Hub was designed to provide innovative and collaborative space for gatherings of all kinds. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
OUR WORK

Clean, Efficient Energy

CEC worked with Planned Parenthood California Central Coast to bring solar, battery storage, and EV charging to their Ventura healthcare facilities, allowing them to operate — and be more resilient — during grid outages. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
OUR VISION

By transitioning completely to renewables and electrifying our vehicles and buildings, we can leverage clean electricity to get fossil fuels out of our region for good, while developing innovative, equitable, and replicable programs. CEC is working to rapidly move the California Central Coast to use 100% of the electricity that powers our homes, businesses, and cars from efficient, clean, and renewable sources.

IN 2023, CEC:

Established Electrify Your Life, a free concierge service offering one-on-one support in Spanish and English to residents, businesses, and nonprofits that want to access incentives or information on energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades.

961 inquiries resulted in
91 HOME ENERGY UPGRADES
15 EV CHARGING STATION INSTALLS
59 EV PURCHASES OR LEASES

In collaboration with Communities in Charge, provided technical assistance to potential electric vehicle (EV) charging sites in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties. Because of our support, 20 sites are expected to make upgrades in 2024, ensuring reliable, energy efficient chargers for Central Coast EV drivers.

What’s Ahead

Through our EVs for Everyone/EVs Para Todos program, helped low- to moderate-income individuals use the best available incentives and rebates.

In support of the Tri-County Regional Energy Network’s (3C-REN) Home Energy Savings programs, CEC guided close to 200 single- and multi-family property owners and managers on how to access rebates for home energy upgrades. As a result, 538 housing units, and counting, across the Central Coast are transitioning to cleaner, more efficient energy.

Through a new partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, exponentially scale up EV adoption through expanded outreach, education, and one-on-one purchasing guidance to meet and exceed our region’s decarbonization goals.
CEC’s partner White Buffalo Land Trust launched a pilot with Santa Barbara County farmers to scale the cultivation of the Western Blue Elderberry, a promising crop that has the potential to adapt to our warming climate, while expanding market opportunities for growers through increased market share. Photo by Liam Pickhardt.
OUR VISION

Through collaborations with California Central Coast agricultural operations, we are demonstrating that compost application, cover-cropping, and prescribed grazing practices can increase carbon sequestration, water infiltration, and biodiversity. **CEC is working to bring these climate-smart practices to scale and create a network of land stewards and agricultural stakeholders** so that together, we can adapt to climate change impacts and create stronger, more resilient food systems.

IN 2023, CEC:

Developed a targeted prescribed grazing plan for a Northern Santa Barbara County homeowners association to **leverage funding and accelerate the adoption of ecological grazing** within the Wildland Urban Interface. The plan will help build wildfire awareness and a deeper understanding of mitigation tactics and serve as a template for other communities across the region.

In partnership with the Gaviota Coast Conservancy and Agromin, spread 300 tons of compost on Gaviota Coast rangelands to **demonstrate how this climate-smart practice increases carbon capture and improves soil health**.

In collaboration with White Buffalo Land Trust, **supported small-scale and disadvantaged farmers** in cultivating the native, perennial Western Blue Elderberry to demonstrate how climate-adaptive crops can expand pollinator habitat, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance growers’ economic viability.

WHAT’S AHEAD

Collaborate with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and the Cachuma and Ventura County Resource Conservation Districts to **support growers in planting pollinator habitat on agricultural lands through financial incentives and technical support**. More than 23,000 linear feet of pollinator hedgerows have been planned so far.
OUR WORK

Circular Economy

CEC’s Plastic Free July Expo offered the community an opportunity to learn about the impacts of plastic pollution and how to reduce reliance on single-use plastics. Photo by Sarita Relis Photography.
OUR VISION

Recycling has been a landfill diversion solution for several decades — but it’s not enough to mitigate climate emissions. **CEC is driving progress towards a zero-waste society with circular economy models** that transition our waste stream to a closed-loop system of reuse and turn hard-to-recycle waste streams into reusable resources that reduce pollution.

IN 2023, CEC:

Provided resources, equipment, and funding to CEC’s Santa Barbara County Food Rescue partner, Veggie Rescue. This support resulted in the **recovery of 955,265 pounds of high-quality food** that was distributed to local organizations that feed community members experiencing food insecurity.

Installed four new public water stations in the City of Santa Barbara, bringing the total to **125 bottle-filling hydration stations** in schools, parks, and public spaces throughout Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Established an annual Plastic Free July Expo at CEC’s Environmental Hub, featuring more than a dozen community partners that shared **solutions to plastic pollution** and opportunities to advocate for plastic reduction regulations.

WHAT’S AHEAD

Push the City and County of Santa Barbara to follow the City of Goleta’s lead and pass laws that promote **comprehensive single-use plastics reduction and circular economy policies**, providing a model for other jurisdictions. Due to CEC’s advocacy, the City of Carpinteria updated their regulations to match the City of Goleta’s in January of 2024.

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**125 = 7.5M fewer**

**WATER STATIONS**

**SINGLE-USE BOTTLES USED**

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The Community Environmental Council believes that it will take all of us, working together in new ways, to solve the climate crisis. Bound together by a shared sense of urgency and accountability, we are partnering with businesses, organizations, schools, and governments on specific climate action outcomes to accelerate progress and build a truly resilient community.

Our Partners

125+ Active Partnerships

In 2023, CEC partnered with:

- 350.org Santa Barbara
- Access Clean California
- Adams Elementary School Ocean Guardian Ambassadors
- Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation
- Arsht-Rock Extreme Heat Resilience Alliance
- Association for Energy Affordability
- Asteri Solar
- Be The Change Consulting
- Blue Sky Center
- Blue Tomorrow
- Bristol Farms
- Cachuma Resource Conservation District
- California Climate & Agriculture Network
- California Coastal Conservancy
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- CalRecycle
- CarpEvents
- Center for Sustainable Energy
- Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)
- Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition
- Central Coast Climate Collaborative
- Central Coast Climate Justice Network
- Channel Islands Restoration
- ChowMatch
- Citizens’ Climate Lobby
- City of Carpinteria
- City of Fillmore
- City of Goleta
- City of Guadalupe
- City of Ojai
- City of Port Hueneme
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Santa Maria
- City of Santa Paula
- City of Ventura
- Clean Power Alliance
- The Climate Center
- Climate First: Replacing Oil and Gas (CFROG)
- County of San Luis Obispo
- County of Santa Barbara
- County of Ventura
- Cultivate Events
- Cuyama Lamb
- Direct Relief International
- Downtown Santa Barbara
- Ecology Action
- Electric Drive 805
- Environmental Defense Center
- EV Advocates of Ventura County
- Explore Ecology
- Franklin Neighborhood Center
- FRESA (Food Resilience, Equity, Sustainability, and Action)
- The Fund for Santa Barbara
- Ganna Walska Lotusland
- Gaviota Agriculture Project
- Gaviota Coast Conservancy
- Gaviota Givings / Orella Ranch
- Girls Inc. of Carpinteria
- Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network
- Green Light Labs
- GRID Alternatives
- Guadalupe Union School District
- Independent Living Resource Center
- Kermit McKenzie Intermediate School, Guadalupe
La Purísima Concepción Catholic School, Lompoc
Last Chance Alliance
Lazy Acres Natural Market
League of Women Voters Santa Barbara
LegacyWorks Group
Mary Buren Elementary
Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)
MOVE Santa Barbara County
The Notre Dame School, Santa Barbara
Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council
Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
Oniracom
Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Oxnard
Pharos Creative LLC
Planned Parenthood California Central Coast
r.Cup
Recurve
Regeneración - Pájaros Valley
Regional Priority Plan, Santa Barbara County
Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program
Resilient Central Coast
Rewiring America
Rooted Language Justice
Route One Farmers Market
San Luis Obispo Climate Coalition
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
Santa Barbara Committee of Human Rights Watch
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Santa Barbara County Food Action Network
Santa Barbara County Green Business Program
Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative
Santa Barbara Independent
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Santa Barbara Permaculture Network
Santa Barbara Public Library
Santa Paula Latino Town Hall
Santa Ynez Chumash Environmental Office
Sierra Club, Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter
Society of Fearless Grandmothers Santa Barbara
Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH)
Southern California Edison
St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church & Preschool
Sunkissed Pantry
Ted Chamberlin Ranch
Telea Insights
Toad&Co
Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN)
TV Santa Barbara
UC Office of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UC Environmental Stewards
UC Santa Barbara Bren School of Environmental Science & Management
UC Santa Barbara Central Coast Sustainability Summit
UC Santa Barbara Environmental Studies Program
UC Santa Barbara Interdisciplinary Humanities Center
UC Santa Barbara North Campus Open Space
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
Veggie Rescue
Ventura Climate Coalition
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Ventura County Resource Conservation District
Visión y Compromiso
White Buffalo Land Trust
Wild Farmlands Foundation

Photo by Andrew Peacock.
Our Investors

CEC makes an impact on the long-term health of our region by taking specific actions on the ground, while also working to transform a web of systems to reverse, repair, and protect our climate. Our work is made possible by the generosity and support of investors.

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Judy & Jack Stapelmann

$1 Million+
James S. Bower Foundation
Patricia & Paul Bragg Foundation
Zegar Family Foundation

$500,000-$999,999
Sally Warner-Arnett
John C. Mishun Foundation
Patricia MacFarlane
Charles & Betsy Newman
Stacy & Ron Pulice
Matt & Andrea Riley
John & Suzanne Steed
Elizabeth Weber

$50,000-$99,999
Alan & Faye Christy
Karin Danielson
Emile Callahan
Sara Miller McCune
Ken & Jo Saxon
Peter Schuyler & Lisa Stratton
Anne Smith Towbes & Michael Smith, in honor of Pat & Derrell Sweem
Weingart Foundation

$250,000-$499,999
Anonymous
Tom & Sheila Cullen
Natalie Orfalea Foundation
Michel Saint-Sulpice & Mary Staton
Yardi Systems

$100,000-$249,999
Ann Jackson Family Foundation
Anonymous
Anonymous, in honor of Karl Hutterer
Mary Becker
Leslie Sweem Bhutani & Ashish Bhutani, in honor of Pat & Derrell Sweem
Diane Boss
Elia Ahmadi & Greg Fowler
John C. Mishun Foundation
Patricia MacFarlane
Charles & Betsy Newman
Stacy & Ron Pulice
Matt & Andrea Riley
John & Suzanne Steed
Elizabeth Weber

$50,000-$99,999
Dennis Allen & Jennifer Cushnie
Karin Danielson
Emile Callahan
Sara Miller McCune
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