

EXHIBIT K: Engagement and Outreach Summary

The Project’s engagement and outreach summary outlines several outreach strategies and methods used to engage with communities and stakeholders.

1. Meetings and Presentations

Meeting with constituents was the primary engagement method used for the Project. Staff hosted and attended meetings with community members, stakeholders, student and youth leaders, special interests’ groups, and County departments. Presentations were also made at meetings to introduce the Project to the audience. In-depth discussions were held at the meetings to identify the specific needs of the group, review draft language, and address how implementation would look like for communities and stakeholders.

Staff engaged with community groups and residents from each of the supervisorial districts throughout the planning process of the Project. Staff gave 15 presentations at various community group meetings. In addition to those presentations, staff hosted or attended 20 meetings where further discussions were held. Staff hosted a workshop for stakeholders at the start of the Project development process. The Project was introduced to the stakeholders and input was received to help develop the CAP strategies. As the Project progressed and draft versions of the Project were made publicly available, staff continued engagement with community groups and hosted stakeholder meetings for organizations of specialized fields ranging from environmental justice, housing advocacy, building industry, resource conservation, and labor unions.

Staff also engaged students and youth leaders on climate action and the Project. Presentations were given to the Los Angeles County Youth Climate Commission and students from Whittier College. Staff met with the California Center for Climate Change Education at West LA College to discuss how students can learn more about the County’s climate action efforts.

Emails were sent to different community-based organizations (CBO) active in the County’s disadvantaged and frontline communities to introduce the Project and provide staff contact information in hopes that the CBOs would like to participate in the engagement process.

Staff met with and/or received comment letters from the following groups:

Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acton Town Council • Agua Dulce Town Council • Altadena Town Council • AltadenaWILD • Association of Rural Town Councils (comprised of fourteen member town councils)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avalon Gardens • Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation • Save our Rural Town • Vision City Terrace
Climate and Environmental Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active SGV • Advocates for the Environment • Center for Biological Diversity • Climate Resolve • Communities for Better Environment • Earthjustice • Endangered Habitats League • League of Women Voters • Liberty Hill • Physicians for Social Responsibility • Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment • Sierra Club • The Greenlining Institute • The Nature Conservancy • The River Project • TreePeople
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abundant Housing LA • Building Industry Association of Southern California • Habitat for Humanity Los Angeles • Newhall Land and Farming Company • San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity • Tejon Ranch • U.S. Green Building Council
Labor and Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big John Kares • BizFed • California Independent Petroleum Association • International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers • Jobs to Move America • LAANE • Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce • SoCalGas • Southern California Edison • Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters • Valley Industry & Commerce Association

Students and Youth Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Los Angeles County Youth Climate Commission• West Los Angeles College• Whittier College
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2. Surveys

Surveys were used to help shape the initial phases of the Project and to engage with people who were not able to attend community meetings. The survey format allowed staff to focus on a particular topic and participants were able to submit their feedback on their own time.

In March 2022, staff distributed the 2045 CAP Community Survey to gather feedback on prioritizing climate actions for unincorporated communities. The survey provided 10 sample climate action strategies and participants were asked to rank these in order of importance. The survey results were used to shape the overarching strategies in the Project and further develop the CAP measures and actions. The survey also asked participants to list any community-based organizations who may serve as partners to support the Project. Participants were able to submit any questions or comments they had regarding the Project.

In January 2023, staff distributed a second survey, the Home Energy Survey, to collect information from residents on completed and/or planned home energy retrofits. Home energy retrofits include installation of solar panels, use of electric appliances and vehicles, replacement of water-intensive lawns, and planting of trees. Participants are able to submit information on which completed retrofits, planned retrofits in the future, and what resources are needed. The results of the Home Energy Survey will provide baseline data and identify opportunities to consider during the CAP implementation phase.

3. Office Hours

Lunchtime office hours were made available to stakeholders during the public review periods for the Revised Draft CAP and the Public Hearing Draft CAP. The lunchtime office hours allowed for staff to block out time to answer questions on the public reviews. Office hours were advertised in the Project newsletters, emails, and website.

4. Tabling Events

Staff participated in tabling events hosted by the County. Staff conducted outreach at 34 different Parks After Dark events throughout Los Angeles County and four Area Plan visioning meetings. Staff passed out general Project information and answered questions from attendees at these tabling events. The events also allowed staff to provide public education on climate action and have attendees fill out available surveys.

5. Digital Engagement

Digital engagement was conducted through several mediums, such as the Project website, monthly newsletters, and social media posts. These methods allowed staff to provide Project

updates to the public and those who have been following the Project. The Project website provided regular updates on the planning process and events and a sign-up form for the Project email list. The website also provided background information on the Project, including a short introductory video. Stakeholders were able to access the draft documents available on the website for the different public review periods.

Staff maintained an email list of interested stakeholders (619 contacts) who signed up to receive updates on the Project. A monthly newsletter was sent out with Project updates, and links to the Home Energy Survey and available grant funding for energy retrofits.

General information on the Project was also posted on social media platforms to engage with a broader audience who may not be aware of the Project. Social media is a great way to provide concise information that can be viewed in a short amount of time. The goal for the social media engagement was to introduce the Project and get the audience interested in learning more about the Project.