

Invitation to Focus Group:

Creating Climate Resilience for Sonoma County's Vulnerable Populations



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In the last several years, much progress has been made in understanding the current and future vulnerabilities of Sonoma County from climate change. We know that the future will likely bring us heat waves, freak storms and other weather that will have a disproportionate impact on our County's vulnerable populations.

North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative (NBCAI) needs your help in understanding what you are already doing to respond and adapt to climate change, how climate change is affecting your plans for the community, and what action is needed from government, land managers, and businesses to respond effectively to climate change.

We would like to invite you to join us in a focus group with others who are working on issues related to “the built environment” of low-income residential communities, including **housing, open space, public space, parks, and infrastructure.**

During this focus group, we will share with you the foundational goals and vision for a “roadmap” for climate resilience for Sonoma County. This is part of a process that will facilitate and document a shared understanding of adaptation needs and responsibilities, so that collectively we create an effective, comprehensive response to the climate threats facing Sonoma County. The resilience roadmap calls on action from Sonoma County actors in government, business, the NGO sector, at the household level, and among agricultural and resource land managers.

Please join us for a focus group session to help NBCAI understand your perspective on how to respond to climate change.

Please fill this doodle out by Wednesday March 2!

<http://doodle.com/poll/6ntayuaav3euv7p5>

Who we are:

<http://www.northbayclimate.org/home>

North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative (NBCAI) is a coalition of natural resource managers, policy makers and scientists who are committed to working together to create positive solutions to the problem of climate adaptation for the ecosystems and watersheds of Sonoma County.

NBCAI members are experts and conservation leaders drawn from natural resource science and management organizations throughout the region.

We are allied with other non-profits, agencies, and businesses working together to increase awareness of climate impacts to Sonoma County and strategies for climate resilience.

The goal of NBCAI is to foster an open conversation between technical experts, land managers and policymakers in support of effective local scale climate adaptation strategies that preserve natural resources, biodiversity, and ecosystem services. Since climate adaptation is ultimately a regional issue, NBCAI aims to pilot an approach in Sonoma County that can be extended throughout the North Bay as a whole. Community Foundation Sonoma County has been a true visionary to support the ground-breaking work of NBCAI. We appreciate their support and applaud their role in investing in the promise of Sonoma County.