Resilient San Luis Obispo: Resilience Roundtable

The City of San Luis Obispo is committed to understanding and preparing for the impacts of climate change. To this end, the City is embarking on the Resilient San Luis Obispo (Resilient SLO) project, a comprehensive approach to climate adaptation that brings together the best available local information, cutting edge climate science and modeling, and diverse voices from our community. Resilient SLO is assessing the City’s vulnerability to climate change impacts and developing strategies to equitably and effectively adapt.

Get Involved!

A crucial component of this work is to harness the knowledge and expertise of local residents and subject matter experts. We are forming a Resilience Roundtable (Roundtable), a community-led stakeholder group that will guide the approach and focus of Resilient SLO, provide input during critical points in the project timeline, and build City and stakeholder capacity to analyze and address climate impacts. The City and its consultants will develop a fair selection process for the Roundtable, creating a balanced combination of expertise and perspectives focused on three focus areas for the project: Built Environment (e.g., physical infrastructure, buildings, utility systems), Natural Systems (e.g., forest health, flora and fauna, water quality), and Human Systems (e.g., social equity, economy, public health, emergency operations).

Membership and Working Groups

The Roundtable will be made up of approximately 15 members, selected by early November, who will meet regularly between December 2020 through October 2021. Members may include representatives from state, regional, and local agencies; professors from Cal Poly and other regional institutions; representatives from the Central Coast Climate Collaborative; public health officials; business owners; community organizations; and both traditional and non-traditional experts in climate adaptation. Roundtable members will oversee a set of Working Groups focused on specific climate hazards and community vulnerabilities.

Each Roundtable Working Group will be comprised of stakeholders and community members who are not Roundtable members but have relevant experience. Each Working Group will be facilitated by two Roundtable members who will serve as Co-Chairs to guide Working Group sessions and products.

If you are interested in joining the Roundtable or a Working Group, please fill out this Google Form.

Resilient Roundtable Tasks

Membership requires a commitment to attend 7-10 2-hr meetings from December 2020 through October 2021.

| Primary Task: Impact Indicators Development |
| Support the project team in developing resilience strategies for inclusion in the City’s General Plan Safety Element that reflect local conditions and priorities and lead to distributional and generational equity. |

| Secondary Task: Resilience Planning Guidance |
| Use local knowledge and expertise to inform the planning process and support the implementation of resilience strategies. |

Meeting Schedule

- **December 2020**: Introductions, Working Groups and Impact Thresholds
- **January 2020**: Impact Thresholds and Preliminary Adaptation Options
- **May 2021**: Final Adaptation Strategies and Implementation
- **October 2021**: Strategy Implementation and Capacity Build Out