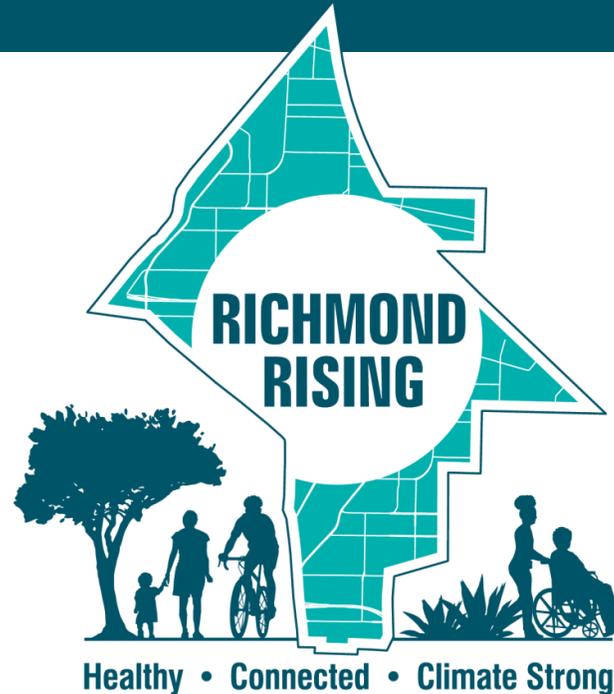


# Richmond Rising

## Collaborative Stakeholder Committee (CSC)

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April 2, 2025



# Roll Call



- Project lead for City of Richmond
- Project lead for GRID Alternatives
- Project lead for Groundwork Richmond
- Project lead for Rich City Rides
- Project lead for Trust for Public Land
- Project lead for UC Berkeley
- Project lead for Urban Tilth

# Roll Call



- Community Member: Tomasa Espinoza
- Community Member: Juana Hernandez
- Community Member: Montserrat Gonzalez
- Community Member: Judith Rocha
- Community Member: Curtis Rice
- Community Member: Jim Becker

# Meeting Information



- **Every first Wednesday of the month 6:00 – 8:00 pm.**
- **In-person Attendance:** Nevin Community Center  
598 Nevin Ave, Richmond, CA 94801
- **Virtual Attendance:** [https://ci-richmond-ca-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/wn\\_gx8xwknptcutbnefzdbv1w](https://ci-richmond-ca-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/wn_gx8xwknptcutbnefzdbv1w)
- **Phone Attendance:** (669) 900-6833, or (669) 444-9171  
**Webinar ID:** 976 6319 9451
- All Committee members and members of the public must abide by the [Community Agreements](#)

# Land Acknowledgement



- While Richmond Rising seeks to strengthen the economy, improve public health and the environment – particularly in the Iron Triangle, Santa Fe and Coronado Neighborhoods, we do so with the awareness that we occupy unceded Huichin and Karkin Ohlone territory.
- We acknowledge that land theft of indigenous homelands, and the dismantling of indigenous sovereignty, was done to advance colonization.
- We acknowledge that capitalism and white supremacy are branches of colonization that have persisted throughout hundreds of years of oppression, are alive today, and contribute to keeping Black, Indigenous, and all other People of Color from thriving.
- We further acknowledge that this country's political economy and social institutions were built on the forced labor of African people on stolen land through violent, systematic abduction from their homelands and enslavement over hundreds of years.

# Land Acknowledgement



- We further acknowledge the exploitation of immigrant and refugee communities as modern forms of cheap and disposable labor are regularly carried out on stolen land.
- Thus, we acknowledge that we have been impacted and harmed by these histories and experiences imposed on our ancestors and communities. We further uplift the shared struggle among Black, Indigenous, and All People of Color.
- We also acknowledge that indigenous people continue to live here, steward the land, and resist settler colonialism.
- We conclude that our Land acknowledgement is an active and evolving statement and process. It requires us to recognize historical injustices and invites us in to be active participants in our collective healing.

# Richmond Rising



- The City of Richmond and 6 local organizations (together known as 'Richmond Rising') received \$35 million to bring health, economic, and environmental benefits to the Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, and Coronado neighborhoods.
- Richmond Rising is supported by the California Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities Program.

# Collaborative Stakeholder Committee



- Provides guidance on project implementation and holds us accountable in reaching our goals
- Can make recommendations, provide input, and assist Project Leads in implementing project activities
- Does not have final decision-making authority
- Project Leads must consider recommendations from the Committee and members of the public

# Public Comment Not on the Agenda

- This is the space for members of the public to provide public comment on items that are not included in the agenda.



# Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- Members to review and approve previous meeting minutes

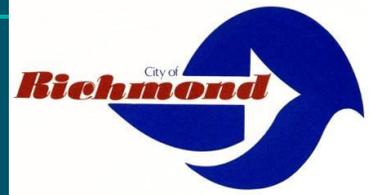


# Project Status Reports

- Each partner will share up-to-date financials and grant expenditures to date for each project and this will be shared with the Committee and the public.



# Grantee



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - **CSC Meeting:** Scheduled, coordinated, and currently facilitating CSC meeting #13, including translation, refreshments, and childcare.
  - **Invoices and Reports:**
    - Invoice 8 reviewed and approved.
    - Invoice 9 corrections are underway
    - Invoice 10 outreach has begun.
    - Amendments and Modifications were finalized and approved by SGC.
    - Met with all project partners and SGC and DOC grant managers.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$249,423.00
- **Remaining budget:** \$399,252.66
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Submit Invoice #9 corrections.
  - Finish and submit Invoice #10.
  - Cohost Earth Day together with other partners and organizations.



# Neighborhood Complete Streets



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Continued coordination with partners and design consultants
  - Coordination with Richmond Wellness Trail on status of Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant program.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 31,515.98
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 5,149,657.17
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Rescope the project to complete within the TCC-Richmond Rising timeline.
  - Receive updated budget from CSW.
  - Coordinate engagement for the next stages of the project.



# Richmond Wellness Trail



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Continued design development of construction documents
  - Community Engagement: conduct intercept surveys at the southern end of the project area with support from the Climate Health Promoters, prompting 65+ responses
  - AC Transit Coordination: coordination of scope where improvements overlap and intersect
  - Grant & Funding Coordination: meeting to discuss scope and plans with the awarded RCP Grant that is now delayed and at risk
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 217,825.48
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 4,598,868.12
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Continued design, community engagement, and project coordination



# eBike Lending Library



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Continued to showcase e-bike lending library designs to the community to gather feedback, suggestions and votes to determine final design.
  - Registered to participate in Urban Tilth's Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 19, 2025, Juneteenth Day of Freedom Parade and event on June 21, 2025 and Fiestas Patrias Parade on September 13, 2025.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 170,672.16
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 2,290,289.84
  
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - We plan to continue outreach efforts in person and at community events, and we also hope to have an approved building permit soon.



# Resilient Homes



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Outreach conducted at Urban Tilth's Climate Friendly Workshop
  - 3 TCC projects installed
  - 3 TCC projects permitted (separate from above)
  - Began permit process for Unity Park for Summer TCC event
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 774,871.46
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 6,191,824.45
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Continue planning for TCC Summer event
  - Filming for GRID TCC workforce and installation video.



# Basins of Relations



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Installed 4 drip irrigation systems for Iron Triangle homeowners, totally 31,560 gallons annual water savings.
  - Completed pilot Water Catchment system design in preparation for homeowner installations.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 256,767.27
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 1,423,936.51
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - 2 planned laundry-to-landscape greywater system installations for Iron Triangle homeowners.
  - 3 planned drip irrigation/water efficiency improvements system installations for Iron Triangle homeowners.



# Bosque del Barrio

- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Workforce Cohort #3 graduated
  - Hired 4 new Crew members from the Cohort
  - Colin Martin (Urban Forestry Manager) has moved on, Alex Arias will be continuing as UF Manager
  - Sarah Calderon retiring mid-April
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 163,499.74
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 924,513.01
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Coordinate Earth day Event- 4/19
  - Prepare for Summer Green Team



# ADA Accessible Garden



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Reviewed and provide comments on plans
  - Monthly project coordination meeting with project manager and design architect team
  - Drafted language for "Call for Artists" to support the ADA Garden mural
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$91,853.13
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 863,190.87
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Resubmittal to The City of Richmond
  - Install a sign at the future ADA Garden site
  - Work on Invoice #10



# Orchard for ALL!



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
- We have now entered the final week of our apprenticeship program, during which the apprentices have gained valuable knowledge in environmental justice, proper tree pruning, soil care, grafting techniques, effective harvesting methods, and fruit storage.
- Successfully hosted our fruit tree event, where our apprentices played an essential role in its execution.
- To date, we have distributed a total of 100 fruit trees, with 30 already planted.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 151,823.99
  
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 1,016,389.64
  
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Final day of the apprenticeship on April 4th
  - Plan to recruit one of our apprentices to serve as a second coordinator for our team.
  - Continue our efforts to distribute the remaining 400 fruit trees ensuring their planting and ongoing care.



# Veggie Rx



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Hosted Climate Friendly Diet Workshop with FIERCE Advocates on March 20th
  - LifeLong Medical conducted 8 HEAT classes with support from Veggie Rx team
  - Continued recruitment of Climate Health Promoters for the May 2025 cohort
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 692,962.44
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 2,545,909.56
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Host CFD Workshop at LifeLong Medical on April 14th, 4 pm
  - Host CFD Workshop #2 with FIERCE Advocates, April 17th, 5:30 pm
  - Schedule workshops for June/July



# E-Bike Share



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Continued maintenance and operations of existing bike hubs
  - Ride Today and City had a meeting to discuss most recent data.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 499,608.31
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 499,370.90
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Review data provided by Ride Today to facilitate voucher reimbursement from SGC.



# Community Engagement Plan



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Youth Fellow Program:
    - Sent out additional onboarding documents provided by our HR department.
    - Hosted office hours in English and Spanish for youth fellows to ask any questions they have about the program and reviewed all the documents that have been sent to them so far that need submission and provide further clarification if needed.
    - Hosted a community building meet-up at Unity Park for the youth fellows to get to know each other and interact 3/29.
    - Sent daily reminders to youth fellows to remind them about onboarding documents that still need submissions.
    - Recruitment: Sent emails to everyone that has signed up to our outreach form sharing the youth fellow application.
      - Set-up interviews for this week to interview potential youth fellows.
      - We still have some spaces open in the Youth Fellow Program.
    - Outreach: Tabled at the Because of Youth Festival! Hosted by MCE 3/30.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 232,708.89
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 2,333,323.84
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Youth Fellow Program:
    - Continue Partnering with our HR department to successfully onboard youth fellows.
    - Prepare all material for the youth fellow trainings such as printing, preparing folders, etc.
    - Outreach: College and Career Fair at Richmond High 4/8.



# Displacement Avoidance Plan



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Finalized contract execution for Bludot Open Rewards and the Buy Local Events and Marketing Consultant.
  - New staff member was recruited for managing contracts and Richmond Rising programs.
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 148,018.22
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 533,617.40
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Train new staff member for invoice and progress reports.



# Workforce Development and Economic Opportunity Plan (WDEOP)



**GRID**  
ALTERNATIVES



## ■ Work completed since last meeting:

### ■ GRID Alternatives:

- Set up a team phone line for training inquiries/communications! Can take calls and texts: **(510) 241 - 3389**
- Recruitment efforts: Screening of trainees for solar training cohort, posts on social media (instagram, Facebook) and regional newsletter, Reached out to Lifelong Medical, Jim Becker (RCF/Sparkpoint), Lizeht Zepeda EDC
- Tabled at MCE Because of Youth Festival @ Contra Costa College on 3/30
- Project development with GRID solar team for promotional video about our work in the region

## ■ Total expenditures reported to date: \$ 176,922.24

## ■ Remaining budget: \$ 1,256,885.50

## ■ Planned work in the next ~two weeks:

### ■ GRID Alternatives:

- Recruitment tabling at YouthWorks Youth and Young Adult Resource & Career Fair!
- Finalize trainee list & onboard participants for first cohort
- Start first training cohort April 14th



# Indicator Tracking Plan



- **Work completed since last meeting:**
  - Interviewed a potential candidate to join our research team during the summer, working specifically on TCC related activities
  - Finalized Year 1 Report edits based on feedback provided by CoR
  - Gathered additional documentation for Invoicing purposes and finalized edit to invoicing package
- **Total expenditures reported to date:** \$ 0
- **Remaining budget:** \$ 1,070,000
- **Planned work in the next ~two weeks:**
  - Complete summer hiring
  - Submit official Year 1 Report for SGC approval
  - Submit invoice 10 (!!!)



# Report on Public Comments & Questions



- Report out on any community questions or comments received, including responses

# Committee Business Items for Discussion



1. Youth Fellows Introduction and Nomination Discussion
2. Bright Saver Presentation on Renter Solar Program
3. Orchard for ALL! Fruit Tree Annual Giveaway Report
4. Ride Today / Richmond Community Foundation Connection Follow-up
5. Earth Day Project Partner Coordination
6. Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Update

# Youth Fellows Intro and Nomination Discussion



*Please Give Our Youth Fellows A Warm Welcome To Our Richmond Rising Community!*

- Youth Fellow Introductions:
  - Name
  - Why did you want to join the Richmond Rising Youth Fellow Program?
  - What do you hope to learn by the end of the program?
  
- Reminder To Project Leads & Partners:
  - Youth Fellow Outreach Request Form
    - Start thinking about events you have starting May till the end of the year that you would want our youth fellows to get involved in.
    - You should receive and have access to the form by the end of the week.

# Making Solar an Option for Everyone

## **Bright Saver**

### **Including Everyone in Solar Access**



Kevin Chou



Cora Stryker



Rupert Mayer

- What percentage of the communities you serve can't get rooftop solar?
- What are some reasons they can't get it even if they want it?

Together, we could offer solar to  
every member of a community

# Giving Everyone Two Options for Solar

## Rooftop solar



**Suitable roof**  
**\$20,000+**  
**Pays for itself in 10+ years**  
**Homeowners only**

## Backyard Solar



**Backyard installation**  
**40% cheaper per kW**  
**Pays for itself from day 1**  
**Available to renters**

# Plug-in "balcony" solar is taking off in Europe



[nytimes.com/2024/12/18/us/politics/](https://nytimes.com/2024/12/18/us/politics/)

[theguardian.com/environment/2024/dec/18/if-a-million-germans-have-them-there-must-be-something-in-it-how-balcony-solar-is-taking-off](https://theguardian.com/environment/2024/dec/18/if-a-million-germans-have-them-there-must-be-something-in-it-how-balcony-solar-is-taking-off)

News Opinion Sport Culture Lifestyle

The Guardian US

**Germans Consider Change From**  
Plug-and-play solar panels on balcony railings across Germany under looser regulations.

**The alternatives**

**'If 1.5m Germans have them there must be something in it': how balcony solar is taking off**

**In Spain, balcony panels benefit more than roof panels from the low winter sun.**  
Photograph: Tornasol Energy

# Why hasn't it caught on here yet?



Cost



Complex installation requires electrician People do



know about it

# We are systematically removing barriers



Cost: pays for itself from day one



We are a nonprofit, not a vendor



40% cheaper per kW than rooftop solar



We deliver and install the equipment Jumpstarting a



solar-for-all movement



Build climate movement + gigawatts of clean energy

# Other mounting options



# Early adopter: Terry D.



**“I’ve wanted solar for a long time but i need a new roof and I’m over 70. Will I live long enough for the investment in rooftop solar to pay off?”**



Terry’s Backyard  
Oakland, CA

## Waitlister: Jonnie M



**“I have solar panels on my roof but want more power. Please let me know when you come to Colorado!”**

## Nationwide interest

- *“I’d love to know when you come to Somerville, MA!”*
- *“Very interested if this reaches Maryland!”*
- *“Please add me to the waitlist in Chicago!”*
- *“Plug-in solar is an idea whose day has come and Bright Saver is in the right place at the right time.”*

# Participant Requirements

- Sunny spot within 50 ft of outdoor plug
- No income restrictions
- Renter or homeowner
- Electricity bill in your name
- Pays for itself from day one

# Together, we can offer solar to everyone



Spreading the word



Reduce emissions



Reduce electricity bills



Everyone has a solar option

# How to get one or get on the waitlist



[brightsaver.org](https://brightsaver.org)

[brightsaver.org/contact](https://brightsaver.org/contact)

[Cora@brightsaver.org](mailto:Cora@brightsaver.org)

# Orchard for ALL Annual Fruit Tree Giveaway Report



# Ride Today / RCF Connection Follow-Up



# Earth Day Project Partner Coordination



## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY APRIL 19**

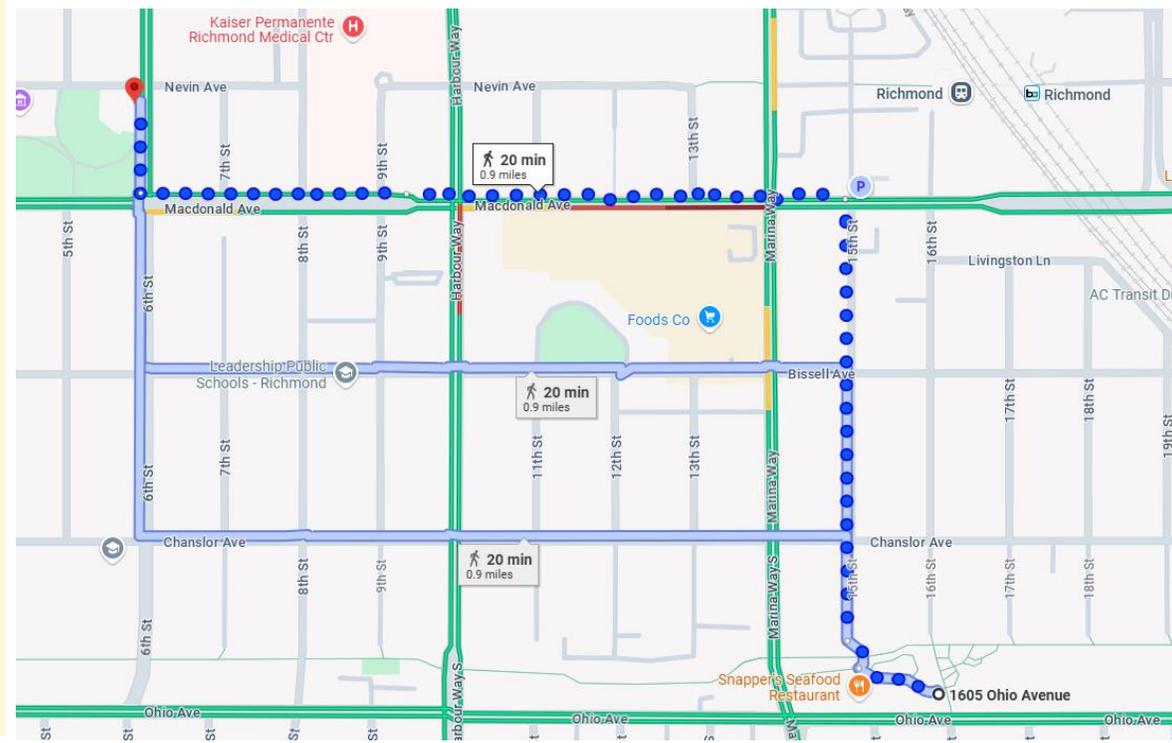
**UNITY PARK 1605 OHIO AVE**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**FREE EVENT!**

**PETTING ZOO**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**CLOTHING SWAP**

We are dedicated to making this event accessible to all. If you require any accommodations or have specific accessibility needs, contact us at least two weeks in advance. For more info contact [greenway@urbantilth.org](mailto:greenway@urbantilth.org)

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## CELEBRACIÓN DÍA DE LA TIERRA

**SÁBADO 19 DE ABRIL**

**UNITY PARK 1605 OHIO AVE**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**¡EVENTO SIN COSTO!**

**ZOO DE MASCOTAS**  
**MÚSICA EN VIVO**  
**INTERCAMBIO DE ROPA**

Nos esforzamos por hacer que este evento sea accesible para todos. Si requiere alguna adaptación o tiene necesidades de accesibilidad particulares, por favor, contáctenos con al menos dos semanas de antelación. Para más detalles, puedes contactar a [greenway@urbantilth.org](mailto:greenway@urbantilth.org).

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# Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Update





# **Agenda Requests for Next Meeting**

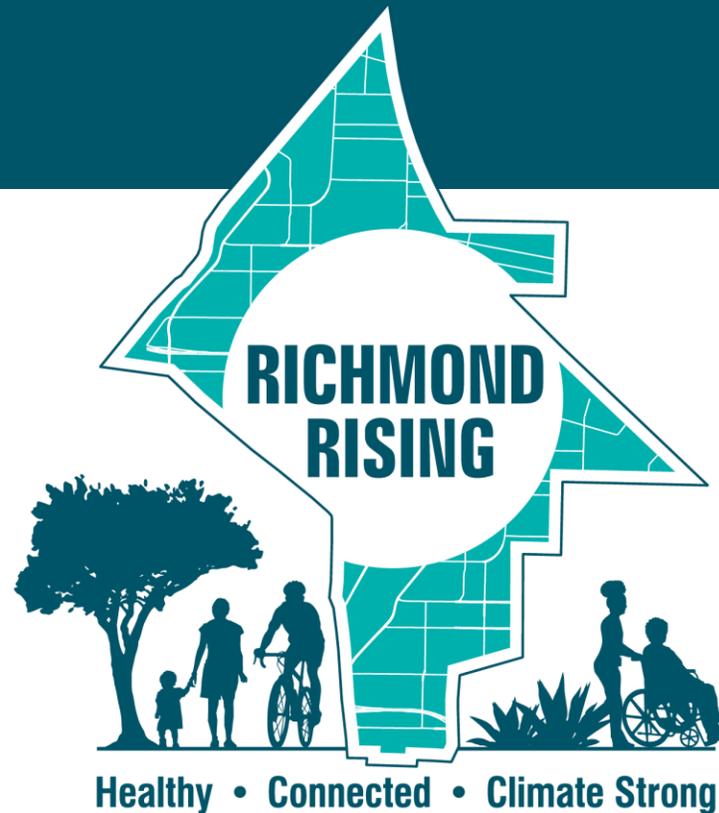
# General Announcements



- CSC Members, members of the public, and other partners or organizations are encouraged to share information or announcements related to upcoming events, projects, or programs in the Project Area

# Meeting Adjourned

## Thank You!



**Questions? Comments?**

Please reach out at  
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