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Economic Development Strategy

1. The Bay Area Council Economic Institute is completing its work on the data analysis section of the study. Preliminary findings entitled “Bay Area Business Dynamics: Current State of Business in the Region” have been produced and were reviewed with study’s Advisory Committee on May 7 and 8. The analysis looks at employment, business demographics, venture capital, business dynamics, labor pool, and economic futures.

Bay Area Renewable Power Network

1. The JPC Climate Strategist has continued to work with the Bay Area Renewable Power Network, a group of 40+ stakeholders, to refine and complete the 2012-13 Action Plan. The Action Plan was featured at the Clean Power Healthy Communities conference in Oakland on May 10.
2. The Bay Area Renewable Power Map has been updated to include new projects.
3. Initial discussions have been held on securing funding for a part-time coordinator to implement the plan in 2012-13.

Regional Climate & Energy Resilience Project

1. The JPC Climate Strategist, with the assistance of 40+ adaptation stakeholders, has continued work on the report, *Preparing the Bay Area for a Changing Climate*, which will be web-published on June 4. The report will include sections on impacts, strategies, current projects and stakeholders, and key regional challenges.
2. Preparations continue for the June 7th workshop in Oakland on regional adaptation planning. More than 50 stakeholders have registered for the workshop.
3. The JPC consultants have held a series of meetings with faculty leaders and administrators at UC Berkeley and Stanford to discuss potential partnerships with the JPC on adaptation research, policy options, finance and other topics.

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4. The JPC consultants hosted staff from the Kresge Foundation, the leading national foundation for climate adaptation, for a set of meetings on April 11-12. The purpose of the visit was to learn about Bay Area adaptation challenges and key stakeholders. Discussions are continuing between Kresge and the JPC consultants on possible funding for the Bay Area climate collaborative.
5. The JPC consultants have formed an alliance with the leaders of climate adaptation groups in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Sacramento. The alliance is working closely with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop a more integrated state-regional adaptation program.