Climate Planning Resources for Local Governments

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Outline

• Local governments and climate change
• Opportunities for addressing climate change
• Resources for local governments
Local Governments are Key Partners in Climate Planning
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The State is partnering with local governments to assist with climate planning

- Guidance and tools
- Funding
- Partnerships
Local Roles

Local governments have important roles to play in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Local governments are at the forefront of efforts to adapt to the ongoing and anticipated impacts of climate change.

PREVENT AND PREPARE

California is leading the way with prevention measures to reduce greenhouse gases, but no matter how quickly we cut our climate polluting emissions, climate impacts will still occur. Many impacts - increased fires, floods, severe storms and heat waves - are occurring already and will only become more frequent and more costly. There are many things we can do to protect against climate change impacts. Taking steps now to prepare for and adapt to climate change will protect public health and safety, our economy and our future.

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- Climate Action Team
- Research
- California Climate Assessments

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...to local policies
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Integrating Public Health into Climate Action Planning

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