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The CDPH Climate Change & Health Equity Program (CCHEP) envisions a state where all Californians thrive in healthy, equitable, and resilient communities. We work to achieve this by building health equity, advancing climate action, and improving living conditions through policies, systems, and environmental changes.

California Climate Action Team - Public Health Workgroup



California Climate Action Team - Public Health Workgroup Meeting: Mobilizing California's Public Health Sector

Thursday, October 31, 2019 | 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM PT

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
1500 Capitol Ave, Training Rooms A & B
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please join CCHEP for the next California Climate Action Team - Public Health Workgroup (CAT-PHWG) meeting on **Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 10:00AM to 12:30PM PT**. The meeting will focus on **Mobilizing California's Public Health Sector** to engage with climate change policy, planning, and strategies to slow climate change, improve community health and equity, and reduce the health impacts associated with climate change. The meeting will feature presentations and discussion centered on opportunities for public health departments and the broader health sector to partner to take local, regional, and state climate action. An agenda and meeting details are forthcoming and will be posted [here](#) >>

We encourage in-person attendance, but there is also a webinar option available for those unable to attend: [Register for the Webex webinar here](#) >>

Questions? Please contact Dan Woo (Daniel.Woo@cdph.ca.gov)

The CAT-PHWG addresses cross-cutting issues related to climate change and health. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide a forum for communication, coordination, and education across agencies and with stakeholders. Workgroup public meetings are co-hosted by the California Department of Public Health and the California Air Resources Board. Learn more about the CAT-PHWG [here](#) >>

California State Government Updates

California Air Resources Board - Grant Solicitation for the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project

Grant application deadline: 5:00 PM PT, October 21, 2019

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is soliciting grant applications to implement the Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project for **\$10 million** in available funding, and is open to California public school districts and County Offices of Education that operate at least one school serving from kindergarten up to 12th grade, located in a disadvantaged community. The Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project grant offers school communities an opportunity to showcase their ability to create meaningful spaces that inspire future generations, realize impactful air quality improvements, and develop real solutions to the climate crisis. [Learn more and apply here](#) >>

CAL FIRE - Grant Solicitation for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

Concept proposal deadline: November 27, 2019

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is soliciting grant applications for their Urban and Community Forestry Grants. These grants are designed to assist communities to create or implement multi-benefit projects with a focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing public health and other benefits to disadvantaged communities. Eligible applying organizations include cities, counties, qualifying districts, or 501C(3) non-profits. **Local health departments should be eligible to apply, or can participate on an inter-departmental County application.** [Learn more and apply here](#) >>

California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment - Bibliography of Recent Research on Climate Change

In support of its periodic report presenting [indicators of climate change in California](#), the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has compiled and made available its bibliography of recent research on climate change that relate to the state, including literature with past and current data concerning changes in climate, the causes or drivers of climate change, and its physical and biological impacts. [View the OEHHA bibliography here](#) >>

California Climate Investments On Track To Set Annual Record with More Than \$900 Million For Projects Statewide In First Six Months

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced that the pace of implementation for programs funded by [California Climate Investments](#) (CCI) has picked up significantly. State agencies implemented \$914 million in projects during the first six months of 2019, compared to \$1.4 billion for all of 2018 and \$720 million for all of 2017. CCHP has successfully worked with state administering agencies to further integrate public health and health equity priorities in CCI programs. [Read the full bulletin here](#) >>

Health & Climate Change Resources

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) - Climate and Health: A Guide for Cross-Sector Collaboration

The CDC released a new guide to support health department staff in conducting cross-sector outreach for climate adaptation planning. Health departments have a key role to play in helping states, cities, and tribes prepare for and prevent the public health impacts of climate change. The

ten sectors included in this guide can be important partners for effective climate adaptation planning. [Explore the CDC Climate and Health guide here >>](#)

Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials

The 2019 revised version of "Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials" is now available. This Guide provides information to support public health officials in preparing for wildfire smoke events, communicating health risks, and taking steps to protect public health from smoke impacts. The 2019 Guide includes updated information regarding preparedness, exposure reduction strategies, and ash clean-up. Earlier versions of this Guide were co-authored by CDPH in collaboration with other state and federal agencies. [View the Guide here >>](#)

The June 2019 California Climate Action Team - Public Health Workgroup meeting focused on wildfires and wildfire smoke, including a presentation on the 2019 Guide by one of the co-authors, Susan Stone, US Environmental Protection Agency. [Learn more about the CAT-PHWG meeting and watch the recording here >>](#)

New England Journal of Medicine - Climate Crisis and Health Resources

The New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) recently launched a new webpage that provides a collection of articles and other resources describing effects of climate change on physical and psychological health and on the function of health care systems, including resources to support action by physicians and other health care professionals. [Explore the NEJM resources here >>](#)

Job Opportunities

Join the CDPH Office of Health Equity Team!

Various positions available (details below)

Applicants must take and pass civil servant exam first

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Health Equity is excited to announce the recruitment of **THREE** new staff members to lead our **Lesbian, Bisexual, Queer, and Transgender (LBQT) women's health initiative!** This initiative will fund and support LBQT-serving organizations to improve understanding and provision of culturally responsive preventive public health and health care services for LBQT women. We hope to post the official job announcements soon for **one (1) Health Program Manager II** and **two (2) Health Program Specialist I** positions. To be eligible to work for CDPH, you must first complete a Training and Experience questionnaire (which serves as the "exam"):

- **Health Program Specialist I:** Exams for this position are reviewed on a quarterly basis and the next submission deadline is **October 17, 2019**. View minimum qualifications and to take the exam, please see the [exam bulletin here >>](#)
- **Health Program Manager II:**
 - Must meet the [minimum qualifications detailed here >>](#) **AND**
 - Must also take the exam for the *Staff Services Manager II* classification. The next submission deadline for the exam is **December 31, 2019**. To take the exam, please see the [exam bulletin here >>](#)

The Office of Health Equity's **Community Development and Engagement Unit** is recruiting for **one (1) Health Program Specialist (HPS) II** position in Sacramento to lead a team in managing the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP). Responsibility includes all aspects of contract development and management, budgeting and accounting procedures, and knowledge of state and federal legal requirements. **Applicants must be currently on the eligibility list to apply. Application deadline: October 17, 2019**
[Learn more and apply here >>](#)

The Office of Health Equity's **Health Research and Statistics Unit** is recruiting for **one (1) Research Scientist I (Epidemiology / Biostatistics)** position in Sacramento to perform data collection, data management, data analysis, and data summarization tasks focusing on social and

environmental determinants of health. **Applicants must be currently on the eligibility list to apply. Application deadline: October 18, 2019**

[Learn more and apply here >>](#)

For more information about how to get a State job, click [here >>](#)

View the CDPH Office of Health Equity Organization Chart [here >>](#)

For more information about joining the CDPH team, click [here >>](#)

Policy Advocate - ClimatePlan

Application deadline: Open until filled

ClimatePlan is a statewide network of health, equity, and environmental nonprofits dedicated to improving California's land use and transportation. [Learn more and apply here >>](#)

Climate & Health Equity in the News

We have curated the headlines since our last newsletter that have most informed us about the intersections between climate change, health, and equity:

Climate Best Case Scenario: Save Millions, Make Trillions

CCHEP partner Dr. Jonathan Patz, Director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin, is featured

Forbes | September 26, 2019

Climate Change Is A Public Health Emergency. Inaction Is Costing Us.

Natural Resources Defense Council | September 18, 2019

Access the full NRDC report, "Bitter Pill: The High Health Costs of Climate Change" [here >>](#)

Mobility Experts Discuss Uncertain Future

CCHEP staff Dan Woo participated as a panelist at the "Roles for Emerging Mobility in Sustainable Transportation" event featured in this article

Streetsblog San Francisco | September 19, 2019

Why Climate Change Is A Disability Rights Issue

CCHEP partner Alex Ghenis with the World Institute on Disability is featured

Yale Climate Connections | September 6, 2019

How Young Graduates Are Helping Local Governments Build Climate Resilience

CCHEP was fortunate to host CivicSpark Fellows Ricki Cleere and Ashoka Alvarez in recent years through this innovative program.

American City & County | August 19, 2019

A Green New Deal For Decarceration

Jacobin | August 28, 2019

"I'm Having A Hard Time Coping With Scary Climate News. What Should I Do?"

Yale Climate Connections | September 17, 2019