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California Volunteers Selects Host Partners for Inaugural California Climate Action Corps Fellowship

SACRAMENTO – Today, California Volunteers, Office of the Governor announced the selection of 29 Host Partners for the inaugural California Climate Action Corps Fellowship program. California Climate Action Corps – the country's first statewide corps of its kind – will deploy Fellows to support local climate action projects in front-line and low-income communities across the state.

Selected from more than 50 applicants, the Host Partners will host 63 Fellows who will begin their service terms in January. Each partner will provide support and supervision for the Fellows who will dedicate their service to building community engagement, mobilizing volunteers and moving the needle on climate action in their communities.

"We look forward to collaborating with our partners to build the statewide volunteer and service infrastructure necessary to help meet the climate goals of communities and the state," said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. "We are thrilled to place Climate Action Fellows with these strong, community-focused organizations."

The California Climate Action Corps Host Partners include:

- Central California Environmental Justice Network: "Greener Fresno" - Expanding urban greening and vegetative barriers in South-Central Fresno
- City of Fresno: Beautify Fresno - Urban Forest Initiative
- Fresno Metro Ministry: Local Food Policies and Systems for Healthy People and Places
- Tree Fresno: Urban Tree Canopy Expansion in Underserved Fresno Neighborhoods
- City of Long Beach: Long Beach Climate Action & Adaptation Support
- City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation: City of Los Angeles Food Rescue
- City Plants: Growing a Resilient & Equitable Los Angeles for All
- FoodCycle: Community Based Food Distribution
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles: Watts Rising - Green New Deal in Action Intersecting Climate Justice, Community Development & Equity
- Koreatown Youth and Community Center: Throwing Shade: LA Urban Greening, Education, and Community Building
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps: Partnership Development in Climate Resilience
- Los Angeles County Public Works - Environmental Programs: A Cleaner LA – Commercial Food Waste Reduction and Food Recovery in Los Angeles County
- Inland Empire Resource Conservation District: Increasing Tree Canopy and Empowering Residents in the Fight Against Climate Change
- Redlands Conservancy: Plant Natives, Save Planet Project

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- University of Redlands - Community Service Learning: Treestock
- City of San José, ESD - Climate Smart: Strengthening San José's Climate Community Engagement, Data Sharing, and Environmental Policy
- City of San José, ESD - Integrated Waste Mgmt: Benchmarking Edible Food Recovery Efforts by Commercial Generators
- City of San José, Mayor's Office - Fire: Wildfire Protection Plan Community Engagement Project
- County of Santa Clara: Santa Clara County Urban Forestry Alliance
- Guadalupe River Park Conservancy: Restore our Historic Orchard and River Trail in downtown San Jose
- Our City Forest: Green Silicon Valley Schools
- Veggielution: Community Compost: From Field to Food Truck
- City of Stockton: Urban Greening Action Team - Restoring Stockton's Urban Forest
- Greater Valley Conservation Corps: Climate Action and Conservation Mentorship and Community Engagement
- Little Manila Rising: From Marginalization to Environmental Justice: Creating culture shift in South Stockton towards Environmental Justice
- Promotores Unidas Para La Educación Nacional Tecnologías Sostenibles: Understanding Public Opinion Regarding Urban Forest
- Reinvent Stockton Foundation: Building a Culture of Service for Climate
- CA Firesafe Council: Creating Community Wildfire Resiliency
- City of Watsonville: Climate Driven Community Empowerment in Watsonville

Announced by Governor Gavin Newsom on [California Climate Action Day](#), this initiative supported by the [Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery](#), is led by California Volunteers, Office of the Governor. It will place more than 250 AmeriCorps Fellows through next year with state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities and colleges. Fellows will focus on developing and implementing climate action projects with a strong emphasis on urban tree planting, food rescue programs and fire resilience. Fellows will receive a living stipend and, after completing a term of service, will be eligible for a scholarship to pay for college or to pay off student loans.

Climate Action Corps Fellows will spend seven months to a year supporting community climate action projects through partnerships with AmeriCorps programs implemented by the Local Government Commission and Bay Area Community Resources. Californians interested in learning more or applying can visit ClimateActionCorps.ca.gov.

In addition to the Fellows program, California Climate Action Corps will engage people through a variety of levels and activities, from those who have an hour to commit at home, to those who can commit a year of service, to everything in between. In partnership with VolunteerMatch, California Volunteers is also establishing a statewide online volunteer hub of climate-focused volunteer opportunities. Environmental and climate-focused organizations will be able to post service opportunities for local volunteers, allowing every Californian to make a difference in their own community.

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