

**Principles of Understanding
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Who we are

The Climate Science Alliance- South Coast (Alliance) is a partnership of organizations and agencies focused on sharing ecosystem-based resiliency approaches to safeguard our communities and natural resources from climate change risks. Partners come together to share scientific information and other resources to achieve on the ground results to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing climate.

Coming Together to Support and Promote Regional Actions

There are a number of scientists and natural resource entities working to address significant climate impacts to the natural resources in the South Coast Ecoregion; however, this science does not always reach decision-makers¹ and research is often not coordinated or integrated into existing landscape scale conservation actions. The Alliance was formed to support, promote, and connect climate adaptation activities with existing and planned natural resource and local government planning and projects to leverage costs and opportunities, forge new and expanded climate adaptation partnerships, and be a catalyst for the kind of innovative and large scale actions necessary to build long-term resilience to climate change.

Vision, Mission, and Goals

Vision: To safeguard the natural and human communities of the South Coast Eco-region in the face of a changing climate.

Mission: Through working together and demonstrating innovative thought, action, and leadership we will enhance regional collaboration, coordination and engagement between climate research, natural resource management, on the ground adaptation and mitigation efforts, and public engagement.

¹ Any person and/ or organization that is responsible for developing and/ or implementing local or regional policies, plans, and/ or projects that require consideration of climate change risks in relationship to natural resource management and/ or local communities. Decision-makers range from elected officials to policy-makers to land-use and natural resource managers, depending on the situation.



Goals



A robust science-focused network that supports, promotes, and networks local action.



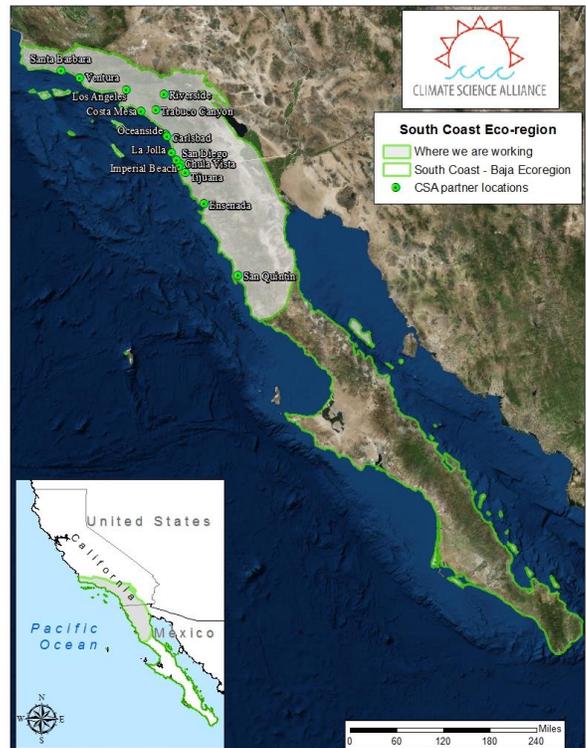
Strengthen regional resilience through capacity building activities and climate smart training



Engage citizens, youth, and leaders in unique and creative ways and inspire the kind of engagement and actions that will ensure future resilience.

Range of Influence

The San Diego region serves as the hub of the Alliance’s network, but partners and projects encompass the entire south coast ecoregion of southern California from Santa Barbara through Baja California, Mexico. Across the south coast eco-region we are working with government entities (tribal, federal, state, and local), conservation organizations, businesses, researchers, artists, educators, and community groups to promote climate resilience at a regional scale.



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