



CALIFORNIA  
RESILIENCE  
CHALLENGE

## Resilience Voices Coalition

“The world increasingly looks to California for leadership on climate change. The California Resilience Challenge is an unprecedented opportunity for California businesses to assist communities statewide to prepare for a new climate ‘normal’ while developing adaptation strategies that could benefit countries around the world.”

**David Abel, Chairman, verdeXchange**

“The California Resilience Challenge is an extraordinary opportunity for the private sector to help communities across California adapt to climate change, and represents the type of innovative leadership and partnership Californians are world famous for.”

**Marissa Aho, AICP, Los Angeles Chief Resilience Officer**

“California is poised to become a living laboratory for how communities around the world can adapt to climate change. The California Resilience Challenge is an extraordinary opportunity for the business and philanthropies to help bring climate adaptation projects across California to shovel-readiness. Berkeley's Climate Readiness Institute recognizes the action-oriented leadership of the Bay Area Council and fully subscribes to the objectives of this bold Challenge.”

**William Drew Collins, Director, Climate and Ecosystems Sciences Division, LBNL**

“Increasingly severe drought, flooding, and wildfires are all connected to California’s changing climate. By helping communities adapt to these and other climate-related changes, the California Resilience Challenge is a great example of what’s possible when businesses, philanthropies, and utilities work together on behalf of all Californians.”

**Wade Crowfoot, Executive Director, The Water Foundation**

“Southern California faces many climate-related threats, including drought, wildfire, extreme heat, and more. As community leaders working to improve economic sustainability in neighborhoods in Southern California, the Leadership for Urban Renewal Network (LURN), believes the California Resilience Challenge is precisely the type of bold, innovative thinking California will need to solve its climate challenges. We need cross-sectoral partnerships to make sure our resiliency initiatives take into account communities that have been historically marginalized. The Challenge comes at an important time.”

**Rudy Espinoza, Executive Director, LURN Los Angeles**

“California has long been a leader on climate change. We started with reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, and now we're turning our focus to adaptation and resilience. And we must spur innovation in preparing our state for climate impacts. The California Resilience Challenge is a great opportunity for business to become engaged in this leading edge work -- to help improve climate resilience.”

**Jonathan Parfrey, Executive Director, Climate Resolve**

“The California Resilience Challenge is positioned to usher in innovative solutions that strengthen our state's ability to respond to the issues brought on by climate change--including sea level rise, severe storms, flooding, and fires. It's a bold approach to make our state more sustainable and safeguard our quality of life. Greenbelt Alliance stands ready to partner to connect our communities to leading-edge experts and ideas for this exciting initiative.”

**Matt Vander Sluis, Deputy Director, Greenbelt Alliance**