**Regional Workforce Alliance Meeting**

April 20, 2023

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**Partners in attendance:**

* Michael Banner, President and CEO, Los Angeles LDC
* Benjamin Torres, Director of Civic Engagement & Community Organizing, CD Tech
* Luis Morales, Coalitions Manager, CD Tech
* Andri Tai-Ward, Senior Associate, Estolano Advisors
* Elena Ortiz, Environmental Associate, Better World Group
* Katie Freiberg, Project Assistant, Estolano Advisors
* Nina Womack, CEO, Let’s Be Whole
* Hector Huezo, California Director, Jobs to Move America
* Jessie Hernandez, Adult Education and Programs Manager, South Central Lamp
* Elizabeth Christy, Sustainability Program Manager, USGBC-LA
* Edgar Barraza, Energy Equity Policy Coordinator, Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles (PSR-LA)
* Martin Barrera, California Senior Workforce Equity Coordinator, Jobs to Move America
* Serenity Park, Workforce Development Coordinator, Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator (LACI)
* Sharon Segado, Senior Manager, Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator (LACI)
* Carrie Hester, Director of Development, USGBC-LA
* Makeeta Birdsong, Training Coordinator, USGBC–LA
* Judith Ruiz, Supervisor, Special Programs, Hub Cities Consortium
* Nancy Ibrahim, Executive Director, Esperanza Community Housing
* Tyresa Jackson, Operations Team, South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z)
* Dr. Wade Martin, Professor of Economics, Cal State University Long Beach
* Sylvia Chi, Senior Policy Analyst, Just Solutions Collective
* Angela Gibson, President, Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC)
* Enrique Huerta, Senior Director, Climate Resolve
* Nicolas Barrios, Community Economic Development Manager, Build Los Angeles Community College District (BuildLACCD)
* Isabel Guillen, Program Manager, Build Los Angeles Community College District (BuildLACCD)

**Staff in attendance:**

* Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
* Tessa Charnofsky, Energy and Environmental Program Manager, SoCalREN
* Tabaris Smith, Interim Southern CA Regional Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Shanette Anderson, Southern CA Senior Program Manager, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Anthony Borunda, Sr. Program Coordinator, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Joseph Warner, Program Coordinator, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Ann D’Amato, President, 3D Networks
* Vivian Soto, Outreach Coordinator, 3D Networks

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome**
	1. Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
		1. Acknowledged the value of the Regional Workforce Alliance partners and Community Based Organizations
2. **Introductions**
	1. Tabaris Smith, Interim Southern CA Regional Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative
		1. Provided an overview of the agenda
		2. Facilitated partner introductions
		3. Reviewed the mission statement and goals of the RWA
3. **Future Green Leaders Youth Summit**
	1. Tessa Charnofsky, Energy and Environmental Program Manager, SoCalREN
		1. Shared information about the Future Green Leaders Youth Summit (FGLS) that was held on March 15, 2023
		2. Highlighted objectives that were achieved, provided an overview of the day, and outlined plans for FGLS 2024
	2. Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
		1. Expanded on the value of targeting 6 – 8th graders with the annual FGLS
		2. Noted that early exposure to green career pathways will help to build the next generation of clean energy workforce
	3. Benjamin Torres, President and CEO, **Community Development**Technologies Center (CDTech)
		1. Emphasized the importance of creating a framework to develop the skill set by collaboration with community colleges
	4. Enrique Huerta, Legislative Director, Climate Resolve
		1. Discussed current state level funding that has been allocated to develop careers in several climate agencies
		2. Noted insufficient capacity to fill open positions
4. **Funding Initiatives**
	1. Sylvia Chi, Senior Policy Analyst, Just Solutions Collective
		1. Highlighted funding opportunities from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
			1. Most of the IRA spending is through Tax Credits
				1. Over $270 billion over 10 years
				2. Tax credits are primarily for electricity
				3. Reviewed base rates and qualifications
		2. Reviewed Green House Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)
			1. The GGRF is the 2nd largest program in the IRA
				1. $27 billion in competitive funding for financial and technical assistance in projects that reduce/ avoid GHGs and air pollutants
		3. Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
			1. Noted that LA County will pursue the EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
				1. SoCalREN team is working on the design of single-family solar storage program

This multiple component program includes workforce & local hire

Explained single-metering

Storage only benefits a common area

Need to facilitate storage capacity to benefit single-meters of the renter

* 1. Andri Tai-Ward, Senior Associate, Estolano Advisors
		1. Introduced the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF)
			1. A state program that promotes sustainable and equitable economic recovery
			2. Supports creation of high-quality accessible jobs for all Californians
			3. 2 Phases: Planning Phase & Implementation Phase
			4. Engagement opportunities to promote CERF information sharing, collaboration, and the advancement of CERF equity priorities
1. **Discussion**
	1. Tessa Charnofsky, Energy and Environmental Program Manager, SoCalREN
		1. Highlighted CERF’s Environmental Protection Network Pro-Bono Technical Assistance Network
2. **E-Contractor Academy & Training Program Updates**
	1. Shanette Anderson, Senior Program Manager, Emerald Cities Collaborative
		1. Outlined the 2022 E-Contractor results & highlights
		2. Provided information on the upcoming Summer 2023 Inland Empire 4-week training series
			1. Dates TBD
3. **Closing Remarks**
	1. Ann D’Amato, Managing Principal, 3D Networks
		1. Promoted the next in-person RWA quarterly meeting