

# Southern California Association of Governments Southern California Regional Climate Adaptation Framework

## Location

Los Angeles,  
Imperial, Orange,  
Riverside, San  
Bernardino and  
Ventura  
Counties, CA

## Year Complete

Ongoing

## Key Team

### Members

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## Project

### Relevance

- Comprehensive framework to support regional climate adaptation planning
- Climate change vulnerabilities
- Model General Plan policies for Safety, Land Use, Circulation, and Environmental Justice Elements
- Model Local Coastal Program policies



ESA is supporting Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in preparing a comprehensive framework to support regional climate adaptation planning, identify climate change vulnerabilities, assist in capacity building, and provide outreach and other implementation tools for local jurisdictions. The SCAG region includes 191 cities and six counties. The project includes coordinating regional collaboration for climate adaptation and resiliency planning; developing model adaptation language for General Plans to support compliance with Senate Bill 379 as well as model language for Local Coastal Programs; and developing regional metrics, data, and tracking. ESA is leading the effort on the following major elements: developing a regional climate adaptation framework and regional coordination strategy and preparing General Plan and Local Coastal Program guidance.

### **Adaptation Planning Framework and Regional Coordination**

Using stakeholder input from the region, ESA is developing a multi-step process that will illuminate how to assess risk and how to develop strategies that reduce risk. The resulting products include a Regional Climate Adaptation Coordination Strategy,

Southern California Adaptation Planning Guide, Lessons Learned and Next Steps Summary Report, and Case Studies.

### **General Plan and Local Coastal Program Guidance**

ESA is providing support for all of the cities and counties in the SCAG region by analyzing the gaps in their adaptation planning efforts and providing guidance on how to resolve those gaps.

ESA will also establish model policy language for the General Plan, including the General Plan's Circulation, Land Use, Safety, and Environmental Justice Elements. Model language will also be provided for Local Coastal Programs.