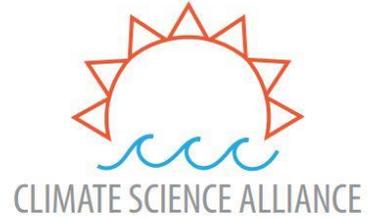


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Enjoy the Climate Science Alliance quarterly newsletter! Keep up on the latest activities of Alliance partners and be the first to know about climate smart training and networking events taking place in the south coast ecoregion.

A word from our Director

I am excited to share that we have had exciting growth in our partner network, and the Alliance now consists of over **200 individuals** in more than **90 different organizations**. The working groups have kicked off their first meetings and we are hitting the ground running with a series of collaborative projects and activities already underway. Its not too late to join!

As the network continues to expand we are investing in several areas to enhance our outreach and communication efforts. Check out our new resources to learn about events and activities including community events.

- [Climate Science Alliance-Blog-Events & Activities](#)
- [Climate Science Alliance-Partners](#)
- [Climate Kids](#) *UPDATED*
- Like Us on [Facebook](#)

If you haven't done so already please fill out the partner form and contact us today so we can highlight your project or organization on the web! [Partner Form](#)

Sincerely,
Amber Pairis, Ph.D.



Talking climate with kids at Balboa Park Earth Day. May 2016

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Climate Science Alliance – South Coast Kicks Off Partnerships with First Annual Forum and Networking Event!

On March 10, 2016, the Climate Science Alliance – South Coast hosted its first annual forum and networking reception at Cabrillo National Monument. More than 80 Climate Science Alliance partners from as far as Tucson, Los Angeles, and San Quintín, Baja California, Mexico were in attendance. These included representatives from academia, non-governmental organizations, the business sector, and local, state, federal, and tribal governments. The event featured updates from Alliance partners on educational, scientific, and management focused activities that they've been engaged with through the Alliance over the last year. The group's Advisory Team also unveiled the Alliance Working Group structure and strategic plans for the next two years in an energetic and engaging session.

Attendees donned colored Mardi Gras beads to represent their interest in the Science-focused Partnerships (Orange Team), Climate Smart Conservation (Blue Team), or Innovative Community Engagement (Green Team).



The evening was capped off by mingling in the twilight with refreshments and a delicious hors d'oeuvres spread sponsored by SDG&E. Dr. Pairis said she was thrilled at the turn out and excitement for this new venture in southern California and she is confident that the excitement generated at the event will carry into future Alliance activities and next year's networking event.

Organizations interested in joining the Climate Science Alliance – South Coast can find more information on the Alliance's [webpage](#) or can contact Dr. Pairis at Amber.Pairis@wildlife.ca.gov

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CCC Sea Level Rise Guidance Workshop

On March 29th the San Diego Climate Collaborative, Tijuana River NERRR, and Climate Science Alliance co-hosted a Sea Level Rise Guidance Workshop with two sessions -- Understanding the Coastal Commission's Updated Sea Level Rise Policy Guidance and a Local Coastal Plan Technical Workshop -- to discuss how local cities are utilizing sea level rise information in their local coastal plans.

This meeting helped enhance regional communication and information sharing between regional entities pursuing sea level rise planning.

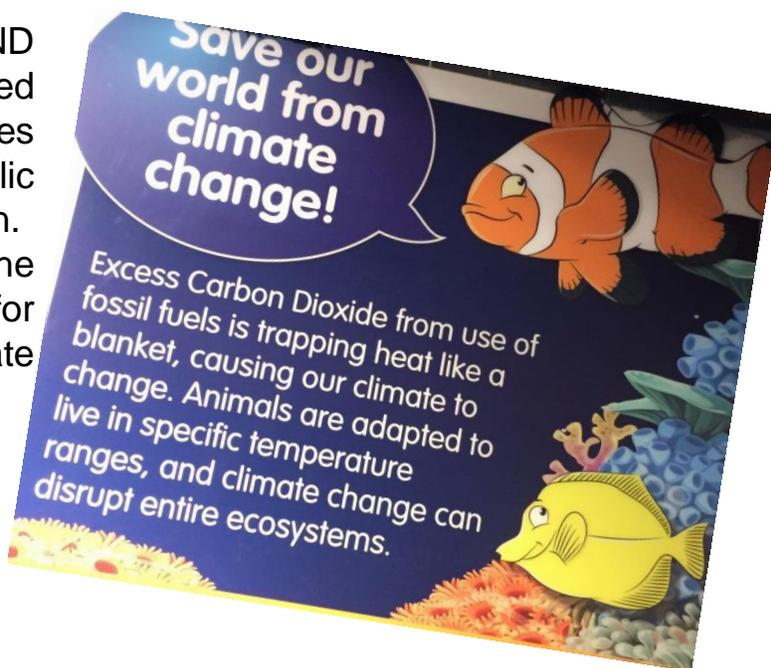
Click [here](#) to access meeting agendas and read more about the meeting.



Laura Engeman addressing the crowd.

Partner Spotlight: LEGOLAND-SEALIFE AQUARIUM

Congratulations to our partners at LEGOLAND SEALIFE Aquarium on their new updated exhibit that includes climate change messages and interactive features that teach the public about how climate change impacts the ocean. Visit the aquarium today and check out the touch pads where you can cast your vote for the action you will take to minimize climate change.



Tribal Earth Day Events: La Jolla and Santa Rosa Cahuilla

The Climate Science Alliance took part in several earth day events at the invitation of our tribal partners. On Saturday, April 9th we attended the **Intertribal Earth Day 2016** at the **La Jolla Band** Campground along the San Luis Rey River. This first annual event brought together tribes from throughout San Diego and the broader region to share information on ecosystem management, sustainability, climate change, and promoting environmentalism in our daily lives.

On May 7th we took part in the **Santa Rosa Cahuilla** Earth day event in Mountain Center. We had a great day talking about climate change and natural resource conservation along with hands on activities and art projects.

We are proud to participate in these events and excited to have the opportunity to share the Climate Kids activities with people of all ages. Thank you to the La Jolla Tribe and Santa Rosa Cahuilla for hosting us!



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Climate Science Alliance & Stay COOL @ Balboa Park Earth Fair



On Sunday, April 17th we partnered with [StayCool for Grandkids](#) to participate in the Balboa Park Earth Fair. Working collaboratively we provided outreach materials and talked with people of all ages about climate change and actions we can take to protect the planet. We are very thankful to STAY COOL and everyone who came out to the event and stopped by our booths.

Climate Kids Partnership with Living Coast Discovery Center

The Climate Science Alliance has partnered with Living Coast Discovery Center to provide a field trip as part of the Climate Kids program. On April 11th and 21st, Pacific Beach Elementary School's Kindergartners and 2nd graders got hands on experience as scientists on topics they had learned about through the Climate Kids program. They participated in birdwatching, scavenger hunts and tours with the center's resident docents. Students got the chance to see and touch animals, identify stressors affecting the watershed, and brainstorm ideas about some of the things they could do to help the earth. Thanks to Living Coast for being a great partner!



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Climate Kids Receives Grant from the CA Coastal Conservancy

The Climate Science Alliance-Climate Kids program was awarded a \$17,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grant program. The funding will provide transportation to get students to coastal field trip sites, provide bi-national opportunities between Climate Kids in San Diego and Mexico, and support expansion of the Climate Kids program with our partners at Earth Discovery Institute in 2016-17.

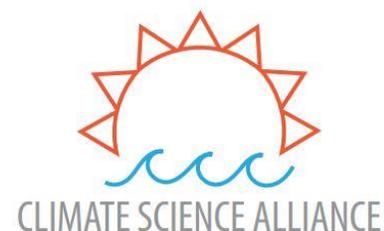


Upcoming Events

- May 18, 2016 *Ocean Climate Summit –San Francisco *check out Climate Kids art!**
- May 21-22, 2016 [Cabrillo National Monument](#)- Bioblitz and Biodiversity Festival
- May 26, 2016 Pala Band of Mission Indians Earth Day Celebration
- June 2-3, 2016 CDFW Climate Smart Conservation Trainings in San Diego and Los Alamitos
- June 9-11, 2016 Tribal Climate Adaptation Workshops: *Partnering with [ITEP](#) and the Pala Band of Mission Indians to support climate adaptation training in Pala, CA*
- June 15, 2016 [*Register Today!*](#) NNOCCI Climate Communication Training, San Diego
- September 7-8, 2016 [CA Adaptation Forum](#)- 2nd CA Adaptation Forum, Long Beach, CA
- October 18-21, 2016 [Natural Areas Conference 2016-UC Davis](#)—Davis, CA

What is the Climate Science Alliance?

The **Climate Science Alliance- South Coast** is a group 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.



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