



RICCE All Partner Meeting

October 15, 2025

San Diego, CA

Notes Outline

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND: These notes are not verbatim but are an attempt to capture themes, takeaways, questions, and decisions made during this facilitation.

OBJECTIVES

- **REGROUND** partners in shared purpose and celebrate collaborative wins.
- **PROVIDE** updates on EPA and TCC funding status and administrative next steps.
- **SECURE** advocacy commitments from partners for the December 10 SGC vote.

ACTION ITEMS

- SDF – Share reimbursement guidance and communication plan.
- DOC – Provide Prop 4 funding links and TCC Round 6 timeline.
- EHC – Distribute advocacy toolkit and coordinate attendance.
- SDF – Send meeting slides and summary to partners.
- EHC – Maintain availability calendar for coordination.

NEXT STEPS

- December 10, 2025: Strategic Growth Council vote on Prop 4 funding.
- December 16, 2025: CSS Meeting to review SGC results and next steps.
- January–March 2026: CAB meetings and amendment development.
- Ongoing: Coordination between SDF, DOC, and EHC to align partners.

NOTES

Opening and Norms:

- Welcome and introductions by Luis and Christiana.
- Norms: Partners identified needs for transparency, clarity, and consistent communication.
- Offers included expertise, partnership, and positive engagement across organizations.
- Celebrations included:
 - CPMCC's 10-year anniversary
 - TICLT's site activation
 - EHC's resource fair
 - GRID's completion of 27 roofs under budget.

EPA Grant Update:

- SDF lost communication with the EPA in January 2025 and later accepted termination to avoid delays to both EPA and TCC grants.
- Partners expressed disappointment and concern about reimbursement delays (up to 120 days).
- SDF committed to rapid fund release once received and to share clear turnaround guidance.
- EPA advised SDF to prepare for an audit.

TCC Grant and Amendment Process:

- TCC grant remains active but requires amendment to remove EPA-funded portions and revise budgets.
- SDF and EHC are coordinating biweekly with SGC and DOC to manage amendment timelines.
- Amendment process will clarify readiness requirements and updated allocations.
- Prop 4 Climate Bond and Funding Outlook:
 - Prop 4 Climate Bond may restore the lost \$7.3M, administered by the California Natural Resources Agency.
 - If approved, RICCE's total funding returns to \$29.5M; otherwise remains \$22.125M.
 - Round 6 TCC guidelines are open for comment; applications for competitive funding open Spring 2026, awards expected Fall 2026. (this is for new competitive funding and is separate from the award of the \$7.3M)
 - Partners expressed urgency for financial clarity to sustain project progress.

Partner Discussion – CPMCC Concerns:

- CPMCC voiced concern that waiting until December may stall or even end projects.
- Advocated for using the confirmed \$22M now and amending later if backfill arrives.
- SDF and DOC agreed to explore flexibility for readiness and staffing costs.
- Separate meeting to be held between CPMCC and SDF to explore immediate solutions.

Advocacy Planning:

- EHC leading advocacy for December 10 SGC vote to restore \$7.3M funding.
- Partners to submit letters, e-comments, and attend virtually or in person.
- GRID, TICLT, CPMCC, Urban Corps, and City of SD coordinating on outreach.
- EHC developing a social media toolkit and coordinating CAB attendance.

Administrative Updates:

- Invoices due December 12, 2025 (for Oct/Nov). Partners to assign alternate POCs if on leave.
- USD finalizing draft evaluation plan (early November); full tracking plan expected Fall 2026.

- Next CSS Meeting: December 16, 2025 – post-SGC vote discussion.

THEMES

- Strong partner commitment to transparency and proactive communication.
- Concern over administrative burden of dual amendment processes.
- Unified advocacy strategy to support SGC engagement and funding restoration.
- Acknowledgment of ongoing community engagement despite uncertainty.