

## RICCE Collaborative Stakeholder Structure (All-Partner) Meeting

December 16, 2025

### Attendees

- Jose de la Torre, PNV
- Marissa Rogers, GRID
- Khea Pollard, Café X
- Anthony Avalos, CAB
- Vivian Serrano, Urban Corps
- Hector Villegas, TICLT
- Julie Corrales, TICLT
- Vanessa Nuno, TICLT
- Julia Estrada, DOC
- Noni Ifyefobi, SGC
- Leanne Kao, City
- Danielle Nourie-Burns, City
- Cristina Sanchez-Kerr, USD
- Monica Hernandez, CPMCC
- Inez Gonzales, CPMCC
- Josie Talamantez, CPMCC
- Letty Ayala, EHC
- Terrell Rackley, CAB
- Jiapsi Gomez, CAB
- D'Andre Brooks, CAB
- Christiana DeBenedict, SDF
- Anibal Mendez, EHC
- Miriam Lopez, SDF
- Ashley Gonzalez, SDF
- Amy Castaneda, EHC
- Erin Demorest, TCC consultant
- Luis Avila, Iconico

### Meeting Norms

- Be present and attentive
- Communicate transparently and listen actively
- Uplift each other
- Honor time

### Celebrations

- Additional TCC Funding:
  - Awarded by SGC on Dec. 10, 2025
  - Total TCC award increased from \$22M to \$29.5M
- Wins from Partner Organizations:
  - CPMCC: New Executive Director starts Jan. 5 (Monica Hernandez)
  - TICLT: Hired new Operations Manager (Vanessa Nuno)
  - EHC: Successfully stopped polluting biofuel transfer station in National City
  - Iconico: RUMBO initiative received grant in Phoenix inspired by TCC work

## EPA Audit

- SDF preparing for federal audit

## Community Advisory Board (CAB) Update

- Current members: 14 (minimum quorum: 11; max: 19)
- Role: Identify community priorities and assess project impacts
- Recruitment: EHC will do a call to action in early 2026 to fill remaining vacant seats
- Outreach: Social media, e-blasts, text banking, RICCE website notification
- **Action Item**: TCC partners should follow EHC social media and sign up for email newsletters if interested in CAB updates

## SGC and DOC Update

- Emergency regulation in progress to allow Prop 4 funds for TCC Round 5 budgets
- Waiting for Office of Administrative Law approval (expected end of Dec.)
- Projects should align with original application goals but SGC will allow flexibility for changes
- **Action Item**: SGC will provide templates and guidance for grant amendment to SDF to share with project leads, pending as of January 2026

## Questions & Answers from State update

Q (CPMCC): Can we extend the grant by one year due to delays?

A: SGC is considering extending the deadline for the grant term.

Q (CAB): How do we balance upfront admin work with audit requirements?

A: SGC aims to ensure transparency and compliance with state fund usage.

Q (CAB): What about financial burden and cost increases?

A: SGC acknowledges cost escalations; adjustments possible but no extra funds for Round 5. Partners may need leverage funding to cover cost increases.

Q (TICLT): Can projects adjust scope if original goals aren't feasible?

A: Yes, amendments allowed with justification; no funds will be retracted.

## TCC Amendment Timeline

- December 10, 2025: SGC vote
- January-February 2026: project leads update their budgets and workplans

- March-April: SDF submits project budgets to SGC for review/feedback, then edits
- March 2026: CSS mtg-updates to partnership agmt
- May 2026: finalize budgets/workplans for each project/plan
- May 2026: CAB mtg to review updated projects
- June 2026: CSS mtg
- June 2026: submit budget amendment to SGC
- July-August 2026: SGC approves budget amendment
- July-September 2026: USD works w/ partners to finalize logic models and indicators for their projects based on their final budget
- Summer/Fall 2026: SDF and partners sign amended subagreements

### Questions & Answers on TCC Amendment Process

Q: How extensive will amendments be?

A: Return to original 2023 application budgets; future annual amendments possible.

Q: Are there hard deadlines?

A: Waiting for state guidance; timeline is flexible but goal is April 2026 to finish all project budget and workplan updates.

Q: CPMCC concerned about waiting until fall 2026 to start.

A: Interim sub-agreements possible so that CPMCC can hire staff earlier than fall 2026, can only look at additional options after TCC readiness requirements are met.

Q: Who makes final decisions?

A: SGC is the final decision-maker.

### Readiness Requirements

- No project can begin implementation until readiness deliverables are met first
- CPMCC must work to meet readiness; SGC approves

### CAB Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting: Jan. 23
- After that, CAB will meet quarterly for rest of 2026 on the second month of each quarter, third Friday of the month
- Will review Dec. 10 funding award and plan May meeting

## Invoices

- Bimonthly schedule; calendar will be sent to all partners

## Proposed CSS Meeting Schedule (2026)

- March 25, June 24, Sept 30, Dec 10 (2–4 PM)
- Action Item: SDF will confirm dates via email

## Newsletter

- Switch from biweekly to monthly (plus urgent updates as needed)
- Include: Progress highlights, event notifications, calendar reminders
- Action Item: SDF to implement change to monthly email newsletter

## RSVP System for CSS Mtgs

- Issue with confirmation emails and calendar invites
- Action Item: EHC to troubleshoot Nation Builder system

## Conflict of Interest Code Form

- Due Jan. 30 for all who charge time to TCC grant and CAB members
- Action Item: SDF to collect forms by Jan. 30 for all partners, EHC will collect forms for CAB members

## USD Evaluation Plan

- Draft in progress; outreach begins Jan. 2026
- Will identify indicators and tracking systems for each org
- Q (Khea): Can CSS or CAB review the full plan?  
A: Yes, after individual indicators are finalized; likely at a future CSS meeting
- Action Item: USD to determine timeline for sharing updated draft Evaluation Plan

## Announcements

- CPMCC: Dec. 20 community event
- TICLT: Yoga (Dec. 17) and Solstice event (Dec. 18)
- Anthony: Upcoming Know Your Rights workshop in Jan.
- Action Item: Any partners with upcoming events to publicize can send event details to [ricce@sdfoundation.org](mailto:ricce@sdfoundation.org) for newsletter inclusion

## Next Steps

- From the state
  - Update as soon as available on the impacts (if any) to project timelines as a result of the Prop 4 funding approval process
- For SDF
  - Readiness requirements are set by SGC and are specific to each project-they will be reviewed during the 1:1s between SDF and project leads
  - If SGC approves interim work on a TCC project prior to the grant amendment approval, then SDF will develop an interim sub-agreement with the affected project lead
  - CPMCC's ED will have an onboarding mtg with the SDF project team to align on expectations, roles, and timelines.
  - The notes and follow-up communications will include an update on the CSS meeting dates, and the quarterly meeting dates decided.
  - SDF will now send a monthly newsletter, and we will report open rates in quarterly meetings.
- For EHC
  - At the next meeting, we will receive an update on the EHC's external communications efforts regarding TCC.
- For USD
  - They'll provide an update on the engagement timeline and share it with the broader community (CAB, quarterly meetings, etc.)
    - Erin: USD will provide an update on the Evaluation Plan at the next mtg but will wait to share the plan until after SGC has approved it

## Takeaways

- SGC commended partners for resilience and patience
- CAB and partners expressed appreciation for collaboration and funding