Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program

Technical Advisory Council Special Meeting

JANUARY 27, 2023

9:30AM – 12:00PM

Agenda

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Item 1 | Welcome & Roll Call

# Item 2 | 2022 ICARP Impact Report Outline

Impact Report Purpose

- Education about resilience

- Communicate TAC priorities

- Emphasize unique role and value add of ICARP structure and processes

- Highlight programmatic accomplishments

- Identify future opportunities

Impact Report & 2020 Program Recommendations

- Climate change in California

- Vision for a resilient California

- California's resilience efforts

- Role of ICARP

- Adaptation Clearinghouse

- Recommendations for 2020

THE INTEGRATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM

IMPACT REPORT AND 2020
PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS
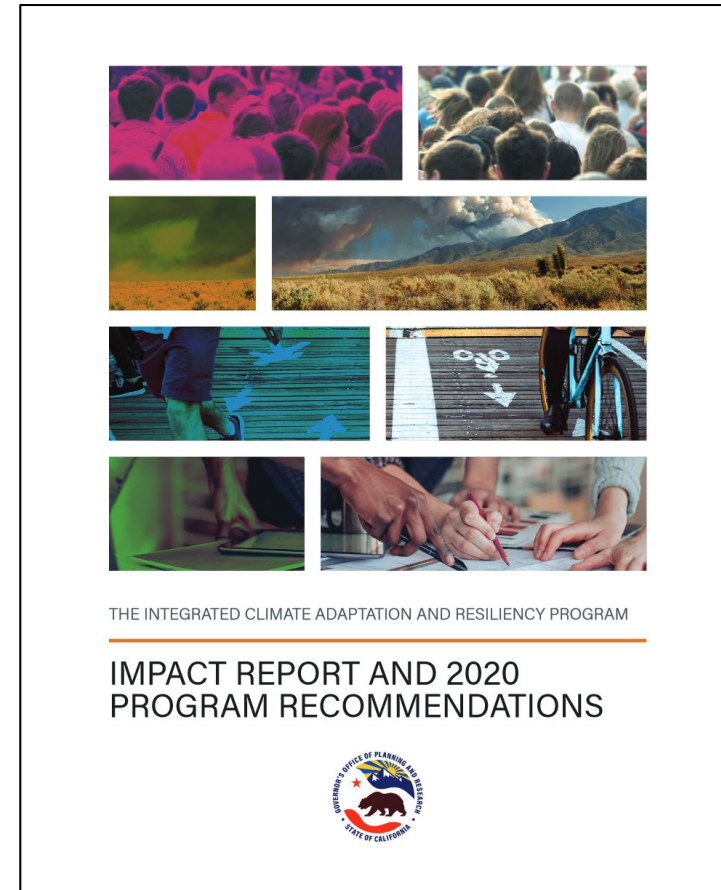
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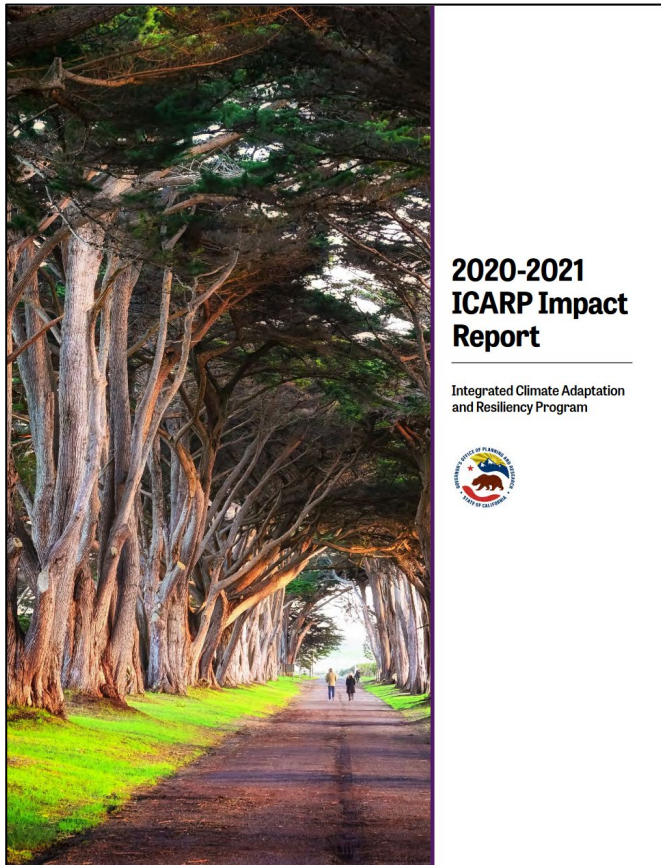
- Climate change in California

- California's resilience efforts

- Role of ICARP

- ICARP Programmatic Efforts
  - Organized by Council Priority
  1. Description
  2. 2020 & 2021 Accomplishments
  3. Anticipated 2022 Deliverables

- 2022 Work Plan

2022 Impact Report Outline

1. Introduction
   a. Adaptation & Resiliency
   b. California's climate approach
   c. About ICARP

2. Narrative Case Studies
   a. Fifth Assessment Research Roundtables
   b. Plan Alignment Guides
   c. Grant Programs' Stakeholder Engagement
   d. Gantt Chart

3. 2022 Milestones

4. 2023 Work Plan

Item 2 Public Comment

ACTION

Approve the 2022 ICARP Impact Report Outline.

Item 3 | 2023 Work Plan

Work Plan: ICARP Programs

- Climate Assessment core climate reports

- Tribal Research Program research grant awards

- Investment programs will engage stakeholders, develop guidelines, award grants

- Vulnerable Communities Platform beta release, stakeholder engagement, case studies

- Plan Alignment Guides

- Science Advisory Group

- Adaptation Strategy Implementation Case Studies

Work Plan: ICARP TAC

- TAC Roles
  - Exploration: Identifying challenges and opportunities, establishing principles
  - Implementation: Oversight and guidance to ICARP programmatic efforts, coordination and alignment

- Council Meetings
  - Thematic focus
  - Site visits

- Working Groups
  - Insurance Working Group
  - New working group – policy exploration
  - New working group – driving implementation

Council Meetings

- Leveraging perspectives and thought leadership
- Cohesion of agenda items
- Connecting vision, principles, and priorities to agenda items and ongoing efforts
- Articulate how TAC feedback integrates into action or outcomes
  - Connections to the Science Advisory Group
- Workshops and other connections to local implementation
- Site visits
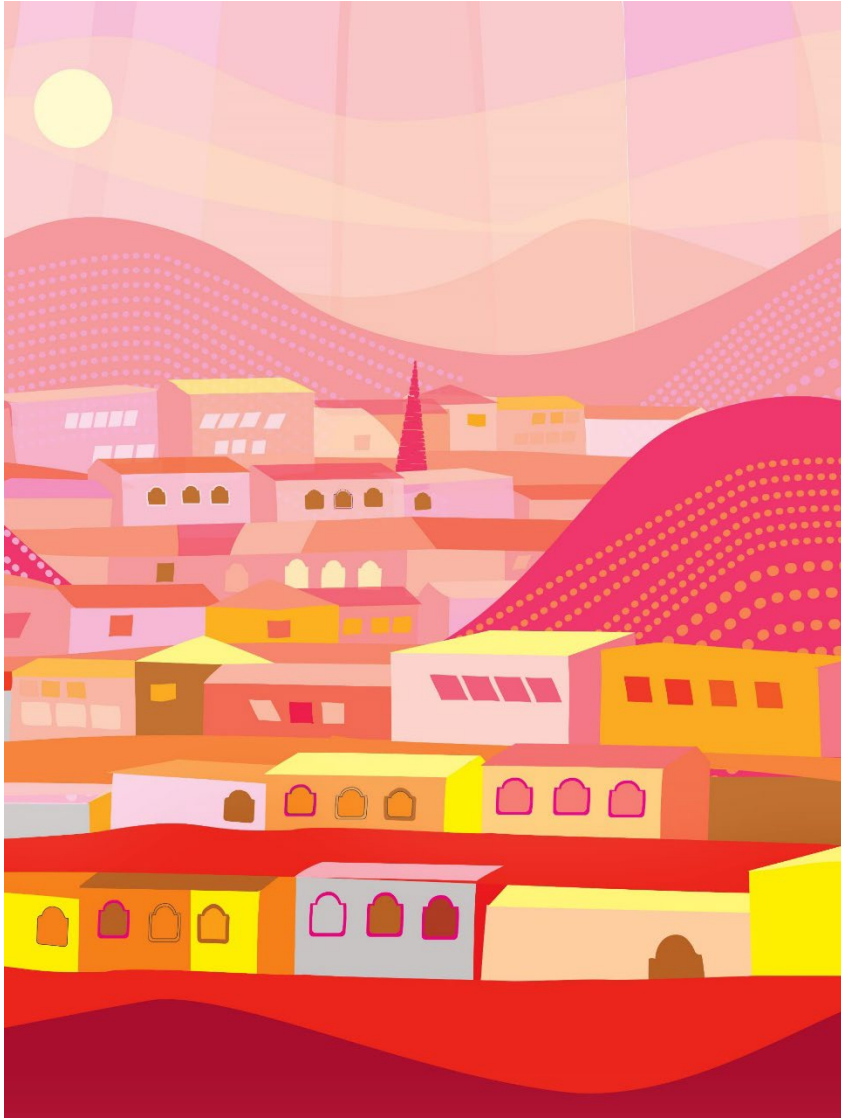
Insurance Working Group

- Working Group members last year agreed that there wasn't a clear path forward to continue exploring insurance incentives for community-scale wildfire risk reduction
  - Staff commits to continuing to explore and elevate this need in other projects and through TAC meeting discussions

- Working Group identified new opportunity to work toward a pilot insurance product for local governments during extreme heat events

Policy Exploration Working Group

- Purpose: leverage collective expertise to develop cross-cutting recommendations on upcoming challenges and opportunities

- Outcomes: recommendations or guidance in a policy brief, white paper, or other resource

- Staff Recommendation: Definitions Working Group develops cohesive set of key terms used in resilience field
  - Leverage Agency Deputies and Interagency Resilience Work Group to integrate across plans and policies
  - Deliver by Q2 or Q3, then identify new topic to explore

Implementation Working Group

- Purpose: drive coordinated implementation that applies the best practices, lessons learned, and principles elevated through the TAC

- Outcomes: partnerships, policy direction, tools, or other resources

- Staff Recommendation: Funding Access Working Group to establish partnerships, develop resources, and integrate solutions that improve access to state funding
  - Near Term: develop tools and resources to improve funding access
  - Long Term: work toward larger policy change (e.g., aligning application requirements or timelines, common app, block grants, etc.)

Item 3 Public Comment

ACTION

Approve the proposed 2023 ICARP Work Plan.

Item 4 | ICARP TAC Priorities

2022 TAC Priority Areas

- Actionable Research & Resilience Metrics
- Decision Support Tools & Guidance
- Building Partnerships & Leveraging Resources
- Funding & Financing
- Climate Equity & Vulnerable Communities
- Additional Special Initiatives

Item 4 Public Comment

ACTION

Approve the proposed ICARP TAC Priorities for 2023.

Item 5 | Draft Regional Resilience Planning & Implementation Grant Program Round 1 Guidelines

Overview

- Background

- Timeline

- Engagement Summary

- Draft Guideline Review

- Q & A

Program Background

Goals:

✓ Support **local, regional, and tribal** entities' regional-scale climate resilience solutions.

✓ Invest in three major activities: **capacity-building**, **planning**, and **project implementation**.

✓ **Round 1:** $21.3M total, at least $12.5M for planning activities

Key Program Priorities

- Fund **regional projects**

- Align projects with **ICARP priorities** to reduce climate risks

- Address the **greatest climate risks** in each region

- Support **vulnerable communities**

Tentative Timeline
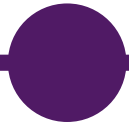
Listening Sessions

Summer 2022

Draft Guidelines Public Comment & Guidelines Workshops

January – March 2023

Solicitation Release & TA Workshops

May – July 2023

Awards

Fall 2023

⬤ Completed   ⬤ In Progress   ◯ To Be Completed

Feedback to Date

140 Organizations Engaged

Summer 2022 Engagement Included:

✓ Public listening sessions

✓ Interviews

✓ Online survey

RRGP Feedback Summary

1. **Provide flexibility in defining regions.**

Allow self-identified regions.

2. **Fund sustainable staffing and strategic partnerships to build capacity.**

Support staffing capacity to ensure multi-scale collaboration and prioritize vulnerable communities.

3. **Streamline and simplify the grant application and reporting processes.**

Technical assistance and alignment with existing grant programs.

Gap Analysis & Continued Engagement

583 People

389 Organizations

of Engaged Organizations by Type

Type	Value
Federal Agency	~4
Utility	~7
Foundation	~11
Regional Collaborative	~13
State Agency	~15
Academic	~17
Tribal Government	~19
County	~26
District	~28
Regional Agency	~41
Consultant	~62
City	~65
Nonprofit	~80

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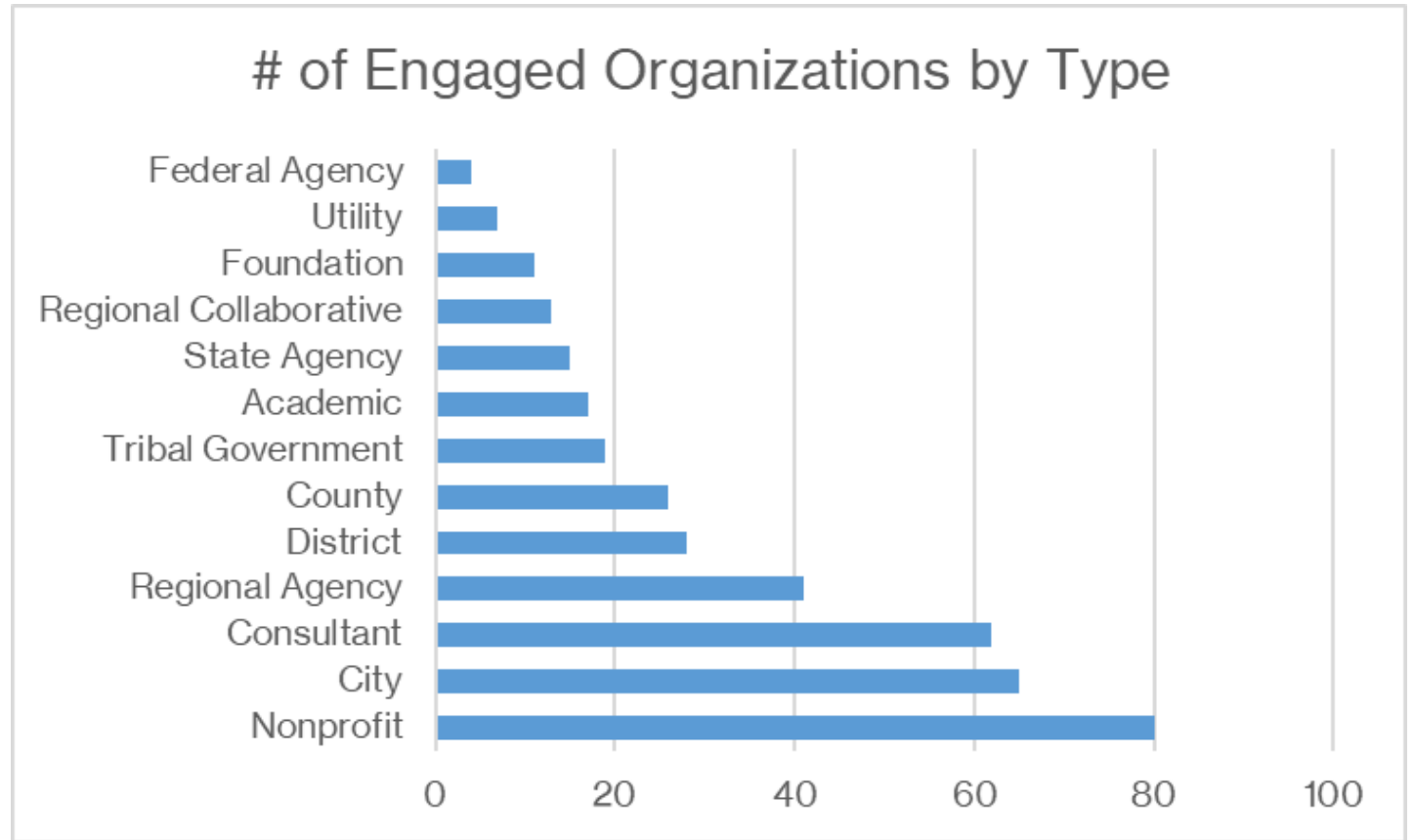
Regional Focus

1. Regional Definition

- Regions may be self-defined.
- Regions should share natural and built environment systems and climate risks.

2. Regional Partnership

- Regional Partnerships
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships with two or more parties involved.

3. Regional Diversity

- At least one project from each of the California Climate Adaptation Strategy geographic regions.

Applicants

Eligible Applicants

- Public Entities

- California Native American Tribes

- Community-Based Organizations

Co-Applicants and Partnership

- At least one lead applicant with one co-applicant

- At least one applicant should be a public entity or a California Native American Tribe

- Public entities with projects targeting vulnerable communities should partner with at least one CBO.

Priority Communities & Funding Goals

- At least **25%** to disadvantaged communities

- At least **10%** to California Native American Tribes

- At least **one project** from each of the **nine geographic regions** defined by the California Climate Adaptation Strategy

- Fund at least **2 projects** to establish **tribal** and **rural** regional partnerships

Application Technical Assistance

RRGP Staff will provide technical assistance through:

- Online **application workshops**
- Online **office hours**
- **Information sharing** to foster potential collaboration
- Posting **frequently asked questions**

Online Application Workshops:
- **2** general workshops
- **3** targeted workshops
  - Tribal Governments
  - Inland Desert & San Joaquin Valley
  - North Coast, Inland North & The Sierra

Eligible Activities

Activities should have a regional focus and align with one of the RRGP Goals.

Stronger projects will also be consistent with at least one climate-related state plan.

Examples of Eligible Activities

Planning

- Regional-scale vulnerability assessment
- Collaborate with a CBO to form a regional climate collaborative
- Align plans within a region for one or more hazards
- Collaborate with a CBO on a regional community education initiative

Implementation

- Implement planning documents in partnership with a CBO or California Native American Tribe
- Implement hazard-specific projects
- Implement a multi-hazard project with a CBO or California Native American Tribe

Ineligible Activities

Legislative lobbying and lawsuits

Environmental studies, plans, or documents normally required for project development under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Application

- **Competitive**

- **Virtual** application submission through SharePoint Grants Portal

- **Application question**s align with topical areas in the Scoring Criteria

- **Additional documentation**:

  - Budget

  - Work Plan

  - Community Engagement Plan

  - Letters of support from vulnerable communities the project supports

Scoring Criteria (100 points possible)

1. **Program Description & Goals** 10 points

2. **Consistency with the RRGP, State Priorities, Local Plans, Climate Projections and Climate Risk** 15 points

3. **Community Need and Priorities** 20 points

4. **Co-Benefits** 15 points

5. **Community Partnership** 15 points

6. **Organizational Capacity** 10 points

7. **Budget** 15 points

Program Expectations

Action Plan
- ◦ Developed at the beginning of the grant term
- ◦ Identifies key activities, member roles and responsibilities, and timelines
- ◦ Builds on Work Plan and community partnership plan
- ◦ Guides implementation and holds partners accountable

Evaluation
- ◦ Progress reports
- ◦ Regular check-ins

Eligible Costs

Ensure that costs proposed in the project budget are eligible for funding.

Examples Include:
◦ Staff Costs
◦ Program Meetings/Workshop Attendance
◦ Travel Costs
◦ Language Access
◦ Evaluation Activities
◦ Administrative Costs
◦ Engagement, Outreach, Education and Training

How to Submit Public Comment

- Attend a public workshop
- Email icarp.grants@opr.ca.gov

Guideline Workshops & Public Comment Period

- General (Workshop Series Start) - January 24

- Technical Advisory Council Meeting - January 27

- Bay Area & Central Coast - January 30

- Los Angeles, San Diego, Inland Desert - February 07

- Inland North, North Coast & Sierra Regions - February 16

- Sacramento & San Joaquin Valley - February 22

- Tribal Governments and Communities - February 22

● Completed   ◉ In Progress   ○ To Be Completed

Thank You!

Sign up for the Regional Resilience Grant Program Listserv for updates.

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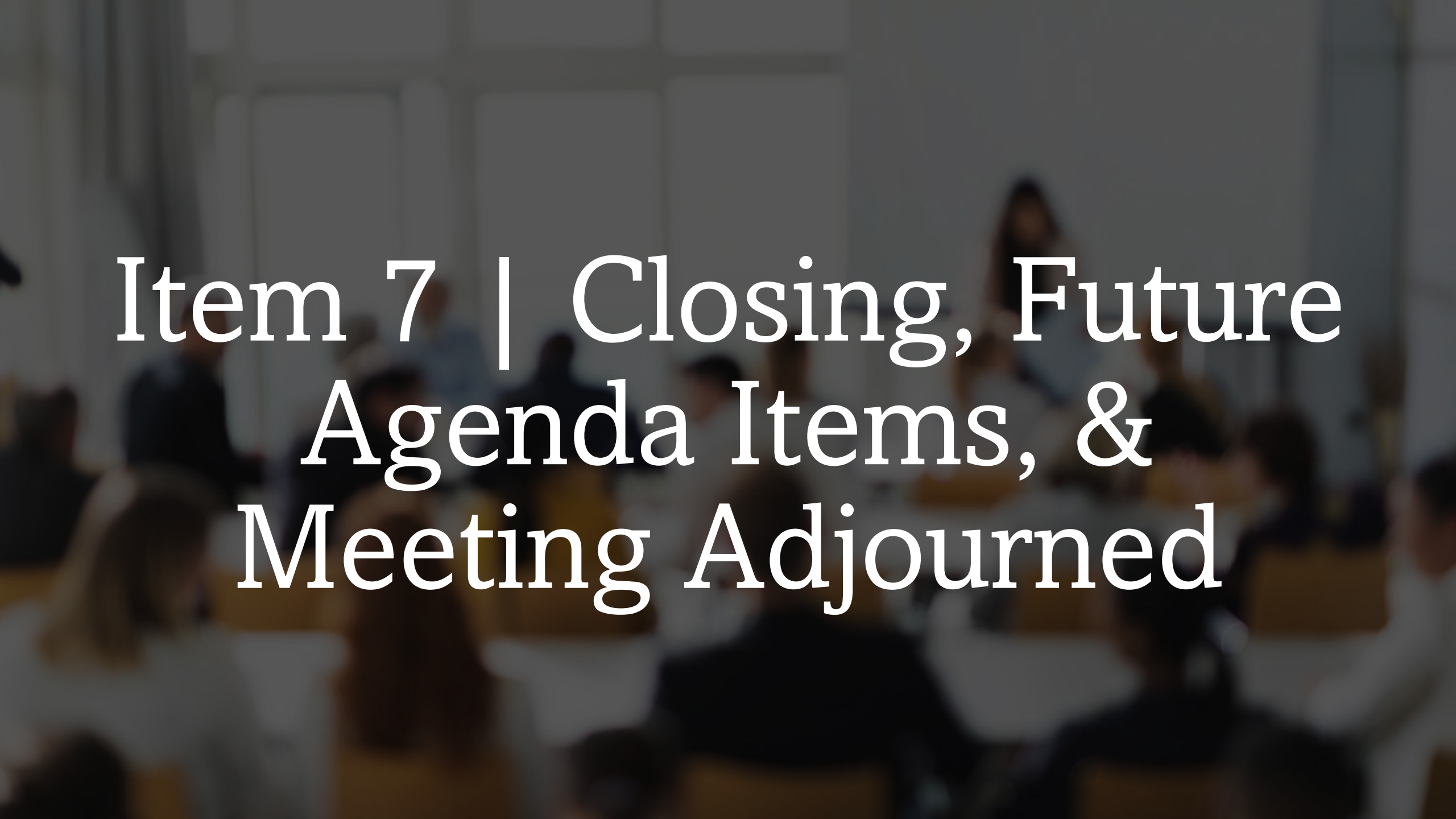
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2023 Meetings

Q1: March 30

- Extreme Heat

Q2: June 30

Q3: September 29

Q4: December 15

Thank You!

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