

Technical Advisory Council

Item 8: Extreme Heat Action Plan

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Introduction

California's <u>2022 Extreme Heat Action Plan</u> (Action Plan) outlines a strategic and comprehensive set of state actions to address extreme heat. Actions in the plan are organized around four tracks: building public awareness, strengthening community response, increasing the resilience of our built environment, and utilizing nature-based solutions. These tracks include established and recommended state actions to address extreme heat.

The need for an up-to-date approach to extreme heat was identified early in the process of updating California's Climate Adaptation Strategy (2021). To close this gap, we committed to updating and expanding the state's 2013 report on extreme heat ("Preparing California for Extreme Heat Guidance and Recommendations"). It was developed through extensive public input over the course of 2021, including through ten regional workshops, numerous consultations with California Native American tribes, and an Extreme Heat Workshop Series. The feedback received shaped the action plan's structure, recommendations on areas of near-term focus, and recommended actions.

Nearly a dozen agencies along with many of their boards, departments, and offices worked together to develop the Action Plan. This level of coordination reflects the Administration's commitment to addressing climate change like the crisis it is – working across agencies to break down siloes and draw connections between sectors. While we play different roles, we are all driving toward the same outcomes.

The 2022 Action Plan will be integrated into the forthcoming update to California's Climate Adaptation Strategy, which nests elements of relevant state plans and identifies how they collectively drive on key climate resilience priorities. Progress on the Extreme Heat Action Plan will be tracked through the Climate Adaptation Strategy's annual implementation reporting process.

California committed to updating the Extreme Heat Action Plan in 2026 and every three years thereafter (SB 306, Caballero 2023) to promote comprehensive, coordinated, and effective state and local government action on extreme heat.

Next Steps

CNRA and ICARP staff will work with agency partners and members of the public to deliver the 2026 Action Plan update.