



Be sure to join us at the next [Compact](#) meeting on **Thursday, July 21st** at the Castroville Public Library! Scroll down to see what your fellow Compact members have been up to and read up on some exciting Climate Summit news!

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### **Monterey Bay Community Power Completes Community Study Sessions**

Three Community Study Sessions were hosted by [Monterey Bay Community Power](#) in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties in May and June.

These study sessions provided an update on the current state of Monterey Bay Community Power and presentations reviewing financing/credit, legal aspects of the CCE, the results of the Technical/Feasibility Study, and the goals and recommendations of the Project Development Advisory Committee (PDAC).

#### Best Practices Recommendations:

- Stand alone regional JPA for economy of scale in procurement, financing, & long-term operations
- Keep local control of operational decisions/revenue streams

- Utilized existing CCE expert consultants and back-end administrative systems
  - 11-13 board members comprised of elected officials and alternates
  - Technical Advisory Committee of industry experts without a conflict
  - Board representation structure similar to that of the [Monterey Bay Air Resources District](#)
  - Regionally equitable relative to population & electricity usage
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## **UCSC Climate & Energy Strategy Update**

[UCSC](#) is in the process of completing their [Climate & Energy Strategy](#) (CES). The intention of this study is to utilize the information to develop a campus roadmap for achieving carbon neutrality by 2025. The results of this year-long study will identify specific policy updates, energy efficiency, conservation, and renewables projects to develop the most cost-efficient and effective projects to achieve the goals set by UCSC.

At the July 21st Compact meeting, UCSC's Climate Action Manager [Chrissy Thomure](#) will present an update on the CES.

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## **City of Monterey Approves New Climate Action Plan**

The [City of Monterey](#) approved its new [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP) in late June. This CAP is Monterey's effort to address global environmental issues at a local scale.

For more information, please attend the July 21st Compact meeting where Sustainability Manager of the City of Monterey, Ted Terrasas, will provide an update on the status of the Climate Action Plan.

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## **2016 Climate Summit Update**

Save the date! The Climate Summit will be held on **Thursday, October 27th!**

We have some very exciting Summit news to share with you! Please join us at the July 21st CAC meeting for a Climate Summit update including developments on location and speakers!

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## **Climate Action Compact Community Progress Report**

With the Climate Summit rapidly approaching, the Compact will be composing a report to showcase the progress of the Compact and its members to the community at the upcoming Climate Summit. The Compact will collect information from all members regarding climate action projects/initiatives implemented since the 2013 Climate Summit.

All Compact members will receive a reporting template this week. Please submit this template by **Thursday, August 25th** to Kelsey Albers at [\*kelsey@emergingecologies.com\*](mailto:kelsey@emergingecologies.com)

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## **Upcoming Webinars**

[AMBAG](#) will be supporting two specialized Education & Training Webinars before the end of this year! The topics include:

- Building ZNE/passive homes
- Best practices in community-wide CAP implementation

Stay tuned for additional details in the next Compact newsletter.

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## **2016 Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings**

**Where:** [Castroville Library](#) Community Room located at 11160 Speegle Street, Castroville, CA 95012

**When:**

- Thursday, July 21st from 2pm-4pm
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