



Park and Recreation Commission Presentation



OFFICE OF
SUSTAINABILITY
CITY OF RIVERSIDE

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY: MISSION



Vision

A sustainable and resilient
Riverside, today and tomorrow.

Mission

Empower Riverside to enrich
quality of life, foster economic
innovation, and enhance the
environment to thrive in a
changing world.

Meet the Team!



Associations & Memberships



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Expected Climate Change Impacts

Long-term shifts in climate patterns mean.....

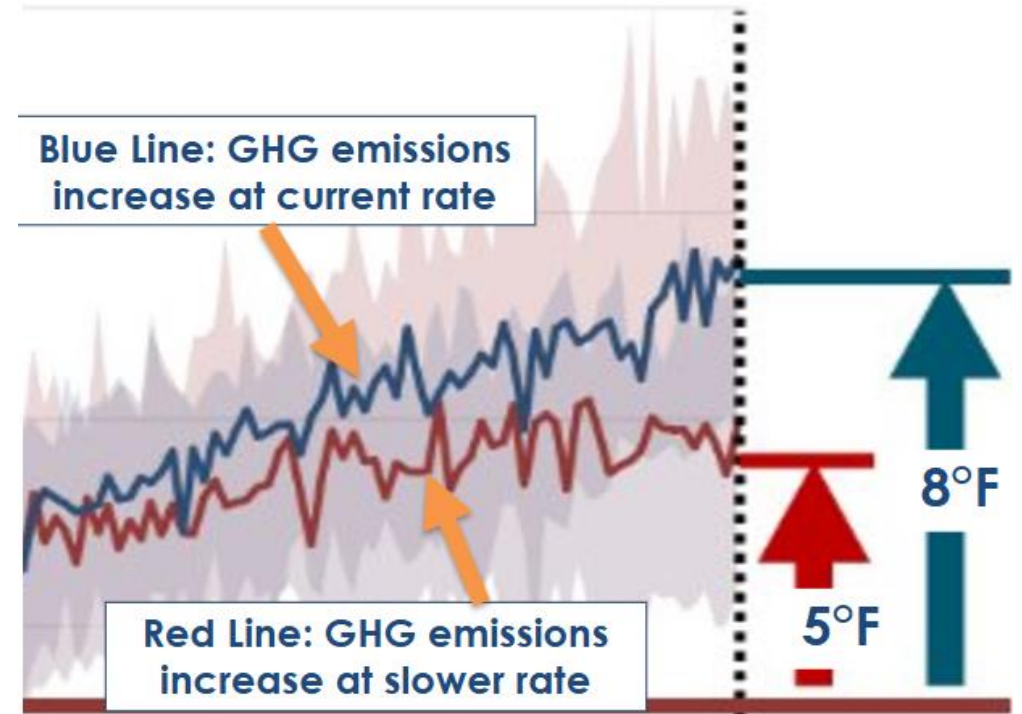
- *Rising global temperatures*
- *Changing weather events*
- *Impacts on ecosystems and resources*
- *Public health impacts*
- *Fiscal impacts*
- *A challenge and opportunity*



How Climate Change Affects Riverside

	Average Hottest Day	Number of Days Above 102° F
2005	110° F	15 Days/Year
2100	114°-120° F (+ 4° to 10° F)	60-90 Days/Year

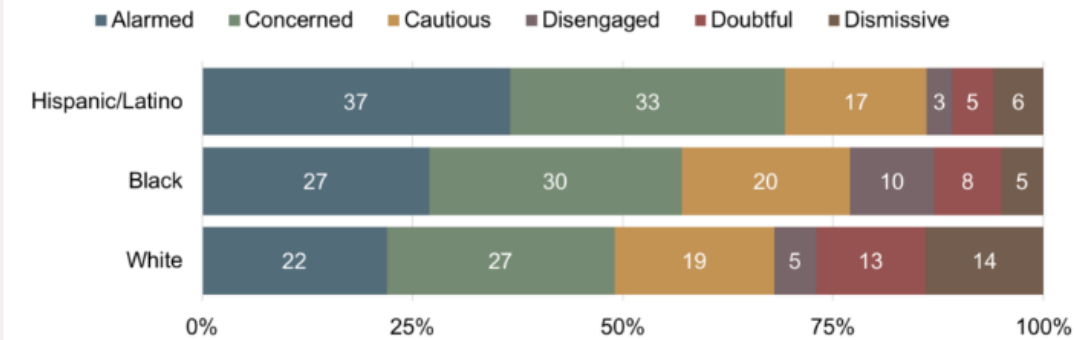
Data Source: California Energy Commission, CalAdapt Data: <https://cal-adapt.org/tools/>



Who Cares?

We find that Hispanics/Latinos (69%) and African Americans (57%) are more likely to be Alarmed or Concerned about global warming than are Whites (49%). In contrast, Whites are more likely to be Doubtful or Dismissive (27%) than are Hispanics/Latinos (11%) or African Americans (12%).

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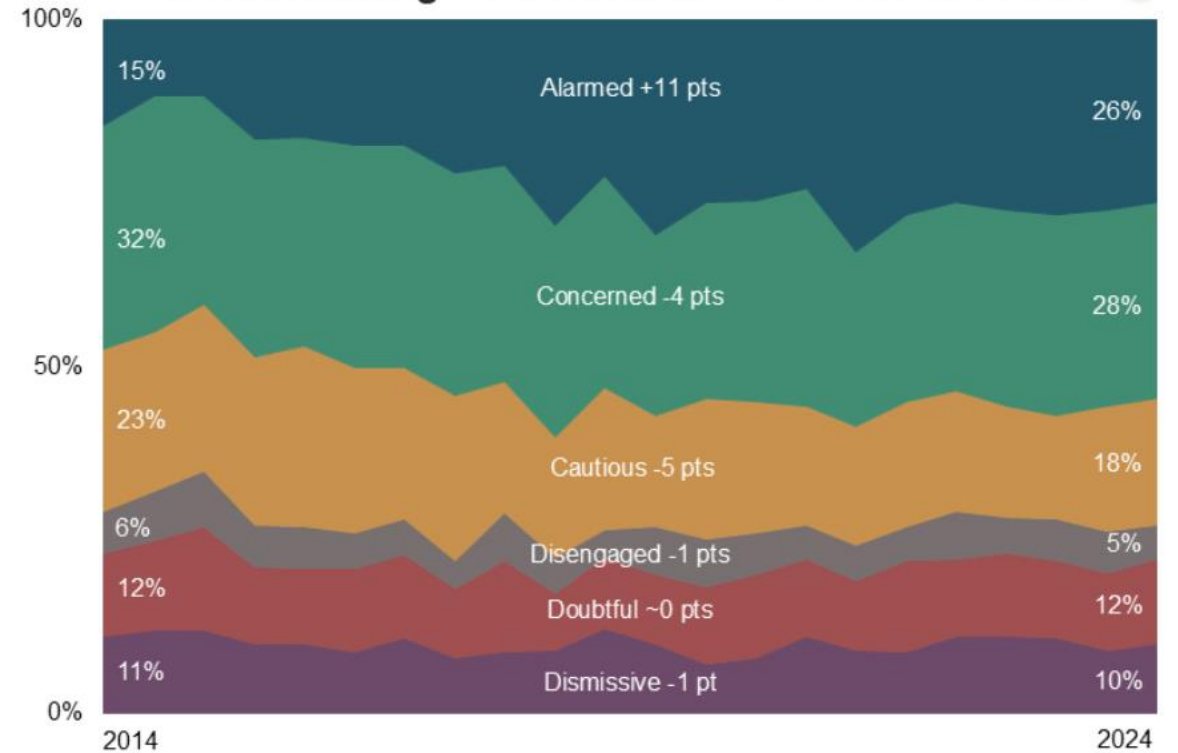


Global Warming's Six Americas
April 2019, November 2019. Base: 2,386 U.S. adults
(White n = 1,833; Hispanic/Latino n = 304; Black n = 249)



Compared to Whites, Hispanics/Latinos and African Americans also report greater willingness to join a campaign to convince elected officials to take action to reduce global warming. More than one in three Hispanics/Latinos (37%) and African Americans (36%) say they would “definitely” or “probably” join a campaign, while about one in five Whites (22%) say so.

Global Warming's Six Americas Over the Last Decade



Base: 25,537 U.S. adults. Data include 22 waves of national surveys spanning April 2014 – December 2024.

Source: Yale Program on Climate Change Communication;
George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication



Big Projects Ahead



CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)

- Inventory of current GHG Emissions and Climate Risks
- Identifies future emissions profiles
- Sets ambitious, yet achievable emissions reduction targets for the City.
- A strategic roadmap to guide the City in reducing GHG emissions and preparing for climate risks.
- Includes both mitigation and adaptation efforts to promote a sustainable future for all.



CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)

- Climate Vulnerability Assessment
- Sustainability Framework
- Integration with the General Plan Update

Find out more at: **Riverside2050.com**



Project Schedule: GPU & CAAP Adoption Process

We are here

2024

2025

2026

2027



**Existing
Conditions &
CAAP Analysis**

*Condiciones
existentes y análisis
del CAAP*



Visioning
Visión



**Land Use
Alternatives &
CAAP Evaluation**
*Alternativas de
uso de terreno y
evaluación de CAAP*



**General Plan
Policies &
CAAP Measures**
*Políticas del
Plan General y
medidas CAAP*



**Public Draft
General Plan**
*Borrador público
del Plan General*



**Environmental
Review**
*Revisión
ambiental*



Adoption
Adopción



Community Outreach: What's To Come

Stakeholder Briefing #1

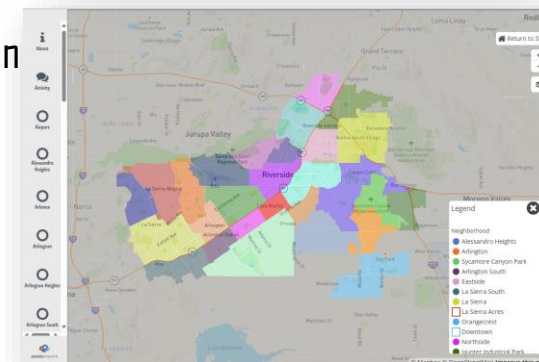
- Date/Time: Thursday, March 27th from 11 AM to 1PM

Community Workshop #1: on Land Use Concepts

- Date/Time: Thursday, April 3rd from 6 to 8 PM
- Location: Renck Community Center, Hunt Park

Pop-ups at community events to spread awareness about the project and promote a mapping activity in all seven wards!

- Ward 1: Food Lab Earth Day Event – Tuesday, April 22
- Ward 2: Canyon Crest Town Center – Sunday, April 6
- Ward 3: Janet Goeske Center Bingo – Monday, April 7
- Ward 4: CA Citrus State Park Citrus Festival – Saturday, April 5
- Ward 5: Spring Glow Egg Hunt, Hunt Park – Saturday, April 12
- Ward 6: Spring Egg Hunt, Bryant Park – Saturday, April 12
- Ward 7: La Sierra Senior Center – Friday, April 11



Participate in our Neighborhood Land Use Mapping

- Visit www.grco.de/Riv2050SPP and share your feedback about changes you'd like to see changes to how land is used!



Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 6 – 8 PM

Attendees will receive a free t-shirt and other cool swag.



www.Riverside2050.com

NORTHSIDE AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION CENTER



- Groundbreaking: Feb '25
- Phase 1:
 - Grading 8 acre site
 - Perimeter nature trail with 450+ fruit trees
 - Water and Electricity Infrastructure
 - Solar Greenhouse

EXTREME HEAT



The poster features a scenic view of a hillside with a flagpole and a small building. The text 'RIVERSIDE EXTREME HEAT SUMMIT 2025' is prominently displayed. Below the image, the event details are provided: 'Friday, September 12, 2025', 'California Air Resources Board', and '4001 Iowa Ave, Riverside, CA 92507'. A paragraph describes the significance of extreme heat in Southern California. At the bottom, logos for the City of Riverside, Office of Sustainability, and OEM are shown, along with a registration link and a small QR code.

**RIVERSIDE
EXTREME HEAT
SUMMIT 2025**

Friday, September 12, 2025
California Air Resources Board
4001 Iowa Ave, Riverside, CA 92507

Extreme heat is one of the most significant natural hazards in Southern California, impacting our environment, community health, and infrastructure.

Join the City of Riverside's Office of Sustainability and Riverside Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) along with other local agencies, NGO's, the health sector, higher education, school districts, and government leadership—for a day of learning and discussion around extreme heat issues and solutions.

   Learn more and register at RiversideCA.gov/HeatSummit 



IE Extreme Heat Summit

- September 12th 2025
- Bring together practitioners in the region
- Learn from Extreme Heat experts
- Coordinate efforts regionwide

EXTREME HEAT

Tabletop Exercise

- 2-Day simulation of extreme heat, power outages, and fires
- Working with:
 - City Emergency Operations Center
 - Red Cross Riverside
 - Climate Resolve



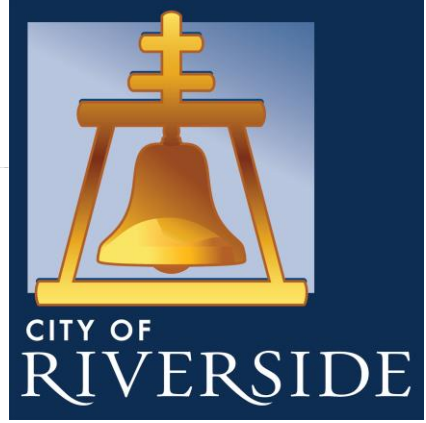
ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Two full-time, limited term I-REN Fellows, 3 secured for the fall
- 5 Audits completed:
 - City Hall (electricity)
 - Pools (natural gas): Hunt, Villegas, Cesar Chavez, Reed
- 4 Natural Gas Audits scheduled:
 - City Hall, Main Library, Cesar Chavez Park, Shamel Park
- Working on creating master account for total city natural gas usage



GREEN

**CALIFORNIA
GREEN BUSINESS
NETWORK**
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What Makes A Green Business?



Energy Conservation



Water Conservation



Use Non-Toxic Cleaners



Commute Sustainably



Recycle Materials



Avoid Waste





Recent Green Businesses in Wards 1, 2 & 5 including chamber members!

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THANK YOU!



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