

Environmental Justice Concerns in the Northern San Joaquin Valley

A Virtual Listening Session on June 24th, 2020

Introduction

A gathering between community-based organizations and academic researchers to learn about community concerns, and discuss opportunities for networking and collaboration across Northern California. The event was a workshop organized by the [Northern California Environmental Justice Network](#), the [Environmental Justice and Common Good Initiative](#) at Santa Clara University, Catholic Charities Stockton, the Tuolumne River Trust Modesto Office and collaborators at the Haas Center at Stanford University and the Water Equity Science Shop at UC Berkeley.

Workshop Goal: To bring together community-based organizations and academic researchers to discuss strategies to jointly work towards addressing community concerns in the region: Hear issues of organizations working in communities, provide networking, discuss approaches to working towards solutions, leverage combined expertise, thriving communities in a thriving environment, academic reps active listeners. These issues range from food access, water and climate justice planning to park access and open spaces, affordable housing and sustainable transportation, and economics and green jobs. Over 60 participants represented 20 different community and local government entities, and more than five academic institutions, including Santa Clara University, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, UC Merced, and CSU Stanislaus. We had many rich and productive discussions.

A special thanks to all the co-organizers, presenters, facilitators, and note-takers that helped make this virtual listening session possible.

We hope that this workshop notes will serve us as reference points for future meetings.

Agenda

3:00 - 3:10 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Martha Armas - Kelly (Catholic Charities)

- Welcome community groups
- Welcome academic institutions

3:10 - 3:20 p.m. Meeting Goals, Overview and Opportunities of Community-Academic of Partnerships

Presenter: Iris Stewart-Frey (Santa Clara University)

- Goals of the meeting
- Meeting agenda and overview
- Opportunities of community-academic partnerships

3:20 - 4:00 p.m. Presentations

Presentation introductions: Martha Armas-Kelly (Catholic Charities)

3:20 - 3:40 p.m. Climate Plan Workshop Summary of Results

Presenter: [Amy Hartman](#) (Climate Plan)

3:40 - 3:45 p.m. Community-Academic Partnerships

Presenter: [Chad Raphael](#)

3:45 - 4:00 p.m. [The Drinking Water Tool](#) of the Community Water Center and UC Berkeley Water Equity Science Shop- An Overview;

Presenter: [Clare Pace](#) (UC Berkeley)

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Breakout groups

Facilitator: Iris Stewart-Frey (Santa Clara University)

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- What solutions could you dream of to resolve those issues?
- What are the next steps that will move us forward in finding and implementing solutions?

4: 30 - 4:45 p.m. Report back on main themes; Facilitator: Iris Stewart-Frey

4: 45 - 5:00 p.m. Next steps and closing, Facilitator: Martha Armas-Kelly: How do people want to move forward? Ask people to respond in the chat.

Introduction with Iris Stewart-Frey

- Example of great community work
 - Tuolumne River Water Quality Monitoring: Sharing back these results, motivation for this research= engaging the community
 - Mapping Park Access and Water Contamination: Percentage of POC and Parks with and without amenities

Presentation by Amy/Edgar on March 2020 listening session in Modesto

- Climate Plan focused on climate, transportation, land use property and equity
- March 2020 Hosted a listening session in Modesto. Goal: See what community groups and orgs are doing and make connections in order to amplify common goals
 - Ten advocates in the meeting
 - Exploring communities priorities for 2020
 - Land Use
 - Main concern = Modesto general plan update
 - Urban limit line measure in Modesto
 - Build community capacity and community leadership
- Housing
 - Need for affordable housing
 - Conversation disjointed between local, county and state levels
 - How to address houseless population in Modesto
 - Connection between Ace (adverse childhood experiences) and houselessness
- Climate
 - Bring climate change into community/gov vernacular
- Transportation
 - Need for public transit
 - Need for substantive community engagement to find out community's transit needs

Summary

- Invest in local leadership
 - Encourage community to join commissions

- People of color make up 47% of pop but very few people of color on boards
- Could Greenprint tools be used to democratize data?
- How do we collaborate at the community level?

**Presentation by Chad Raphael Professor at Santa Clara University
(Environmental Justice and the Common Good)**

- Community-Academic Partnerships
- Practice Cultural Humility
 - Commitment to changing power relations between academics and communities into relations of respect, reciprocity, and affection
- Research as a Means to environmental justice
 - Research is not an end
- Equitable Partnerships
 - Clear and fair agreements on sharing resources, control, data, dissemination, credit
- Example of Iris' Partnership: unnecessary contamination

Presentation by Clare Pace UC Berkeley : The Drinking Water Tool

- (WESS) Water Equity Science Shop: drinking water and contamination in the bay area
- Partners: Community water center, OEHHA, UC Berkeley Superfund, SF State University
- WESS is a community-academic partnership
- Motivation for WESS: drinking water quality concerns in CA's Tulare Lake Basin
- Central Valley
- California's Human Right to Water Hlghlights a major data gap of unregulated water sources
- Drinking water tool: gather data, create a publicly available tool for community members, researchers and policy makers
- Many Data layers: domestic well communities, Community water system boundaries
- Over 487k people in the San Joaquin Valley used domestic wells
- Drinking water tool launched in January

- Next Steps: Environmental justice analysis, add more data
<https://drinkingwatertool.communitywatercenter.org/>


Topic	Co-Facilitator(s)/Notetakers
Food access in the context of Covid-19	Co-Facilitators and Notetakers: Martha Armas-Kelly (CC) Chris Bacon (SCU), Maria Eugenia Flores Gomez (SCU), Katherine O'Malley
Safe access to parks/open space	Co-Facilitators: Ana Talavera, TRT Veronica Tovar, CC Notetaker: Chloe Gentile-Montgomery (SCU student)
Sustainable water and climate justice planning	Co-Facilitators and Notetakers: Edgar Garibay (TRT), Clare Pace (UC Berkeley), Iris Stewart-Frey (SCU)
Affordable housing & sustainable transportation	Co-Facilitators: C.J. Gabbe, SCU, Kathryn Robinson, CRLA Notetaker: Meghan Adams (SCU student)
Air quality	Co-Facilitators/Note-takers: Jonathan Pruitt (CC), Chad Raphael (SCU), Sibyl Diver (Stanford University)
Economics & green jobs Especially under Covid-19	Co-Facilitators: Esther Conrad (Stanford U) Oppportunity Stanislaus Notetaker: Alec Castellano (CC)

Breakout Group Notes

Questions

- What is your motivation to participate in this conversation?
- What are the most pressing issues within the topic area?
- What solutions could you dream of to resolve those issues?

- What are the next steps that will move us forward in finding and implementing solutions? What would you like from this group?

Access to Parks and Open Spaces

Motivation

- Riverside parks in Modesto and Tuolumne River Regional parks. Meeting about TRR parks talked about utilizing and taking care of the parks the way they should be
- Looking to find community partnerships and allow students to do environmental justice work in the community parks (experiential learning)
- How can we make residents feel more comfortable in these spaces? Air quality and safety concerns
- Accessibility of the parks and the lack of amenities such as restrooms
- Get people to go back out into these open spaces/parks
- Wanting to renovate/update the parks
- Parks improve individual and community health

Pressing Issues

- Lack of safety of the parks (houselessness and gang activity)
- Lack of amenities in parks (restrooms especially)
- "I wouldn't go down there because there's too many _____" people not wanting to go into the parks because they are known to have issues
- Bathrooms being broken into so they are often locked/inaccessible to the community
- Updating the names of parks, not idolizing people who took over/colonized the land (park named after Manifest Destiny advocate in an indigenous community)
- Inequities in parks where infrastructure may not be usable by children or air quality is really bad at that park because of its location. A health inequity issue
- Houselessness is a very prevalent issue at the parks, how are we going to deal with the issue of houselessness if we do not want them in the parks? (lack of infrastructure to support houseless individuals)
- Having to prove to the city that there are issues at these parks. Why isn't there representation in the leadership on this?
- Dry Creek Parks and Tuolumne River Regional parks main problem parks (houselessness and gang activity, general sentiment that people should not or do not go there because of this)

Solutions

- Renovating the parks and including new amenities (an example was at Fairview Park, where they put in bathrooms and play structures)
- Cleaning up the parks and encouraging folks to go and help create a safer environment
- Build more housing and upgrade/retrofit the available housing to use renewable energy and including job training within these developments
- Need for diversity in leadership and government
- Creating partnerships towards improving these parks

Steps forward

- Public/private
- Local park cleanups (well-coordinated voluntary effort) regularly
- Partnership to clean up and improve the parks
- Connecting with one another and various organizations to improve the parks and open discussions about them
- Getting out into the parks in community with one another
- Diversifying leadership
- Making sure CPO's are connected with the right organizations/community partners. Letting each other know of funding opportunities
- Utilizing students and volunteers for clean ups and other experiential learning opportunities

Sustainable Water and Climate Justice Planning

Motivation

- Translate research to policy
- Increase awareness of water and EJ
- Inform more people how everything intersects, in water and beyond
- Economically more depressed areas such as Stockton need special support, how can academics help
- To get youth involved and a more sustained interest in climate and water
- Nonprofits are vastly underfunded compared to the 'other side', which has all the resources, experts, knowledge, nonprofits don't have the resources or expertise to look through the technical documents
- Community groups can bring together people on the ground
- Need networking, if we stay in silos, we will accomplish not as much as together
- Looking for partnerships to be able to access grants
- It is an outrage that people do not have safe drinking water
- Articulate religious reasons for justice

Pressing Issues

- Lack of political clout and access and money for change
- How can academics help in access and resources
- Water quality, how does it intersect with large infrastructure projects,
- It is sold as something that is not. Other parts of the state are pitted against the CV
- Access points to the community for parks and water spaces, zoning that comes into play,
- Community capacity, partnership opportunities with academics and statewide organizations, provide guidance for documents that come out, to organize rebuttals
- Private water districts have too much hold over their water
- Corporate ag has too much hold
- Water affordability
- Nitrate contamination in the valley
- Waiver for ag for nitrate seeping into the groundwater

Solutions

Steps forward

- Education to the community
- Water is not seen at the forefront, because they cannot see the pollution (unlike missing sidewalks)
- Demonstrate how all energy/air/water/food all tie together, education
- More resources are used (internships and collaborative work) on real-life issues. Plug into non-profit work that already exists - valuable win-win, plug in young people
- Academics willing to help, but how do we turn to them?

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Transportation

Motivation

- Learn what everyone else is working on
- Share grassroots perspective on this issue / voicing concerns of communities members

- Share the affordable housing / sustainable transportation perspective from what is happening in Stockton
- Learn about what is going on
- Share perspective of houseless population in Modesto from the Tuolumne River Trust
- Get a conversation started about how to move forward with sustainable transportation
- Learn about the concerns of the community and how other community partners can get involved with helping the community
- Want to see the connection between individual actions and systemic changes that help address the problems around affordable housing / sustainable transportation
- Interested in how to increase affordable housing throughout Stanislaus County, particularly in unincorporated areas
- To listen and learn - to potentially connect what is being done at the state legislative level to what is happening regionally
- Here to lean in and to learn how we can build affordable housing for our County of Stanislaus
- Interested in alternative land use and how it relates to transportation. Also how transportation relates to economic opportunity and what some of the challenges are that people are facing.

Pressing Issues

- From Climate Plan listening group, seems like the biggest issues are the lack of affordable housing / need for more accessible public transportation
- Lack of public leadership around affordable housing and sustainable transportation are the biggest roadblocks; there is a lack of concrete data to support these policy measures and advocates don't always have the resources to mobilize/ share their stories and experiences
- There is more money and interest around building more roads/highways and not around sustainable transportation (ie. walkable communities)
- Gaps in knowledge about this topic; hard to see what local leadership is doing around affordable housing and what is the progress that is being made with affordable housing
- Because it is required by the State of California, there is a need to a centralized data source surrounding this topic, specifically with affordable housing
- Zoning is being changed for commercial/business use for developers; they are catering to the needs of commercial developers because that brings in money for the city, but creates a problem of accessibility for residents because of the rise in

housing costs; lack of transparency of the part of the city in regards to decision making and changing zoning

- Not really knowing / understanding the needs of the community ; there is a default to creating more car-centric developments ; needs data to show the demand for the need of having more sustainable, walkable communities
- Bus routes are not reliable (ie either too early or too late); bus stops are not weather friendly and because of this people chose a different way to get around
- Transportation is focused on the business side of it & not focused on the needs of community members, and their needs are not always met

Solutions

- Motivate people to take ownership of their rights ; empowering the community, especially in regards to tenant/landlord issues in demanding the wrongs become right ; building a renter's union to make more community members feel empowered and push the boundaries of what they can do
- Transformative investment; sustainable neighborhood plan, outlines 7 priority areas from community members; rallying around the community members and uplifting their needs to local leadership (ie attending city council meetings and demanding their needs)
- Look at what similar communities have created effective change about these two topics. We can learn from others.

Steps forward

- Having a contact list of people who are invested/have knowledge in this area will be crucial in making change happen

Resources:

- HCD Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Program, Available at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/tod.shtml#funding>
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Program
- ^{[[]]}_{SEP} NOFA Application Webinar: June 25, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Stockton Sustainable Neighborhood Plan
- https://stockton.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?event_id=1475&meta_id=604163&view_id=63^{[[]]}_{SEP}
- report that might be useful (downtown Turlock case): <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/research/apr/past/11-326.pdf>
- Here is a new site that was put together to help Modesto residents get more engaged in local government: <https://www.modestoinaction.org/>

- For those interested: sharing a benchmark of green economy (programs, policies and partnerships) that covers 80+ such initiatives undertaken all over US cities and globally. In Stockton, we partnered with CitySystems to develop this effort, led by Derek Ouyang — lecturer at Stanford on urban systems. ^[1]_[SEP] This benchmark is viewable or downloadable at bit.ly/GreenEconomyBenchmark

Air Quality

Elaine Barut (Little Manila Rising); Ann Rogan (City of Stockton); Brent Powell (CSU Stanislaus); Tom Helme (Valley Improvements Project); Sibyl Diver (Stanford); Richard Anderson (CCL Modesto); Cynthia Lau (EJ Coalition for Water); Jeff Mirocha (SJ State + Livermore Labs); Jonathan Pruitt (Catholic Charities); Chad Raphael (SCU)

Motivation

- Knowing that air quality deals with multifaceted issues.
- Central Valley is known for their bad air quality and it really stems from environmental racism and racial policies.
- Reduce asthma and respiratory disease
- Make connections to other EJ issues, such as climate justice
- Link EJ to social justice and antiracism work
- Undo damage to Filipino community in Stockton by historic urban planning decisions
- Engage youth and college students in EJ advocacy and research
- Respond to Stockton residents' concerns about air quality, urban heat. Build a coalition to apply for state climate funds. Consult EJ advocates on how to make investment decisions about green infrastructure.

Pressing Issues

- Air quality
- Transportation
- Respiratory disease
- Antiracism
- Green infrastructure

Solutions

- Showcase datasets to encourage better policy
- Capacity-building for university-community partnerships: improve continuity between student projects (distribute and hand off projects from one university or class to another to keep work going).

- Improve coalition-building and information exchange on an ongoing basis.
- Use data to help organize people in communities and mobilize them to support policy change informed by the data.
- Translate scientific data into language and formats community members can understand and act on.
- Build a bigger base by connecting EJ issues and other issues (including economic development, cultural preservation, etc.)

Steps forward

- Develop continuity of our partnerships with students and distribute parts to different courses and universities (communication, law, etc.) Choose a model project that would allow us to do this? Derek Ouyang's (Stanford) work with Stockton is a model.
- Develop cross-issue coalitions.
- Need to engage local organizations, employers, city governments for internship opportunities for students. Get them working with EJ groups and on EJ issues. Influence their career choices.
- Get students to tell their universities they value EJ and internships with EJ groups.

Economics and Green Jobs

Participants:

- Alec Castellano, Catholic Charities
- Esther Conrad, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University
- Arlene Galindo, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
- Darren Kumar, Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
- Derek Ouyang, Future Bay Initiative, Stanford University
- Hillary Tellesen, GRID Alternatives
- Esperanza Vielma, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

Motivation

- Interest in bridging employment opportunities.
- Creating meaningful jobs.
- Where can we be partnering most effectively in the SJV?
- How can we collaborate on future programs?
- Interested in learning more about what others are doing in the region

Pressing Issues

- Creating meaningful, long-term career pathways in green jobs
- Need to get more youth involved
- What are those who are hiring in this area not finding in applicants?
- Entry level positions are often temporary. How to address this?
- Keep folks invested in the community that they are from
- Lack of adequate housing in this sector
- Needs assessments: where to find data in our community? For example - no data on rideshare programs. How will this data collection/analysis get funded?
- Need to push some macro-scale levels to make the demand for green work. Economics don't quite work out on their own (see Derek Ouyang's [report on green economy in Stockton](#)). How would electrification of the city help create incentives? Where are the greatest impact opportunities?
- Need better energy policy - this can help create the market. We're only allowed to do installs in certain regions. Our job training is restricted to these areas, and then jobs are further away. Technology isn't the problem. We need policies to help make that shift.

Solutions

- City of Stockton effort to bring youth back to their hometown for employment opportunities
- Develop curriculum and programming to help support underserved youth to get hired in green jobs
- Need policies that support expanding the market for green jobs
- Work together on compiling data to analyze rideshare and other programs

Steps forward

- Organize a future call where we can talk more about ways to collaborate
- Present to relevant advisory board(s) in the county on needs and proposed solutions
- Fundraise to launch collaborative efforts, such as data analysis for rideshare programs tailored toward policy solutions

Food insecurity & food deserts - COVID-19 responses home gardening, food co-ops

Facilitators: Public Health Advocates and Chris Bacon (SCU)

Note Taker Katherine O'Malley and Maria Eugenia Flores

Participants

- Erin Meyer, Sustainable Food Programs Coordinator at UC Merced
- Julia Sankey,
- Cueponca Sandoval, Ethnic Studies, Stanislaus State
- Chris Bacon, associate professor of environmental studies at a Santa Clara University. cbacon@scu.edu
- Stergios (Steve) Roussos, UC Merced Program Director and Coordinator, Compass Health Career Pathways
- Kenda Templeton, PUENTES, (Boggs Tract Community Farm in Stockton)
- Cecilia Escobedo, Community member
- Maria Eugenia Flores Gomez, Environmental Studies and the Common Good Initiative research coordinator. <https://www.scu.edu/ej/>
- Martha Armas-Kelly, Catholic Charities Stockton
- Kyle Fliflet, Health Services Agency, Nutrition Education, Program Coordinator Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention

Summary

Motivation

- Justice, equity, and the possibility of developing a human right to food in CA just like they did for water in 2012

Pressing Issues

- possibility
- Food insecurity associated with covid 19
- The deep social and economic inequalities revealed the major disparities in health (e.g., from illness to food security etc... associated,,

Solutions

- Guerilla gardening
- Community gardens
- Food shares
- Educational workshops / moving them online

- *Mushroom farming and sharing these practices....from Cecilia Sandoval*
- *Holding front yard meetings...*
- *UC Merced community gardens...*
- *Campus food security surveys, and campus food pantries to support alleviating hunger among student*
- *Professors also working with students to develop home gardens and related work*

Steps forward

- *Shared experiences... and visits, such as going to visit the community garden in Puente working...*
- *Identifying the culturally relevant food*

Food Access Group Full Notes

Attendees

- *Reps from*
 - *UC merced*
 - *St Stanislaus*
- *Interests*
 - *Food security and food access*
 - *Food Waste*
 - *Gleaning*
 - *Guerilla Gardening*
 - *Guerilla Community Fridges*
 - *Lending Library with (Fridges)*
 - *Growing your own food sources*
 - *Developing culturally relevant food access programs...*
- *Demand for food assistance to alleviate hunger...*
 - *San Jose the number of people using food banks 200 calls to 1k + calls*
 - *How are you meeting the scale of the demand*
 - *Kenda Templeton: More people are reaching out to us, focus on education, helping with home gardens, they don't want to go due to concerns of COVID or lack of food, received a small grant from the city of Stockton to help create spaces for growing your own food, supports the community endeavor, helps promote ownership, running out of food, (why this is a problem)= reflective of the job markets and minimum wage and current situation exacerbates this*

- *Martha Armas-Kelly: Many layers to this issue, underlying issues that perpetuate, hard to engage with the large scope*
- *Cecilia: I want to comment to you that this project is something fundamentally natural and very beneficial to your health. Dealing with the cultivation of mushrooms. This mushroom we cultivate. I just want to let you know that this project started with a small group of women in my town and we raised this community to start this project together and I am willing to share with you. All you need is some adequate space. You can make this in a space in existing spaces such as aquaponics, you can use one room in your house you need to adapt the temperatures. If anyone is interested in this*
 - *“Estaré al pendiente de sus comentarios y dispuesta a compartir este proyecto.”*
 - *Cueponcaxochitl (she/they) :wow! growing mushrooms coop in Mexico! hola! yo hablo español cómo podemos crecer del mismo hongo?*
- *Martha: Cecilia had many barriers and yet she was able to build her community through the mushroom coop*
- *Stergios (Steve): Seeing Merced, the campus is trying to show that food security is important to faculty and students, Important to find ways to support food access as a social determinant of health, and to prioritize connection to poverty, but broaden food access to the population as a whole (not just a rich vs poor issue). Important to find a way to adopt "healthy food as a human right" as in California being (only) state to adopt "access to clean water" as a human right in 2012. Important to find ways to support food access as a social determinant of health, and to prioritize connection to poverty, but broaden food access to the population as a whole (not just a rich vs poor issue)*
- *Martha: How can we create the food connections on campus?*
- *Chris: Vaya Verde distribute seedlings that are culturally relevant, they partnered with a bicycle collective in order to distribute these seedlings*
 - *<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/05/10/valley-verde-seedlings-get-special-delivery-by-bike-volunteers/>*
- *Martha: It is up to us to be specific. Who are we serving in our community? Takes us doing surveys to be sensitive*
- *Kenda: started out to create a community farm for people who didn't have space and we have a diverse group of plot holders. Many exchanges happen where there is extra something which brings the cultures together. Community garden in Stockton*

- *Maria Eugenia Flores: Important to create these networks*
- *Martha: Important to embrace our differences and our similarities. How are you meeting with people during COVID?*
- *Kenda: Many in person workshops are on hold, we are holding virtual events to ask our farmers on how to grow things and onsite cooking demonstrations*
- *Julia: Having small meetings in her backyard while social distancing and wear masks, along with zoom meetings*
- *Steve: using social media*
- *Cueponcaxochitl: engaging with my students, teaching them to grow in pots at home and garden out in front of their homes if they have*
- *Christopher Bacon : Chris Bacon, associate professor of environmental studies at a Santa Clara University.. My work focuses on food security and food sovereignty in Nicaragua and food justice issues in San Jose and Santa Clara County... also teach food justice class and generally take a community-based participatory action research to our research. We are starting a campus food security survey and strategic response at Santa Clara in the next couple of months, would be happy to share on this too...*
- *Christopher Bacon : Here is the link from the article i was mentioning - <https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/05/10/valley-verde-seedlings-get-special-delivery-by-bike-volunteers/>*
- *From Stergios (Steve) Roussos : Thanks all -- got some good ideas and wrote names down to find you again. Very grateful.*

Zoom Chat Participation after breakout groups:

- Thomas: House pipes have contaminants even if getting it from city water source
- Ann Rogan: For those interested: sharing a benchmark of green economy (programs, policies and partnerships) that covers 80+ such initiatives undertaken all over US cities and globally. In Stockton, we partnered with City Systems to develop this effort, led by Derek Ouyang — lecturer at Stanford on urban systems his benchmark is viewable or downloadable at bit.ly/GreenEconomyBenchmark
- Steve: “Important to find away to adopt "healthy food as a human right" as in California being (only) state to adopt "access to clean water" as a human right in 2012.”
- Mariah Looney - Restore the Delta: also love another meeting like. Perhaps on specific topics so that there is more time to speak about one topic.

- Chad Rafael: We could use a workshop on how to build long-term, continuous collaborations between multiple universities and faculty members. Derek Ouyang at Stanford could present.
- I need info on how to convince the City Council of Modesto to have our open area converted to affordable and senior housing, we have 50 acres to build on.
- Chris Bacon: what about break out groups also meeting on specific topic
- Kathryn Robinson: Creating a formalized listserv with updates and resources would be great
- Thomas Helme: I'd like to see the orgs on the ground give presentations on what they're working on to the academic folks
- Marisol O'Connor: what type of resources, services can non-profits pursue from academia? Is it data collection, mapping, one time project aid, grant writing aid? Maybe knowing that will aid non-profits, and the community know how to approach and what to ask for.
- Ron DeLoach: Parks, we have used the sheriff and MPD, patrol our parks to help.
- Thomas Helme: Maybe we can go over the Principles of EJ at the beginning of the next meeting

Post- Break out Group Discussion

Open space discussion:

- Access to parks
- Safety
- bathrooms
- Get more people back into the park
- Inequality in infrastructure
- Why do we have to keep telling our government that there are issues with our parks?
- Solutions: Bringing more funding
- Partnering with universities and students
- Need more diversity in leadership and gov
- Continuing these conversations with public private organizations

Water/Climate group discussions:

- How do you pair the different partners? How do meaningful relationships develop?
- How do we engage with the ag industry/ water agencies?
- Needs around water quality
- How do we get people involved?
- Opportunity for internships and getting resources out to community organizations
- Universities diligently looking out to the communities
- Next Steps: List of contacts in order to network with one another

Affordable Housing/Transportation Discussion:

- Grassroot organizations
- Houselessness as an issue
- Looked at how we can combine local and academic partnerships
- Lack of leadership in some of the political issues such as transparency
- How to redirect roadways and highways and not towards sustainable transportation
- What kinds of tools would help us coordinate land use and transportation

Air Quality Discussion

- Challenges of how to improve continuity between student projects and internships and how projects tend to drop once students graduate or finish a project
- Thinking about finding a model project where we can get the connections of partnerships right

Economics and Green Jobs

- Reps from Stanford and Catholic Charities
- Try to encourage energy efficiency in infrastructures
- How do you solve the workforce
- Digital Inclusion
- Academic perspective might involve cultural studies
- Some of the market for a green economy is not quite there yet
- Need for a more market demand
- Develop specific workforce

- Identify the quantity of work in a specific region along with identifying the sustainability of the work and environmental aspects
- What are the public sector strategies that we can incorporate right away

Next Steps and follow up:

- *Potentially another meeting*
- *Summit*

Notes from **Zoom chat**

- *Jonathan Pruitt : Lots of follow up discussions needed! Great talk with Air quality team!*
- *Thomas Helme : Jobs v. Health*
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- *Arlene Galindo : Very interesting discussion in our Green Jobs group today. Wonderful to meet everyone!*
- *Jonathan Pruitt : I'd like another meeting like this!*
- *Sandrad : Thanks ...look forward to follow-upcontacts.*
- *Latricia Beasley-Day : Thank you. This was a good start*
- *Mariah Looney - Restore the Delta: I'd also love another meeting like. Perhaps on specific topics so that there is more time to speak about one topic.*
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- *Thomas Helme : I'd like to see the orgs on the ground give presentations on what they're working on to the academic folks*
- *Marisol O'Connor: Apologies, if this is already out there, but what type of resources, services can non-profits pursue from academia? Is it data collection,*

mapping, one time project aid, grant writing aid? Maybe knowing that will aid non-profits, and the community know how to approach and what to ask for.

- Ron DeLoach : parks, we have used sheriff and MPD, patrol our parks to help.
- Thomas Helme : Maybe we can go over the Principles of EJ at the beginning of the next meeting

Thank you messages:

- Mariah Looney - Restore the Delta : thank you all for your work! It is much appreciated.
- Espe Vielma : Gracias Veronica y Edgar and all organizers !!
- Veronica Tovar, Catholic Charities EJ Program : Thank you everyone for your time and work - much appreciated!
- Shyla GRID (she/Her) : Thank you everyone
- HTellesen_GRID : Thank you!
- Jonathan Pruitt : Thank you all! Let's do some great work for the Valley! <3
- Bianca Lopez : good idea Tom!
- Arlene Galindo : thank you organizers!
- Arianne Ortegaray, GRID Alternatives (she/her) : Thanks to everyone who organized this!
- Jocelyn Cooper : like to see contacts by groups
- Clare Pace : Thanks for a great meeting! I have to log off :)
- Esther Conrad, Stanford Haas Center for Public Service : Thanks so much, Clare!! Great presentation!

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