Resilience Dialogues:
Laying the groundwork for long-term climate resilience

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What is the Resilience Dialogues?

- Connects community leaders to subject matter experts (SMEs)
- Uses a facilitated online process
- Lays the groundwork for long-term resilience by helping participants identify challenges, locate relevant resources, and prioritize achievable action steps
Benefits to Communities

- **Connections** to vetted subject matter experts
- Identification of community’s **climate resilience priorities** and ways to take action
  - clarify local challenges and opportunities
  - learn strategies that have worked in other communities
  - identify the most relevant and useful data, tools, and networks
  - build shared commitment to future plans and actions
- Personalized, **context-relevant recommendations and resources**
- Connection to a growing network of resilience-focused communities and SMEs
Benefits to SMEs

● **Service**
  ○ Respond to pressing community resilience questions
  ○ Connect with new communities and understand their concerns

● **Skill Building**
  ○ Contribute to holistic, collaborative, cross-sector resilience efforts.
  ○ Apply skills and knowledge in new contexts
  ○ Integrate community engagement and co-production principles into your work

● **Networking**
  ○ Long-term engagement opportunities with participants
  ○ Awareness and insight into needs and capacities of end-users
  ○ Feedback on services and approaches
  ○ Opportunities for partnership and collaboration
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Subject Matter Experts & Participating Community Leaders and Organizations

Facilitators

Framing Dialogue
Identifying local climate adaptation risks and opportunities
Day 1: Community context setting
Day 2: Identify climate-community intersections
Day 3-5: Discuss and refine community questions

Connecting Dialogue
Identifying relevant and useful resources, and next steps
Day 1-2: Identify action areas
Day 2-3: Identify next steps
Day 4-5: Identify supporting resources

Outcomes

Individualized Synthesis Reports summarizing the conversation and highlighting next steps

Community resilience planning informed by experts and supported by public and private resources

Follow-up engagement with and access to a network of resilience scientists, professionals, and community leaders
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- Link to Resilience Dialogues homepage
- Discussion threads here
- See attachments shared in previous posts
- Sign in or edit your profile
- See who else is in the dialogue
- The most recent posts will appear here
- Look here for important notes from your facilitator
Alumni Community Support

● Conversations
  ○ Post-dialogue debriefs
  ○ Resilience Dialogues Community Meetings

● Bridge Support
  ○ AGU Thriving Earth Exchange Project
  ○ Capacity-Building Brainstorm
  ○ Individual connections to service providers and scientists
Communities Served: 2016-2018
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<td>Population</td>
<td>110,000</td>
<td>145,000</td>
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<td><strong>Climate Impacts</strong></td>
<td>SLR, flooding, wildfires</td>
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<td><strong>Barriers to Resilience Building</strong></td>
<td>Limited funds, capacity, low community interest</td>
<td>Efforts have not included entire community</td>
<td>Outlier in region, city-county land-use conflict, pop. growth</td>
<td>Lack of standard across region, ready for implementation</td>
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<td><strong>Dialogue Focal Areas</strong></td>
<td>Community engagement, local climate projections</td>
<td>Public health, community engagement, financial mechanisms</td>
<td>Engagement &amp; communication strategies, financial mechanisms</td>
<td>Evaluation criteria, implementation strategies</td>
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<td><strong>Next Steps</strong></td>
<td>Integrate climate into Hazard Mitigation Plan, link resilience to community priorities</td>
<td>Broaden regional coordination, establish climate resilience task force</td>
<td>Organize a climate science day, integrate climate into Tourism Master Plan</td>
<td>Pursue regional collaboration, develop a 5-year strategic plan</td>
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Being good allies in building climate resilience

Community context is key, and there are two sides to it: active listening and thoughtful recommendations.

Meet people where they are & support them wherever they go.

Start the conversation with what already matters to people.
# Engaging Underserved Communities

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<td>Face-to-face interactions are important to build trust</td>
<td>Work with local experts and partners with pre-existing relationships</td>
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<td>Climate change not a priority for the community</td>
<td>Connect climate change to issues of importance</td>
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Questions?

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