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Climate change is forcing communities across California to grapple with how to become more resilient to drought, floods, fire, extreme heat, and rising sea levels. However, California lacks dedicated funding for comprehensive, statewide climate adaptation planning.

SOLUTION

California's extraordinary geographic, economic, and cultural diversity calls for an equally diverse array of climate adaptation projects that can serve as a model for countries around the world. The California Resilience Challenge brings together partners in the private sector and philanthropy to support local climate change adaptation planning across California. Projects supported by the Challenge will be innovative, replicable, and enjoy broad support from within their local communities.

WHAT'S NEXT

Leaders of the California Resilience Challenge will announce total dollars raised and release a Request for Proposals in 2019.

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DROUGHT

State officials estimate the Sierra Snowpack, the source for over one-third of California's freshwater, will shrink up to 65 percent by 2100.

FIRE

Up to 40 percent of California's landmass now has an elevated or extreme level of fire danger.

FLOOD

Sea levels are projected to rise between 7-23 inches by 2050, and more extreme storms will cause inland flooding.

EXTREME HEAT

2017 was the third hottest year on record and saw the hottest summer in state history, threatening vulnerable populations.

ABOUT

The California Resilience Challenge is a statewide effort, led by businesses, and a diverse range of partners, to build local climate resilience and support a shared vision for a resilient California in the face of increasing climate threats. The Challenge will result in grants for diverse and replicable climate change resilience projects, from across California. The projects will reflect California's diverse geography and showcase leadership in climate change adaptation. The total amount raised through the challenge – and the final RFP – will be announced in 2019.



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