



The San Diego Foundation and Climate Education Partners Provide Leadership on Regional Preparedness for Climate Change

Picture your favorite childhood escape or a vacation destination you frequented with loved ones.

Now, you are surprised by a child tugging at your sleeve asking, "What are you doing to address the impacts of climate change?"

Most of us would never have imagined the tragedies that faced the country in the last decade -- hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, droughts like California is experiencing and the frightening wildfires that plague the west.

[The San Diego Foundation](#) and [Climate Education Partners](#) with funding from the National Science Foundation released a new study last month. It's not a typical 'the sky is falling' environmental study. Sure, it includes science from Scripps Institution of Oceanography – world-renowned for its research on climate change. This report, "[San Diego, 2050 Is Calling: How Will We Answer?](#)" however, is an unprecedented effort among scientists, community leaders, business, public agencies, tribal communities, healthcare, community activists, environmentalists and others outlining specific regional impacts and the effective actions leaders are engaged in, and ways to continue to expand their engagement.

By working together, being willing to talk and even disagree, we arrived at strategies that will make us stronger, better prepared and wiser in how we approach the future. Already all 19 local governments have adopted greenhouse gas emissions testing, making San Diego the first region in the nation to do so.

2050 Report Success and Best Practices:

- A growing number of local governments are taking concrete steps to reduce heat-trapping emissions
- The San Diego region developed the first-of-its-kind collaborative plan for adapting to sea level rise in San Diego Bay, involving the Port, Airport, Navy and cities around the bay
- The San Diego County Water Authority is one of the few metropolitan water agencies nationwide working with local scientists to integrate climate change projections in future water supply and demand planning
- Business leader, Qualcomm, with over 15,000 employees locally, has increased energy efficiency in its California facilities, taking the equivalent of over 1800 vehicles off the roads

Now, we are inviting you, the rest of the country, into the dialogue. Read the *2050 Report*. Ask how leaders from every aspect of your region, and perhaps the nation, can come together to prepare for the very real and tangible economic and other impacts of a changing climate.

The *2050 Report* can provide a blueprint for you to engage business leaders, environmentalists, scientists and other community leaders to build on our country's great traditions of innovation, which better positions regional and national leaders to solve critical economic and environmental problems.

Act now. Then, you'll be proud to answer that child tugging at your sleeve.

It Takes a Community to Build a Community Foundation

Philanthropy in San Diego is healthy and growing thanks to community residents from Carlsbad, Oceanside, Escondido, Ramona, 4SRanch-Del Sur, Rancho Bernardo, Chula Vista, La Jolla and San Ysidro collaborating through pooled philanthropy and a shared vision to build a powerful catalyst for immediate and lasting improvements in their regions.

It does take a community to build a community foundation, and people that care can make great strides within a region today and for years to come. By joining like-minded residents, people in a community can demonstrate commitment to a region and help establish a legacy for generations to come.

The [Escondido Charitable Foundation](#) approaches a milestone accomplishment this fall when it marks \$1 million in grantmaking within that region since 2007. A recent grant of \$19,000 to Angel's Depot will provide 140 meals to Escondido's at-risk senior citizens by purchasing nutritious, nonperishable food to seniors at-risk for malnutrition and food insecurity. The Angel's Depot food box contains a week's worth of meals and is provided before the last week of the month, in order to provide a bridge between Social Security checks.

Meanwhile in the southern tip of the county, the newest affiliate, the [San Ysidro Community Foundation](#), will award its first grants in the upcoming weeks.

In total, more than \$2.7 million has been granted from The San Diego Foundation's [regional community foundation network](#) since inception. These grants enhanced the region, helping nonprofit organizations introduce programs and services that enrich the region.

These community foundations leverage the experience and reputation of The San Diego Foundation board, volunteers and staff, providing the San Diego region's leading resource for helping public-spirited citizens and philanthropists to develop and fund vital solutions to meet the need of millions of area residents. Regional community foundation members themselves are as diverse as the communities they serve, including local businesses, community leaders and new residents.

While each regional community foundation has a unique philanthropic goal, they share a passion and commitment to their respective community. They give where they live and engage where they can make a difference. That's community.