Making Public Health an Important Part of Climate Action Plans
Local jurisdictions (cities and counties) are encouraged to develop GHG emissions inventories and reduction plans under AB 32 Scoping Plan, CEQA and Guidance from the AG’s office.

Some communities are developing CAPS, broader sustainability plans or integrated Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plans.

Some examples of regional planning:
- LA (LARC-LA Regional Action on Climate and Sustainability)
- Bay Area (Bay Area Climate and Energy Resilience Project)
Why include Public Health in a Climate Action Plan?

- Climate change is a critical public health issue.
- Existing Public Health conditions intersect in important ways with climate mitigation efforts.
- Health is a strong motivator for action.
- Addressing health inequities is a key focus of Public Health agencies across the state, which intersects in critical ways with climate change impacts on.
- Including health issues in a CAP can promote greater efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and enhance the collaborative nature of local government.
Co-benefits: Transforming climate threat into opportunity for healthier communities

Health and Active Transportation
* Increased Physical Activity
* Overweight and obesity

Land Use Planning/Sustainable Communities
* Increased Physical Activity
* Connecting housing with amenities, safety

Local Access to Healthy Food
* Increased local food security

Parks, Urban Greening, and Places to be Active
* Noise, heat, physical activity, safety, mental health

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Maximize Health Co-benefits

(Promote physical activity while reducing GHG emissions)

- * Biking
- * Walking
- * Public Transit
- Congestion pricing
- Demand management
- * Land Use TOD, Corridors
- Parking policies (disincentives)
- Expand car sharing
- Low carbon fuels
- Promote use of Electric Vehicles

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Examples of CAPs with Health Content

- **San Diego Climate Protection Action Plan**
  - Develop and adopt an urban heat island mitigation plan
  - Link GHG reduction efforts with air quality goals

- **Sustainable Long Beach Action Plan**
  - Increase bike ridership 1% to 16% by 2016
  - Establish community gardens in every park over 5 acres by 2020

- **Green Fresno Plan**
  - Promote the public health/environmental benefits of supporting locally grown and organic foods.

- **Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan**
  - Accelerate completion of bike/pedestrian plans
  - Develop urban forestry master plan
  - Remove barriers to renter-occupied energy retrofit programs
Voluntary guidance and sample language for local planners and public health staff and organizations

* Expand on health effects of climate change
* ID co-benefit areas and discuss how to make connections
* Provide health resources and data sources
* Provide examples from existing CAPs
* Encourage collaboration planning ↔ public health

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Resources

Climate Action Planning:
* Cool California: www.coolcalifornia.org
* Institute for Local Government: www.ilg.org
* Local Government Commission: www.lgc.org
* ICLEI: www.iclei.org

Adaptation Planning:
* Cal Adapt: www.caladapt.org