



Steering Committee Meeting

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Summary Notes

The meeting covered important topics including proactive communication between the Affinity Hub Leads and the Subregional Table Leads, gift card issues, advocacy letters, translation services, and fiscal agent updates. Chair Kevin acknowledged the launch of a women's business center and discussions revolved around timeline updates, fiscal agent reports, translation service requests, and table partner updates.

There was a detailed discussion about Table Partner Leads being appointed for different categories with plans outlined for their orientation and scope of work until August or September. Questions were raised regarding the timeline for completing tasks by May 31st and ongoing involvement in the planning phase. Clarifications were sought on hosting meetings independently versus through affinity hub leads.

The meeting discussed the importance of engaging table partners through different phases like planning, catalyst, and implementation. It focused on clarifying timelines and information requirements to develop strategies effectively. There were concerns raised about extending work contracts, ensuring fair processes for funding applications, and revisiting roles under new project phases.

Additionally, discussions revolved around splitting events into fewer mega-events for the Geographic and Planning forums, instead of individual spa-based ones to meet tight timelines efficiently. Suggestions were made to ensure the inclusion of diverse communities in dialogue

sessions while considering environmental justice issues separately for better focus and expert input.

Meeting Transcript

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Lisa got a banana and a jar. Nuts.

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That's the way it goes these days, Kevin.

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Better than nothing, you know? Hey, Rudy.

01:19

How are you, sir?

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Haven't seen you. I got a chance to see you in person a couple months ago.

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Yes. Yeah.

01:26

Good to see you.

01:28

Me, too. Paul Morales. Good morning. Good afternoon. It's been a long day.

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How you doing?

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Doing well. And yourself?

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I'm doing really well, thank you.

01:48

Hello, everyone. Harbor, always a pleasure. My pleasure is mine. Good to see your name. Yes, I'm working from home today, so I'm not quite camera ready today. Got it. Understood. And I'm actually having my lunch right now, so I'm trying to multitask. Yeah, I gotta wait till after this meeting to have

mine. Well, I appreciate you. And to piggyback on your comment. It's been a long. Not a long day. It's been a long year already. Yes, Kevin, give it to us.

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June.

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Isn't that crazy? It is January, just yesterday, so it really? Yeah.

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I don't know. While we're waiting, this is Haepin. My staff has sent some emails to cerfladc.org and she hasn't received responses. And I just want to make sure. Who is the point person for responding for the surf emails?

03:06

Well, we have a few. Oh, go ahead.

03:08

Sorry. Do you know what was the email? Because I'm the one that usually responds, and I think I've seen the emails from them, but I don't know which one is specific you're referring to.

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I think it was related to the gift card and the surveys.

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Oh, we did respond to that.

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So is this Ariel? You're saying you responded to her?

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Yeah.

03:36

Okay. Could you email and your phone number just so that maybe we might follow up afterwards?

03:43

Yeah, I can give you. I'll send you my email right now.

03:47

Thank you.

03:48

I'll double check the inbox as well. But I do remember if it was regarded gift cards. I do remember we just.

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The survey confirmation, things like that, so.

03:58

Yeah.

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Appreciate it.

04:00

Okay, everyone, so we'll get started in one more minute. Let's get everybody in. I see some familiar names in here. Hey, Matt Horton. Yeah. And Maria Garcia. I see Jessica Kukim. All right.

04:18

Hey, Kevin.

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Hey, everyone.

04:20

Hello.

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Hey, Justin.

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I am here on behalf of Kelly.

04:26

Got it. Okay.

04:29

Hey, Kevin, sorry to drop this in your lap last second, but. Jermaine, are you still on the call? Yes. How you doing? Can you hear me okay? Yeah, yeah, I can hear you. So we got an email from California forward who does the bi weekly community practice meetings and they drafted an advocacy letter surrounding the kind of the elephant in the room, you know, from the may revise with the governor's change in funding. So they drafted an advocacy letter to retain that funding, you know, to keep it intact. LADCs were planning on, you know, drafting our own letter, but we like to share that letter with, you know, the steering committee members that California Ford put together so you guys can. Can see it. We can. I just want you to be aware of it and everyone on this call to be aware that.

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That we'll be sending that letter out. We can just drop it, send a blast email, blast out, either during or after this call.

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Okay. If you wanted to share it, I mean, it might not be a bad idea to do it. Fiscal agent update. Or we could just drop it, you know, after the call, outside the agenda. Is that. What are you. What's your pleasure?

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Well, that's. That's separate from the fiscal agent. I'm not even sure if they even are aware of the letter. But, yeah, we can keep as planned. I just wanted to throw that in because it literally just came in as soon as we got off the call.

06:08

Okay. All right. I'll leave it up to you. Right. So we'll just be on the lookout for it. So good. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for joining us for our steering committee meeting. May 23. It says May 23 and the. On the agenda. But anyway, good to see you all. We're going to open up with some housekeeping. So go ahead, Ariel, take it away.

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Oops, sorry, I wasn't mute.

06:51

Yeah.

06:51

So welcome, everyone. So just for housekeeping says you should please remember to submit your attendance and the attendance link I just shared. And we will be sharing it throughout the meeting as people keep coming in. If you would like us to talk about something in a specific for our next student committee meeting, we always have the Google Jump board, and when you submit an idea, remember to submit your name and date and the idea that you would like to discuss, and we will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Also, we always have the develop the resource tracker where you can go in and access all types of documents related to the steering committee. And remember, they always try to bookmark these so you have, like, easy access.

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And if you have some areas of opportunity for us or for the entire student community, you can always reach out to Andrea. She's the vice president of the vice chair, I'm sorry, of the senior committee, and she's in charge of the opportunities department. So you can just send her an email. Her email is here and she can see, and she will address that with you or bring it to the person who can address your concern. Thank you.

08:14

Thank you, Ariel. Any questions for Ariel? All right, before we go in with the facilitator, I just want to give a quick shout out to the Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corps launching of the women's business center. It was an awesome event yesterday. Mayor Bass spoke, Isabella Guzman spoke and was present. And it's just an awesome event. Libby, I'll give you a 1 minute plug if you want to say something.

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I just wanted to say thank you. And yes, we do have a women's business center that we just launched yesterday, as he said, with Mayor Bass and with SBA administrator Isabella Guzman. And we are open for business. I'm actually at a women's business conference right now. Couldn't get away quick enough because there's 50 million women saying that they need help. And that's what we're all about is trying to help them build and scale their business so they can offer more jobs to our community. So thank you so much for that shout out, Kevin. I appreciate it.

09:12

You did a great job. MC in the vent also, so I got to put that in there for you. Okay, let's go with Charles with the facilitator. Availability, please.

09:24

Thank you, Kevin. I'm just keep it brief. Marissa Ramirez, as you guys know, has been identified as the facilitation, facilitator. If you would like to use any of her services. These are her updated, available, available dates. And she's flexible on it. But if you want to have any convenings, you may want to look at these dates and try to schedule around them. And again, she can be, she's flexible in trying to meet your schedules as well.

10:01

Charles, thank you. Any questions for Charles around the facilitator are hearing none. We're going to move to the next agenda item translation services. Ariel?

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Yeah, so as you may all know, we finally got started with the translation services with CO and Martin. And the way this is going to work out is that if you would like us to, if you would like to get either documents translator or have a translator in your meetings, you will need to complete the request form. Once you have completed, you send it to the cjfteffladc.org and we will coordinate with Cole and Martin to get you the translator, either for your event or if for the documents. Just make sure that you do send it with some time in advance, especially if you want a person at your event translating, because we do need to have some time.

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I think it's five, six days in advance, and for documents it would depend on the length of the document, but the turnaround is usually around three days. And then if you have any more questions, you can always email@surfc.org and we can definitely help you with all your questions. Thank you.

11:27

All right, thank you, Ariel. So to help us, especially since I'm trying to run this meeting, if you have a question, if you could raise your hand. I did see something in there from Benny. Benny, you want to step up? Floor is yours if you want it.

11:40

Yeah, thank you. Real quick, we had to use a translator for the first meeting, community meeting we had. So how do we get reimbursed for that?

11:52

I'll leave CCF to answer that. Yeah, I'm not exactly sure the process, or if there is even a process, being that we have a translator in place, but CC Paul, Maria, I'll go ahead and respond.

12:08

So the translator services that we provided were in response to the request from the steering committee to be able to provide, to have the service available for all of you who are going to be hosting meetings in the interim. We did suggest that if you did have translation needs that needed to be met prior to us executing this contract, that you could use your grant award dollars to cover those expenses.

12:37

Say those dollars again with dollars, Maria.

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Your award dollars that were provided if your affinity hub leave. I think it's the 50,000.

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So you want us to cut into our own dollars to provide translation?

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Well, it's not cutting into your own dollars, it's using the dollars as direct expenses for program costs.

13:02

Okay.

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All right. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you, Maria. Thank you, Benny. Any other questions or comments? Let's go with the timeline with Armand.

13:24

Thank you, Kevin. Hello, everybody. Hope everyone's doing well today. Just given the timeline update, as

I usually do. It's not that different from what we've been doing. It's no changes. We have the affinity help lead convenience, which are wrapping up in the next week or so. We have our table partner leads who we've been making some progress on that front. And we'll have some announcements later. They'll be doing. They're actually going to be contracted to be working on the project all the way until the regional plan, part two is going to be submitted in August, just in case, you know, we need them to assist us with any sort of strategy. Of course, the sub regional table leads are also, they have about one week left to complete their data collection. In the form of the 30 surveys.

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So hopefully in a week's time we'll have 2700 surveys. We're somewhere near 600 at the moment, so we do hope to see a significant improvement in there. And then apart from that, we're trying to get all the material to strategic writers so they can work with the table partner leads and just continue receiving input from our steering committee and general HRTC if needed, on the strategies that we can use to address and in the regional plan, part two.

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So thank you.

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Any questions for Arman on the timeline hearing? None. We're going to go to the next agenda item, fiscal agent report with CCF.

14:57

Okay, yeah, I'll be jumping in on this one, Kevin, thank you. So I'm happy to report for the subregional table leads that there's not a whole ton to report. Most of those disbursements have been made, I believe funds have been issued, contracts have been signed for over 90% for each of these parties. Questions are still coming in daily, but it seems like they're getting less and less. It seems like most of these projects and cbos are getting better informed every day. They're getting more confident doing the work. So that's been very nice to see. As far as the table leads, the agreements and budgets have been developed. We're just waiting on a little more, some clear definitions around what's going to be required and deliver polls from LAADC.

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I know they've been working hard wrangling all this info together and we've just about identified who these folks are going to be. We have a couple more conversations to have and we hopefully will have this fleshed out sometime early next week and we'll be able to report more information on that. But as far as agreements paperwork goes, we're about 90% of the way there. So we'll have more to report on this here shortly.

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Thank you, Paul. Any questions for Paul on the fiscal? I just had a quick. Paul, if we just follow the protocol raising your hands so we don't get two people answering, but go ahead, Luis. Got you. Yeah, Paul just had a quick question.

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Can you put your email so I can contact you after this call?

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Yeah, absolutely. I'll throw that in the chat for you guys.

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Thank you.

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Thanks, Luis. Any other questions? I see Robert Salcedo.

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Yeah, Kevin, this is a simple question and forgive me, I feel like, I feel challenged. I have attempted to get gift cards. They don't sell them in the store at the level we have to purchase them. Does anyone have an easy way to buy that amount of gift cards?

17:01

Good question.

17:02

If you do, just put the answer in chat because we've held it. We've held an event and we're going to deliver their cards to them this weekend. But I did, I wasn't able to procure them because they don't sell them in bulk in the store and I'm having problems with their online sites.

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So it's the quantity that's the issue. Right, I understand. Yeah. I don't have a great answer to that right now. I think most people have been going through larger distributors, things like, you know, Walmart or what have you. So there's that. And I know online it's been a little easier. But yeah, we can see if some of the other leads have, you know, information.

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We tried target, but there something's wrong with their website when we do it and I wanted to get everyone that.

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We deal with goes to Target.

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Okay.

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So I was trying to keep it at target, but if you have a way, please let me know so I get those done.

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Thanks, Robert. All right, real quick, I saw something in chat from Benny. Just want to point back to that to make sure you folks capture that he's going to need translation services support. So whoever needs to capture that area, please make sure he gets attention there. Okay, we're going to go to. Any other questions on the fiscal agent. Fiscal agent update. All right, seeing that moving into the next agenda item, sub regional table partner updates. Chioma, if you're talking to me, you're on mute.

18:47

Hello?

18:48

Sorry, we just need to refresh the presentation.

18:52

Sorry.

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Yes, and I'll jump right into the table partner lease because Paul just gave an update for the sub regional tables. Arielle, can you refresh the screen before going to the. The table partner slide?

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I just actually, Paul. Well, okay, Paul gave the fiscal agent.

19:16

So yes, I speak on it still though, we have our sub regionals. I think Paul mentioned the number we have contracted. So we do have 96% contracted. I know that we had a couple that were pending and at this late stage I don't know if the like alternative sub regional table leads will come on board because we did send a couple of emails out to a couple of organizations who could have signed up. We did not get a response back. So that was two of them and then the other two that were pending. I think it was the same issue. So we might have a few spaces in the subregional table out of the 90 that may remain unfilled. But that's all the update I have for the sub regional.

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Yeah, we had a cancellation late yesterday, like very late yesterday. So unfortunately, I have been in contact with all my folks and I was really surprised to see that one. But it is what it is.

20:34

Jermaine, quick question for the team. I know we said we emailed. Did we actually call any of these folks? Because I'm not sure offhand who these folks are, but some are not as responsive to emails as others.

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Let me be clear. I can only speak for myself. Email, phone, invitations, you know, and those that are

responsive, you know, right away, and those that are unresponsive, you kind of know that right away also, so. But I was really, again, surprised to see the last one because I had some communication with her and it is what it is.

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So for Jermaine, for the two who we emailed out and did a good response from, I believe I did try to call both to no avail because we do have, like, there were a couple where their emails were bouncing back for the other sub regional. We had one that provided like multiple emails and none of them worked. All of them bounced back. And then I would call and sometimes that's tricky. I get staff, but they relay the message, but I don't know, the person who needs to get the message gets it. But we are making multiple attempts in different ways via email and phone to reach some of these sub regional table leads. So that's all I have for the sub regional table update.

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Yeah. And also, Jermaine, from what I could see, I mean, most of the affinity hub leads, you know, and they did their job, but, you know, you have different levels of business acumen depending on who you deal with. So I'm not going to badmouth anybody because they're not here to defend themselves, but I'll just say that there was just non responsiveness. I'll leave it at that.

22:36

Received. Thank you, mister Chair. And then just one kind of follow up question with the 4% that are on that are not contracted, I know that we have to get these funds fully spent and there's some timelines associated with that. Is there a plan in place for that 4% remaining to get spent in another fashion?

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So with that CCF question.

23:06

Yeah, I don't have answer for that, Jermaine, but I got. Looks like a couple of people here have some questions and answers. Let's get CCF. You have answer for Jermaine on that, Paul Maria?

23:20

Yeah, so we've discussed the process just recently internally about returning funds. I'm under the impression if we miss this deadline, it doesn't seem like we're going to extend it any further and jam anyone in. So if there's a few orgs remaining, what will likely happen is the funds will be reimbursed to CCF and we'll route them back in the proper channels. So again, I think Charles had just sent out an email recently about replacing one of the folks. And he mentioned in there, we're just so far down the line at this point, if they don't sign and those funds either are distributed or don't end up going out to them, we'll probably just have to nix them, since we're far, so far down the tubes at this point.

24:07

So I, I'm the one that did forward that to you, from the folks that canceled yesterday. So thank you for answering that. So we have three hands up and we're going to go with the order of receive Luis or Tio.

24:21

Yeah. For those that we haven't gotten, since we're in a very tight deadline of next week, can we just. I would, you know, I won't make the motion now, but, my recommendation would be, let's just ask any organization who has a presence in those regions who's already maybe planning grant or large enough to be able to do the work quickly, to volunteer to do it. They'll get the go get the grant, whether that's like Bisbet or somebody who, some organization that's willing to step up and say, we have bandwidth, we can get the work done, let's just move forward, do it. I think we're an understanding because otherwise we're gonna have nobody do that work.

25:02

Yeah, I think that's a really palatable idea. That's something that LADC and us can chat about offline and see if that's something we can make happen. But I agree. I think that's something that can work.

25:15

Thank you, Louise. Thank you, Paul.

25:18

Sharon, good afternoon. I have to actually concur with, along the lines of Louise, the important part of the sub regional tables is that all of the spas voice has representation. And we kind of had this backup process. If we have four out of the 90, which is the four, you know, 4%, then again, if we can offer those up to the alternatives that have those existing themes, that would be consistent with the process that was already approved by the sub regional table committee. So I would concur with Luis, but it should go back to folks within that committee or within that theme that could provide that quickly. Thank you.

26:05

Thank you, Sharon. And folks, it might not be a bad idea to put your recommendations in the chat box, just to make sure we capture them accurately. Louise and Sharon. Thank you. Jessica Koukim.

26:19

Thanks. Yeah, I think I put a question in the chat, and I wasn't clear what are those four exact sub regions that we're talking about?

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Yeah, La ADC. Do you guys have.

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Yeah, I was looking to see if I could get to that right now. So I know we have. Let's see if I can tell you real quickly.

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Is it the four subregions or the 4%?

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I guess 4%. I guess the four out of 90. Yeah. So a couple of the non contracted. Paul can answer like it. While I know two organizations specifically, they had fiscal sponsors that was, it was taking a while for them to get contracted. One. Now she's not sure if her fiscal agent will allow her to continue. So that one is pending. We have one that we tried to fulfill twice by one employers. We had one that bowed out. We had another organization that was not eligible. I don't know if we have any more in that category that's eligible on the list. Armon might can answer to that. We had another one, spa. Five employers. I think that one declined the award. I don't remember the exact reason. And then we have one, another one that declined. Spa. Two labor. That one declined.

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That's all I have in front of me right now. And some of these have to mention, like, there's, there were not any other options, like organizations that scored in that were willing to take that area, that spa. Because remember, on the application, we asked if you did the work countywide. Many put on their countywide, and then when they were awarded, they said, oh, no, we don't serve that particular spa. So we had that issue. And then we have organizations that only stated one or two spas that they could fulfill the scope of work. And so every area did not have backups and alternatives even available. We did have 212 or so applications, but they were not all countywide. Some were specific to one spa, and spa one was hard to filter.

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Some.

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So I don't, I know there was not alternatives for all of the ones that have declined or will not fulfill the role.

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Hey, folks, if you could check your. Could you put yourselves on mute if you're not talking, I think. Sharon, you're not on mute. Thank you. All right, Jessica, is that sufficient answer?

29:07

It is. It is. And I would just say I'm generally in favor of, like, ensuring we have it in each of the areas. And so if there's a way to, if we don't have a backup list, and there was a way to, like, sole source at this point because we exhausted the methods and to identify a partner. However it is, you know, I'm in favor of looking at the backup list or alternatives to ensure that we're getting these contracts done. And so if there are additional phone calls that we, as the leadership team, need to make to reach out to identify, you know, count us in for those efforts.

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But we love volunteers. All right, thank you, Jessica. All right, folks, you heard Jessica. She raised her hand to volunteer and help. Charles, was your hand up or are you good?

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Jessica literally said exactly what I was going to say, so.

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Okay. All right, great.

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Sharon, I wanted to clarify. I believe I heard spot five business. Can you please. I'm going to put a. Send you a direct message. That's what I thought I heard. If that is Claire. Interesting. I've seen their solicitation email for this, so I want to reach back and forward that to you. Spa five business is a business organization that I know is engaged in this process. So if they have. If there's something that hasn't been executed, you might want to connect with their CEO.

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So I. Sharon, I have been in contact with Spa five business as keeping connected. Shanice Ward and the person that was handling the business is no longer with the organization. So they did not have the capacity to move forward anymore. And I didn't get that till late last night.

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Thank you for clarifying, because that's not who I thought had spa five business. Okay, I'll speak to you offline. That's not the organization that I was referring to, so maybe I'm mistaken. I'll speak offline. Thank you.

31:10

Yeah, no, I'm looking at the sheet right now.

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Yeah, that was the correct business, keeping connected. So, yeah.

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All right.

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Are there any other questions we can. If you email us or email me, I can try to answer any other questions regarding.

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All right. Paul Morales. Jessica, I'm assuming your hand is up from the last time. This is the new one.

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Yes. I'll put it down.

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Okay. Paul?

31:41

Yeah. I just like to point out as well, we do like the idea of moving these monies around to you. Support each spot and get those voices heard. I just do want to clarify, as I was referencing the timeline earlier, that this would take contract amendments, which is going to take some time and a couple of weeks to process, approve these. And I just wanted to tag on that, considering our tight timeline, that this isn't something that we could just redistribute those funds in a day and have that knocked out. So I just wanted to make sure that's on the table.

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So to repeat that, Paul, you're saying to accelerate the process, just have someone step forward, have them contact you? Is that what we're hearing?

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I just wanted to clarify, if we go forward with this process of moving these funds around, this would require an amendment to the contracts that have been distributed, and that process will take time.

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What kind of time are we talking about?

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Probably two to three weeks, maybe. It'll vary, right?

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Yeah.

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So, well, that goes beyond the deadline. We have a short week coming up. Right? We have a short week coming up that only gives a few days to process. There's going to be communications that needs to be had, you know, which is going to take more than 24 hours, I'm sure. So that's what I was referencing earlier when talking about the timeline. You know, we're just, we're so tight at this point into consideration, just to.

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Make sure we got clarity. We're supposed to be done by the 31st. We're a week and a day away from that. It doesn't sound like the math is mathing, as they say. It doesn't add up. My thoughts were, if there was a way that we could, given these circumstances, if there's a way to accelerate, I don't know, you know, if we identify what also has to happen, if we bring in someone new, I am, I will, you know, first we could probably figure out one way to, some way to bring them up to speed. But if they're, even if they're already in the program, you know, could we get them to convene and get their people on another convening with some other affinity hub? Lead with me.

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We've already finished our five, so if they're in business, I'm not sure how that was going to work because we're not in a position to do another convening. So I just want to put that out there. Joseph Jose Navarro, CCF.

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Jose, you're on mute.

34:34

Yes. Hi, everybody. Thank you. I think what we can do, and I see some Sharon's comments, what we're planning on doing is we would have to amend the contract. It'll be the same process or time limit. We have to rescind it, quote unquote. But in these cases, we do amendments. We can work with folks, and this is just, you know, putting this on the table. We can, we can work with folks if folks are willing to do the work in good faith. Knowing that there's an amendment coming, we can put something in writing as, you know, as an email and work on executing the amendment to get folks, you know, reimbursed for the time, you know, for the time cards, et cetera.

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But, yeah, unfortunately, it is a little bit time consuming to either recapture the funds from folks we've given it to them, or shift dollars from one, you know, entity to another, et cetera, or reissue and do these amendments process. So again, to Paul's point, it's a little bit lengthy, and I know we're at this time crunch, but again, I'm putting it on the table that to.

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Try to be as flexible as possible.

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We can work in good faith if agencies are willing and able to do the work knowing that they're going to be, you know, either reimbursed or getting this amendment down, you know, in a few weeks. Okay. So we're going to have to work together on this because some of us have completed our obligation and are not going to be able to put a lot of work into it. Although me speaking personally, I could definitely help and we could collaborate on how to figure this thing out. So if they fall in business, employers and associations.

36:16

So, Sharon, thank you so much. Jose. That was so helpful. A notice to proceed is how we normally do it in procurement, and it does allow for, you know, again, a quasi uncontracted affiliation to move forward. But thank you for that. I do want to, I wanted to ask a question pertaining to some comments that Charles made in the last steering committee meeting. We have a timeline that called for the completion of this subregional table work to be done by May 28. But during the last steering committee meeting, Charles made it perfectly clear that there would, because some of these folks were just getting contracts out around the 15th of this month, that there would be some other opportunities for people to be able to convene and access constituents. And I'm understanding, mister chair, that affinity hub lead meetings have already taken place.

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But, like, I received a call this morning from an SRT that I directed to Shioma, who is actually having their folks review the recording of the affinity hub leading, and they're moving forward and still doing

their outreach. And they had a question, and I just told them to call Chioma, and here's the surf email and blah, blah. But I thought, Charles, if you could clarify, because you did state on last session that there would be some other opportunities. So folks that were getting their contracts late into the process would still be, have other opportunities to engage and fulfill that surveying requirement that was beyond May 28. So I would like some clarification or restatement of that, Charles, before you begin.

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Thank you for that, Sharon, because I have. We're current on all our stuff on our presentation decks, all four. I've distributed those to all of our sub regional table partner leads, and we will have our report done by the fifth. I can share the recording easily if that will help in the process. Okay. So just let us know what we can do to help, and we'll do it within our ability to do so. Charles, it's all yours.

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Yeah. Thank you. May 28 is not a date that we have in our timeline for pretty much anything, because May 31 is the last day for convening where. For the affinity hubs. And were encouraging everyone to get all of their information, all of their convenience done by then. So I'm not exactly sure what. Which part of the meeting that you were referring to, where I stated that anyone can go beyond that. So, I mean, maybe you can kind of clarify or kind of give some better context.

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Well, yeah, you stated a couple times in last steering committee meeting, and I'm happy to grab the clip out of that. But that, in your words, were, there are going to be several other opportunities that we're going to offer up for people able to make this. So this is not. Because people were saying, well, wait a minute, we haven't gotten our contracts or we haven't. This was in last meeting, and it was. It was. The question was asked in last meeting a couple times, the steering committee, and that your response was, there will be several other opportunities, and we're going to provide for people to be able to do that. So I want it to be clear, because I'm hearing different. Different today, and I know there were. That's why. That's why I was asking.

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Yeah, no, I'm sorry. I don't understand that. When you say people, which. Which people are you referring to?

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Subregional table. Because they were just being contracted sub regional table leads.

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And you're saying that I stated that it would be. That they wouldn't have to attend the. Because they missed some of the meetings.

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No, what you said is there would be other opportunities for them and to give them time to be able to engage their constituents. There will be other meetings and other opportunities. I'm happy to go through and, you know, and listen to the recording, because I've got those questions. But I just. I wrote it down

and I heard it, and I. And people have asked, so I've directed them to you but if there is a hard stop on May 31, and we're looking at first people, and some of them were contracted last week, again, were told one thing in this meeting.

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I'm just trying to be clear so I understand if there's four contractors out there, if they're going to be asked to do this in a matter of a week, or if they're going to be allowed to move forward until June 5 or whatever is necessary to get that done.

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Okay, I'm not that there's a lot of information in there, but let me just try to make it a little bit clearer right now for whatever was going on, the intent was for all of the subregional tables to engage their constituents in their respective spas to attend the affinity hub lead meetings. Now, whenever the affinity hub leads, however, they reached out to their sub regional tables. When they did, that is, you know, I have no control over that, and no one does, except for those affinity hub leads. So when they actually engage with those subregional tables, it's a different story. However, if the affinity hub leads had meetings without their sub regional tables, any follow up meetings that the affinity hub leads, the sub regional tables, and their constituents would have the opportunity to attend those meetings, that could have been.

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That's the only way that I've really been describing this. Now, I know that there has been some talk about, can the sub regional tables host their own convenings? And that I never commented on. That's more.

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That.

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That was more a compliance issue with CCF. And I do believe that Paul did some clarity, provided some clarity on that.

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Paul.

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Sharon, real fast, if. Sharon, if you're talking, you're on mute.

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I know, I'm just. I'm just listening. I want to get clear. So I just already put a request in. Someone please send me the chat link from the meeting recording from last minute that at least help me clarify what the heck I think I heard. I may be inaccurate. I don't want to misstate. I'm not going to take this any further as long as we can. You know, I understand what the objective is, but I know Tanua spoke on this during the last meeting because she had already had her. Her meetings. Regardless, I want. We're, you know, they're doing the work and all, but if we've got a contract for more, they're going to need to do the work as well.

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All right? And then, Sharon, I saw your note in chat, and so we can talk offline about nava. I know those folks. And as long as we can figure out, you know, and guarantee that they get paid and figure out for that, how they can meet the scope of work. I'm 100% behind that, so be good.

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We're good.

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All right.

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Thank you.

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I look forward to talking to you, Luis. Yeah.

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So I just want to clarify, so if. So, the sub regional table leads cannot do their own events. They have to be through one of the affinity hub leads.

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Paul, can you clarify that for. For the group, please?

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Yeah, I was under the impression through some of the LADC conversations that was the case, but, yeah, that's not typically something that we've been handling. We're only on the fiscal side, so I don't know if Chioma or somebody on the team can answer that, provide some clarity there.

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Andrea, you're next up. I'm assuming that you can help provide clarity on this one.

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Yes, they. When were talking about it, the aim was that they could host their own meetings, especially giving the constraints that most of the affinity hub meetings are during business hours. And so the ideal was for them to also be able to bring folk to the affinity hub meetings. But, yes, there was always the ability for them to host their own meetings. And I just want to make sure.

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If we host our own meetings, I just want to host it. If we host our meetings, our folks still get paid, and if they don't attend the affinity hub.

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That wasn't.

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Yeah, I didn't think that was either or.

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Well, and, Louise, that question is important for me, for business employers, because my calendar over the next week has me out of the office tomorrow and two days out of next week, actually, three days out of next week. So it's going to be impossible for me to meet the deadline. However, that said, there is opportunity for me to provide information that's going to help them. Right. And pretty much set them up. I can give them everything they need as long as. As you said, they get paid and they can get their gift cards and all that other good stuff can happen, and then when they submit their stuff, they're in compliance. So great discussion, great discourse. Let's move forward and try to make it happen so that we get, you know, a full picture. Right. We want to get all this money distributed.

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So, Andrea, I'm assuming you've already. Your hand is still up. I'm going to go to Benny.

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Just want to clarify that we had asked staff at our last meeting to produce materials for the sub regional tables, to do presentations for the question that Luis just asked, because affinity hubs are already. That some of them are already past meeting four or five. And so that was asked, and I don't know if that was ever produced, so that, Luis, in this case, you could run your own meeting with your affinity subregional group.

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So the search team would have to answer that.

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Yes, go ahead, chimpanzee.

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I was going to say there's a sub regional table lead folder, just like there's an affinity hub lead folder. And the sub regional table lead folder has a deck created by our capacity vendor to help the sub regionals understand surf and to share that information. The initial purpose, though, was for them to introduce California jobs first, formerly served to their participants. But they have a deck that talks about serving jobs first in their deck. It's in all of the sub regional table leads folder. They have their survey. They have all the resources that we've provided in their folder.

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What folder is it in?

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It's your sub regional table lead folder.

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No, I know there's three folders within that. Which of the three is it in?

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One of them. I don't know. It's, I think, the one called resources, I think. But it's in the folder. Yeah, I know there's a couple links in the link.

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Big guess what I've done in the past, Louise? I just clicked on all three till I found what I wanted.

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Can someone just post a link of the presentation that you're referring to in the chat?

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It's in the resources folder, and it's called Stl information deck.

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Okay. Can you put the link in the chat, Armon?

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Yeah.

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Hey, folks, just to let you know, we're halfway through. Actually, we're less than halfway through, and we're not going to complete the agenda unless we begin to move on. But I'm okay with going beyond the time. I got the time. I'm just warning you all that we probably want to wrap this up. And if there are a few other short questions and short answers, we can get to the agenda. If we. If we need to come back to this, that is great. Otherwise, we're going to run over time. So. And I'm going to stay until we're done. Okay? So. All right. Any other questions? Okay. All right, thank you. Table partner leads, gentlemen.

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All righty. Table partner leads. Okay, so as you all are aware, we have eight table partner leads. We have one that is category that. We're still awaiting approval. Transportation logistics. But we have here coalition for responsible community development, also known as CRCDD, will be the table partner lead for construction. We have Larta Institute, bioscience unite La Clean Renewable energy. We have white Memorial Medical center, charitable foundation healthcare. We have plenty of pie, video production and distribution. We have DTI for aerospace. And we have the sustainable community Development Corporation for financial strategies. We just again have transportation and logistics. We are awaiting approval for that category for an organization. But those will be our table partner leads.

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And yeah, we'll have an orientation for them, get them acclimated with their scope of work, get them contracted as soon as possible and move forward with these new table partner leads.

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Good. Any questions for Chioma? Very good.

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One question.

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One question. Benny?

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Yeah, Shima, thanks for the clarification. Are they going to do this work in the month of June?

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They will be working throughout phase one. They will be working, I believe, until August 30 or September 30.

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So the information together is supposed to help strengthen the proposal that we're submitting to the state, correct or no?

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Yes. Part of their scope of work. Yes. Is definitely to strengthen our regional plan, part two, which includes the strategies and projects for the region.

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Thank you.

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Can I, can I ask a quick question? Quick, I promise. Why would they not be.

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And raise your hand the next time.

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Oh, I'm sorry. I thought taking myself off mute was the same thing. Sorry. Why would they not. Because we're looking at these folks to give input on through the process and the programs. Why would they not be kept on through the process, like through the whole process? What was the thought process behind that? Sorry. Well, we want to keep them on for the duration of the planning phase. So. Yeah, maybe Benny would have to explain that, but it's not like the, maybe thinking like the sub regional, because the

sub regional, we needed their first part of their scope of work done by May 31. But the sub regionals will still be on because they'll be attending the geographic forums and still a part of the process.

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It's just, I think because we talk about the May 31 deadline, but that's really only for part of the sub regional table scope of work, not all of their scope of work. We need you all for all of the planning phase. Okay. Well, yeah, if we want the table partners to stay engaged through the implementation and the development, then I think we should probably try to make that clear to them also. Yeah, their scope of work, their timeline will be clear. Also to the other point, I think we need the information back, like the surveys from the sub region by May 31. I think some partners want to extend that, but we need that information to get these strategies developed. Oh, no, I understand that.

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Yeah, but not representing that, I guess I'm thinking that they should also be engaged through the development and the implementation stage, but. Okay. Yeah. Well, remember, all of these, the affinity hub leads, subregional table lead, table partner leads, that's all planning phase contracts. I mean, these are all planning phase activities. And so the planning phase ends September 30 of this year. Catalyst phase begins this month and goes on to November of 2026. Implementation phase, which is really solicitations coming from EDD, from the state. I'm sorry. Implementation phase. Those solicitations will come directly from the state starting September. Okay.

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Thank you.

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Good. Okay. We good, Andrea? All right. Tony Simons, Europe.

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I think this is very relevant because, you know, what is the time period that we contracted for? And when I looked at the application, it said it was like, till the, let's be generous, the end of August. I think it was a much shorter timeframe. It's, you know, I appreciate that, Jermaine, saying we encourage everybody to stay on to the end of 2026, but these are. These are contracts much tighter on the table partners, and then to ask somebody to not stay an extra month, which might be very generous, but to ask them to stay years, I wondered. But also, Andrea, I wondered why were ending them at that period. So, I don't know. We can solve this at this meeting, but I do think this is worth looking.

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But I don't think it's fair to ask contractors to extend their work, you know, literally years past the end of the deadline.

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Unless they have funding.

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Yeah. So.

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Well, and if they do, then that should have been noted in the RFP, because there might have been potential applicants. That said, I won't apply because I don't want to do work that is only going to be around for two months. So, I mean, there's a whole disclosure issue there.

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Well, Tony, I was being facetious, but you're absolutely right. I mean, that's. You know, I don't mean to harp on something. I think were overfunded, period. I mean, this is case after case, where we probably need more effort and. But anyway, I'm not gonna go down that rabbit hole, Sharon.

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Well, I think we're on the right point, Tony. I'm gonna piggyback and say, you know, we have. And Jermaine, just put a comment in the chat this. The planning phase budget only covers the stated activities through the end of the planning phase. It is a hard stop. The catalyst fund offerings would have to be offered up in a new way to new contractors to new everyone. Based on the scope of work and the duties outlined in catalyst, I have made a number of issues and brought forward that the five seated positions representing industry in our catalyst fund looked suspiciously similar to what were doing in table partners. But again, a different piece of funding, a different set of criteria, and a new RFP process would be appropriate, as the state will do when it comes to implementation.

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So I wanted to just echo the hard stop is because of the phase is over and the funding for that phase concludes. And so if there are to be new applications or a new desire to take on additional roles under the new phases, I think in all fairness that has to be revisited. Thanks.

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Thank you, Sharon. Unless there are any other questions. Is there a response to Sharon's comments? Chairma? If there are none, we're going to move to the next agenda item.

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Comments from me.

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Thank you.

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Okay, thank you. So, Affinity hub, leaning Armon.

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Thank you, everybody. Yes, I'll be giving the update on the Affinity hub leads. So as we wrap up these

convenings, we have about a week left, and I know we have a few more affinity hub leads on the fifth one, and I think maybe even a couple of them. Finished. I just did want to emphasize a few things. Of course, we have the facilitator, which was mentioned earlier, that they're available. So if you want to engage with facilitator, please reach out to our team, or maybe Monisa herself. I think the thing I wanted to just quickly bring up was the templated summaries.

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Yeah, as the templated summaries, this is very important, and I think that all of our Affinity hub leads should really see it as an opportunity to engage there within their thematic area where they've been working in, and they can use that engagement to then influence strategies that go into the regional plan, which is a ten year plan. If we go to the next slide, we have these templated summaries that we ask for, the basic information, date and time, etcetera. But then you have a couple questions on each one of these summaries that come along with each convening, where you are able to really give your input and your community's input on what sort of strategies you want to see how these strategies can address your demographic group or your thematic area.

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And so I just think it's very important that people try to get very thoughtful answers and try to have discussions which can contribute to the strategies within their thematic areas. So please see it as an opportunity for you to have some sort of lasting change on strategy in La. County. And of course we're going to be, we know we're going to receive all these by the 31st of this month and then begin summarizing them and just try to synthesize them and find alignment with their strategies and ways. We can address the multiple thematic areas and spas.

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Thank you. Thank you Armand. Any questions for Armand? Comments? Okay, thank you. Hearing that, let's go to the steering committee. Project proposals. Charles, hold it. Before you start, Charles.

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Benny, sorry, mister chair, it looks like we don't have a lot of time, so maybe we'll need to move this. We have and I just beginning of the agenda, so I apologize if I'm out of line here, but we have talked about having the space to discuss the development potentially of some sort of subcommittee to look at all this information that's being collected. There is just a lot of information, some of it is disjointed, some of it is connected, and we want to make sure that we are synthesizing the information in the best way to position our work going forward. So we did talk a little bit about this at our last meeting. Mister chair, I know you were not on the call, but we did want to find a way to put this on the agenda.

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Maybe if it's not on the agenda for today, then maybe we could talk about it for the next meeting.

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Okay, and so let me capture that again. A subcommittee to capture and synthesize, or you want to work in conjunction with Armon?

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Yes sir. There was several people that were interested last meeting to find a way to connect and work on this, because the information has to make some sense in the way it's got to be organized. I know every affinity hub lead has different set of partners at the table. I can tell you that from the grassroots table that we've held, the information has been really challenging in terms of taking data and dissecting it in a 90 minutes session and producing information that is going to lead to some sort of proposal or project. So I just wanted to put that out there. That is something that we wanted to figure out. How do we work with the team to figure out how to use this data in the best way possible.

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Got it. So Armand, I'm sure you wouldn't object to help.

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No, no, definitely not. Yeah, I mean, also, Benny, if at any time you want to discuss the data, I think I reached out to you last week, so if you want to discuss it and see if we could try to make it more digestible, please let me know.

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So my recommendation is, Armand, why don't you and Benny get together offline? Rather than wait for two weeks and lose that traction, let's keep the momentum. You guys get together and figure out a way that makes sense. If we need to put it on the agenda, great. But maybe we can get something done before that since Armand is receptive to help and there are subject matter experts and bright people amongst us who are willing to give them that help.

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So definitely. Thank you.

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Does that make sense, Benny?

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Totally. Thank you, mister chair. Thank you.

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All right, cool. All right, moving forward, so let's go with the steering committee projects proposals. Charles?

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Thank you, mister chair. So it seems to be a lot of confusion about implementation versus catalyst. And I kind of want to give, like, a little bit of brief history on, like, how catalyst started, because even on this call earlier, were talking, hearing a lot of people talk about, you know, funding for catalysts, and it wasn't in the original proposal. But keep in mind that catalyst was introduced down the road. The program was California jobs first serve at that point was supposed to end September of 2024. Catalyst was introduced

later on, which extended everything into 2026. And the reason was for that was because that pilot project program that the state had prior to, I believe most of the surf team was here. They had \$50 million. That was \$50 million in grants going out to state of California for pilot projects.

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And out of that 50 million, only 39 million was greenlit. Because, as the state said, a lot of those applications, they just weren't ready. And so Catalyst was supposed to be essentially to help support a lot of organizations who will be applying for implementation dollars. So there's kind of like a little bit of history there I wanted to give, but what I've noticed that the catalyst versus implementation, I've been using this example, and it seems to be resonating with people. And this is a way that the region can think about catalyst versus implementation. You can come up with your own way, but this is a way that has been working so far.

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If you start with implementation, originally, the CERF was supposed to have two to five strategic projects, and those projects are collaborative, something that's really two to five projects that are really going to strengthen the region. So if we start with implementation and think about, let's say our goal in LA was to build one airplane. That's what our goal is. That's our implementation project. Stella's organization may supply the seats for that airplane. Kevin's organization may supply the windows, Andrea's organization may supply the engine. And labor may supply the labor to actually assemble that plane. Now, however, let's say Stella, if she's doing the seats, she is committed to doing that, but she still needs resources in order to supply those seats for this plane. That's going to help. Help LA.

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This is where catalysts can come in, where essentially she can say, you know, hey, you know, this is what we're planning on doing. This is what the region is doing. We're building this plane. And I think that my seats, you know, can help. So she can apply for these catalyst dollars in order to essentially add to the supply chain. So this is just a way that I'm thinking of, like catalyst versus implementation. You can come up with your own, you know, example. But I just want Los Angeles county to start thinking about two things. One major type of infrastructure, that doesn't have to be infrastructure, but that seems to be working well in other regions. And I can give examples of those later on, but infrastructure projects, that's really going to strengthen the region.

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And then how does the organizations, how does the individuals within LA county integrate into that infrastructure project? So I'm hoping that, you know, that kind of provides some type of picture of how the difference between implementation and catalyst, but also how you as individual organizations can fit into the overall picture. Chioma, were you talking about this, the steering committee for, like, project selection? I mean, sorry, no. Selection. Submission and submission and selection?

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Yes.

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Okay. I'm going to turn it over to Chioma right now.

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Yes. So to add to what Charles is saying, to answer Benny on the conversation from the last meeting. Sorry, excuse me. Yes, so last meeting, we mentioned forming a subcommittee, and so this is a little bit more of the subcommittee scope of work on what it can be. It would also be more than this. I don't know if there was enough space, but this is some of what to do. So to answer Benny's question and some of the other partners questions, we have a lot of information. We have all this data from surveys, from our research vendors. We have all of these pieces. We have reports from the La county region, from different government entities, transportation entities. We have all this information that needs to go into this regional plan.

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Part two, along with the vision, the goals, the outcomes, the strategies for our region, all needs to go into the regional plan Part 2, August 30. And so we would like to have a subcommittee formed. We need a subcommittee formed. We have our research analyst, Armon, who will be working on synthesizing all of this information, and we want to share all this information out. And so this subcommittee will be very helpful in this process in reviewing the information, helping to get to projects. But before we get to the projects, there's a few steps, right. We have the goals, visions, and strategies for our region that need to be fully developed, and then we have the readiness of the projects. We have the project proposed criteria guidelines that the state has given, provided each region. Now, each region has to expand on that.

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Specifically, what criteria, what readiness thresholds for projects does each region want to create? All of those things need to be done. There are certain things that need to be done before August 30 as it relates to the regional plan. But then catalyst technically begins this month, and so we have all of these things combined. But this subcommittee would be a good way for us to help synthesize this information so that it is clear for the larger HRTC or California jobs. First, La county collaborative to understand what we have here. And some of the scope of work would include reviewing the regional strategy, adding to the regional readiness guidelines, adding to the regional proposed criteria. We have all of those. Many of you also attended the state's workshops on those proposed criteria.

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So I know some of you have a clear understanding or somewhat of what the criteria is. But also, how can La county add to that? There might be specific thresholds that we need to implement for projects that will be here coming out of La county. And so this subcommittee, we say selection committee, but really it's strategy readiness criteria projects. So we'll come up with another cohesive name, but this subcommittee would consist of nine elected partners, members from this steering committee, and then also you'll see here members who are not applying for projects. So that would be, when you say applying for projects, do you intend on applying for catalysts, implement or implementation funding funds or subcontracting or anything in that nature, being awarded funds from those projects.

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So anyone else who would not be doing that, we would like for you to submit your name and information to be a part of this newly formed subcommittee. Yeah. So, you know, we will work to get a form out to all of the steering committee members and those of you who are interested to please submit your information, and then you all will do the voting on who you would like to see be a part of that subcommittee. I see questions going up.

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I was going to lean in, but I think you covered it all.

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Okay. Yes.

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Okay.

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Tony Choma, I think you did a really excellent job of explaining all the different tasks that need to come up. My recommendation is that you split though your project Catalyst piece away from your part two of the regional plan. Part two of the regional plan has no requirement to include projects. So I don't know why we would want to push everyone to have selection criteria and be identifying implementation projects for part two of the plan. So that's just my suggestion. Have one subcommittee. It would also allow a greater group of people so you could have someone who might be helping with part two of the plan, which would be very distinct from the selection criteria, the selection process for pre development. It's actually quite an extensive bit of activity and you're totally right. The conflict of interest, it's excellent.

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You started with that, but it means that people that will not be applying for pre development dollars can get involved in the catalyst and a whole bunch of other people might want to be doing the part two. Just a suggestion.

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Tony, thank you on that, because personally we paid special attention to that as critical. And to your point, I think that is a prudent way to go. I think that as we move down this path, you know, assigning too much work to one group has not proven to be the smart move in terms of meeting timelines and getting quality work done. So it really comes down to getting those that are not applying for or receiving funds from any of these projects to step up. And if we work collaboratively, then we'll be able to work efficiently. Luis?

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Yeah. In order to avoid some of the problems we've encountered recently with some of these processes where we're getting slammed last minute trying to get things done, can I make a request that if you can just put it together, a timeline of what needs to happen when. So let's start with our deadline and work backwards. If you think that could be ready by the next meeting of the steering committee. Just not how

we're going to do it. Just here's what needs to happen. The dates, when, what, where, when to make sure that the monies are, can be, make sure we don't miss the opportunity to get this money because it's about 9 million that's available for this.

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So I want to make sure that, you know, we look at that and making sure that everybody's on board as to what the process needs to be.

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I think it would be really helpful requests. Luis. That's something I requested earlier.

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So, Chioma, we do have a timeline. We have a very detailed one. I think it's further in these slides and then the very last slide has the served phases timeline that we present at the end of each meeting. So I'll point out when we get.

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No, I'm asking specifically for a timeline for the catalyst funding projects. So nothing else, just that. So again, there's 9 million, at least that I think has been on. There's about 5 million, I think that.

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Was 14 million total for cat.

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But five of that's already been allocated for certain things. So there leaves about like 9 million that's left for projects for people to apply for. So I want to make sure what's the timeline for how that's going to. People are going to be submit requests. When are there those requests going to be uploaded on, submitted to the state and ultimately granted. So I want to kind of see that in my timeline back working backwards for what's the day London state has given us and everything we need to do on our end.

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Thank you. That would be helpful. We would like that too. We're waiting. We're waiting for the state final contract still. But yes, we, that will be, you.

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Could have the team take a stab at that by. And do you think it would be, it's reasonable to have the team take a share a draft of that timeline by next meeting or do you need do the.

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Well, right now we don't have anything finalized from, it'll come from our fiscal agent.

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They don't have enough information yet.

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Right?

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Yeah, it's something I asked for. Exactly what you're asking for, Louise. I asked for.

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But we still build out like, what's the problem? Then find internally our process, what time, what do we need to do? So I just don't want us to get, all of a sudden we're told, hey, we need to submit our requests by end of September. And all of a sudden it's like, when did this happen? So let's, to the extent we can build a lot of that out, I think we need to do that.

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I think that as soon as they get the information and trust me, I'm looking for it. Others are looking for it. But Chioma Charles, you know, Armand, you know, we're trusting that as soon as you get that information, then we presented at the next available steering committee meeting so that we all are cognizant of what this is going to look like and all the steering committee members and beyond who are interested in applying for these projects will be able to manage their time accordingly. Is that fair, folks?

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Sounds good.

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Okay. All right. Sharon?

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Yeah. My question involves, again, I was seeing Tony talking about separating catalysts from implementation and that the idea is to leverage other funds. And I know that's going to be a primary focus, especially given our budget deficits. But I am asking the question on this project planning. Can we, are we looking at a separate selection committee for catalysts aside from implementation? Because I can envision projects coming before us for consideration of catalyst funding that will leverage third, outside funds separate from implementation. So I'm not sure I'm under. I think what I heard is you guys are linking them together. It's like you want a project to be funded by catalysts, and that's a lead to implementation funding, where there could be funds, projects funded by catalysts that will leverage other funds, federal or otherwise, in order for implemented that could still benefit the region.

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Again, would have to come through surf to even get the catalyst. So is there a way to break this up, or is that what I heard Tony propose?

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I think Tony was. Tony can clarify, but what I was hearing from Tony was separating, like a strategy

regional plan, phase two committee from a projects committee. And now, Sharon, you're suggesting separating catalyst projects from implementation projects.

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They don't have to be both.

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Okay. Okay. So that's interesting. Yeah, it can go a couple of ways. So there is the strategy and recommendations that need to go in the regional plan, part two. Catalyst is unique in that the region decides the entire process, basically the application process, you know, again, adding those readiness guidelines, the regional proposed criteria guidelines. So that's why catalysts will be a lot in the work that will be done for that, and then you have implementation, which is recommendations, because those solicitations come directly from EDD.

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Right.

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So it's recommendations from the region.

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Right. So as our steering committee focused on the catalyst process and not the recommendation process for implementation, that's kind of what I'm really getting at.

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Okay. Yeah. Well, so I'm thinking about timeline. The latest I heard this week from the state is how implementation phase will begin, I believe September of this year. Right. That's when it will start. And so those recommendations for implementation we would need to have ready by September.

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So they're going to start.

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The solicitation.

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Solicitation starts the sfps. So while we're thinking this through, folks, think about how many people are available. Are they willing? And again, breaking these things out into different subcommittees is a good idea in the sense that you don't want to overburden any defined group where there's a lot of stuff getting done. People miss meetings, deadlines get missed. Going back to what Luis said. So if everyone that is not applying steps up, we'll be able to do it in a way that's logical and allows us efficiency without sacrificing accuracy. So that's what we got to figure out. And that means that, you know, people that aren't here need to be here, need to step up, that are part of the steering committee and commit to this work. And that's the only way it's going to work.

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If we're going to break it out, if we don't break it out, then you're going to overburden and burn out the group that's doing all the work that might have jobs that they have to deal with, competing for their time. So in my mind, in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and speed, to the extent that it's possible, it makes. It needs to make sense that we. That we have, you know, multiple committees, but not too many, but multiple committees assigned to specific work, and then we can get it done. So. And the state's going to be watching, obviously, and, you know, let's create some new records and memories, and we can do that. It might mean even dedicating a large portion of our next steering committee meeting just to this discussion.

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And between now and then, those of you that can comment today, why don't you submit your ideas on how you see this work? Because we got a lot of smart people here, so let's use this intelligence in this capital, put it to use, and tell us how you think things would flow, because, you know, together we're stronger. And so think about all those things I just mentioned, and then submit your ideas. They're needed. Okay. All right, let's. So if there's nothing else to talk about here, I think we covered everything. We only got six minutes to finish out the agenda. So, Charles, you want to handle geographic planning and environmental justice, please?

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Yeah, sure, mister chair. So, recapping on last year and committee meeting, we talked about the geographic and planning events. Initially, it was proposed that each spa would have two different events, and I can't remember the particulars before the. Before the research and then after research. But regardless, it total 18 different events, plus a separate event for environmental justice. And the total for those amounts, about \$165,000. Being that we're dealing with the tight timeline, we're proposing that you guys consider collapsing those 19 different events into essentially five different events, but one in each supervisorial district. And so that would come out to about \$33,000 for. Per event. Per district. Now, of course, that would actually. Before. Well, of course we do that.

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Then there will be another issue of, do we have one organization handle all five events or just have one organization within each of the districts to handle their respective districts? Regardless, the first things first is seeing if the steering committee is okay with collapsing those 19 different events into those five different events. So we've prepared a poll. Actually, before we do that, I guess we want to make sure that we have questions, and then we can talk about the poll.

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Any questions for Charles on this, Sharon?

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Yeah, I have a question on the environmental. The environmental was created to be able to have some subject matter expertise delivered to the entire community, stakeholders, and membership, an understanding of our environmental and sustainability landscape. And so the question is, are you trying to

roll that into each separate, make that a part, because it was a contract to deliver that? Are you proposing to use that and put that in, break that message into each of the five and roll it in. Are you trying to do the environmental as a wide. That's kind of as one region wide dialogue?

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It's the former. Combining the geographic and ethnic planning event with environmental justice in each spot, all in one event.

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Okay.

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Delivered by. Okay, got as one event.

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Correct.

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Do we have a. Do we have the community, the environmental community asset mapping that is necessary to drive that dialogue, because that's the piece where. What are the environmental sustainability assets in each of the areas? What. You know, that's kind of the dialogue. We know where the opportunities are because that was in the research report. But the asset mapping of what is there is kind of where the expertise is. Is that something that we already have that came out of our. Our research dollars?

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I don't recall that. It's a good question. I don't recall that being defined in anything that I've seen. And so the expertise, I'm assuming, will be an individual. And if that's the case, then that would have to come out of that 30k or, you know, some combining of that. Out of that 134, 165, I guess in this case. So, being that it hasn't been defined, I think that the step, obviously, in any. In any situation is defining the scope of work. So, Sharon needs to be worked out.

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Sorry. So, Sharon, great suggestion. First of all, if you look at the mapping, there could be multiple issues, and they probably need to be defined by what kind of issues are they? So I'll just. Just point out a couple examples. Right. If you look at parts of South La, if you look at the Sentinel oil fields between La Brea and La Cienega, and the impact that it's having. Right. And what's being done about it. If you look at that oil gas, that gas leak in the eastern part of the county with SoCal gas, if you look at the effects of mining, industrial mining and the other impacts and landfill in Antelope Valley. I mean, it goes on and on. If you look at emissions in certain highly densely populated parts of La county. So there's multiple kinds.

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And it could, that could be very interesting. I think this whole process could point some of that out and then the workforce planning opportunities to eradicate that. So this could be pretty interesting and cover a lot of things. But if there's no more discussion, just to move on, work a minute to finish.

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In fact, I had my hand up.

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Hi, Penn, I'm just coming at you. I'm not going to forget you. Please go ahead.

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I thought you were moving to the next topic, so.

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No, no, we're going to get through all of this.

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Okay.

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I'm not going to leave anybody behind.

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Yeah. So I guess, I mean, I'm kind of confused by the 33 count and then this geographic and ethnic planning event. And again, excuse me if I'm not catching the details, but if you're rolling everything into, like, what was it, five or six, whatever it was, I'm concerned that you're going to be leaving if it's ethnic, just even the asian community, there's so many groups, and if you're lumping, the universal approach doesn't really reach the underserved communities. So am I understanding that correctly or am I barking up a wrong tree here?

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I think, first of all, your feedback is always welcome and respected. And it needs to be considered, I think, as being. It's not necessarily each supervisorial district. Right. There are five supervisorial districts, so that's what they're broken up. But Charles, I'll let you answer the other questions.

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Oh, no, I really don't have a specific answer. I just want to make sure that I understand a question properly. Are you saying that the one event is not enough to address the issues of even just one ethnicity? Is that.

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Yeah, I guess what I, again, maybe I'm not understanding this correctly, but I just know I've been kind of waiting for the opportunity, particularly as an advocate for AAPI inclusion, that the universal approach really doesn't reach communities with high language barrier. And so without that intentionality, if they're all lumped into one big group, it doesn't help. And so I guess that's my question. And maybe I'm not understanding the details of this geographic planning and environmental justice event.

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Yeah, you have every right to feel that way. Hapen is, and I can't give much more clarity on the original intent of those two because I can only go by what I read in the SFP. But what I can tell you is that based on what you're saying, there would have been two events rather than just one just broken down into different spas. So it could have potentially been that maybe you got something ironed out in the first one, but the second one, you know, still may not have been enough, time enough, you know, in order to unpack with what you were, what your concern is. So regardless, I understand. And, you know, I think had there been better clarity on the original intent, it probably been easier to answer your question.

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So who makes the final call and how do we vote? Yeah, if we're voting today, it seems like it's 230, so I don't think we're gonna. Right vote today.

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Well, I think we're looking for adoption of. Well, Charles, go ahead and answer your question.

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Yeah, 1st, first, I mean, the poll slash voting is really just to see if you guys are okay collapsing those 19 different events into those five different events and what happens within those. That's kind of along the lines of the scope of work, but that's you guys, the steering committee to really kind of, you know, iron that out.

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Hey, Penn, first of all, I also, I concur with Charles in the sense that no voice should be left out. You know, again, we're open to receiving recommendations if we don't agree on moving forward on this today. But I think that there's a timeline concern here. We don't want to sacrifice accuracy or intent or quality. The question is on the board is, let me stop here. Sharon, you put in a couple comments. Why don't you verbalize those comments for everybody to hear in case they're not checking chat.

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I love the ideas. I mean, I think it's a great pivot. Charles, given our time on the idea of being able to collapse what was supposed to be a pre geo hub to engage our overall communities, and then a post data geo hub, collapsing those is obviously under the timeline. A very smart move. And the idea of doing it around the supervisory line instead of the small line, I commend you on that. That's really a good option. You could separate the sessions to cover the geo discussion and then break into ethnic to address that need. There was a lot of discussion around ensuring that the ethnics had an opportunity to be heard as individual groups. That was a promise that we made to keep racial tension low in this whole planning process and design.

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So I think that could very well be accomplished in the five and just break out. So I applaud your work on that. I am a little concerned about trying to throw that environmental in there. And workforce planning was never part of the environmental justice dialogue. It was really around what are sustainable, what's

happening in each region and how do we map into that regional plan. So I'm concerned on how you're going to present the poll and if it's going to allow us the flexibility to address, you know, to have the geos and the ethnics turned into five supervisory events and then have, but, and then offer the environmental as an add on or something else. If we just, if the vote is just to collapse at all, I'm not so sure that we meet the independent objectives.

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So that's kind of why I wanted to chime in and figure out how did you structure the poll so that we have feedback.

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And I do have another comment afterwards.

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Go ahead.

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Well, so again, like, let's just say that we're trying to reach, like, the asian community, and if we did it for each supervisor district, I'm not so sure that will be, in terms of timeline and resources, like, the most effective for me. Like, if we're going to do the asian community, I would just like it for La county and then invite key stakeholders to be part of that conversation. Like I said, time and budget seems limited. And to have students divided into each of the five districts for at least a voice for the API community, it doesn't make so much sense. So I want to put that out there.

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Okay. So obviously what we're trying to do is reach consensus so that we put this poll out here and move forward. The only thing that I can think of right now, and Charles, you tell me what you think, or anyone else, is if we go forward as originally presented, and then those of you that have an alternate view or a better plan, we can have another box to check that. Unless there's something that you want to articulate right now, where we could actually move forward on this and shape it a little bit differently to make it more accurate, but to throw it all away is not something I think is wise and nor would I recommend. So are there any recommendations around how it could be done?

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A little, you know, maybe modify it to where the group feels we can reach consensus on this and move forward on the vote.

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Mister chair. Sorry, my hands not raised. But if the team can just pop the poll up, because we are, we did develop one for you guys, and maybe that'll help with your thinking caps. Maybe you'll be fine with what we.

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Have, but the vote won't take place today. It'll be sent out via email. But go ahead and pop it up.

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Do you want me to share the link or just bring up the poll on the screen?

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Whatever. Whatever makes sense to you.

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Just drop the wording in the chat. Whatever.

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Why don't we bring it up on the screen so they can see it that way, you know, it's easier.

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It disappeared.

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Yeah.

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Just once again.

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Okay, so this question really doesn't allow for room. It, you know, again, and I could see, like, if I got this poll without any context, I would put. I agree, but knowing the context in which, again, for the API community, it would make better sense for us, within the context of limited time and limited resources, to be able to do a, you know, district wide event.

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You're saying one event. Hey, Penn.

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Right.

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One event and invite everybody.

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Yeah, yeah. Versus being divided by each district, and then everyone is all thrown in there. And maybe I'm not understanding it correctly.

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Okay, well, I mean, you have your point of view. There are others, but I just want to make sure we captured it so your voice has been heard. Jeraine.

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I actually just had a question. The time this. These forms need to be completed by when? Charles, is this all aligned with everything else we're doing? This needs to be done by July 1, right, sir. Okay. Yeah. So if that's the case, if we do targeted outreach to make sure that we include as many people as humanly possible that are not only part of the current, you know, HRTC, but then additional folks, I don't know that we have another way to go with this because it sounds like we're out. We're running out of time. I mean, it's unfortunate. I think hindsight is 2020.

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I think when we put all this together, because I was part of the group, I think it sounded amazing when we put it on paper two years ago, but now we've just hit a wrench in the plan a little bit. So I think this is a compromise, a good compromise.

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So let me ask you this, Trebain. All right, real quick. And maybe there could be a third option, right? But what if we, at the end of the day, as long as it gets done within the timeline, so we could have, you know, a b, and then you have agree. You have disagree, or you could have two agrees, right? And if the other third one is there an issue with having a mega event and inviting everybody to that one mega event soon and getting it done with one mega event rather than five events? Charles, what is your gut feeling about that.

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My brain doesn't think that quickly, my friend.

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Well, I'm going to say this, that you might be able to get someone who is, has the capacity to do that one event and the space. Right. And get it done relatively quickly if it has to be done by the end of June.

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You just persuaded me. Yeah. I mean, for sake of, you know, sake of efficiency.

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Yeah.

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But, you know, to you, I can't remember how you said it. We don't want to, you know, we also don't want to sacrifice quality. So that's where my brain is going back.

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So. So what you do is give people, give the steering committee a choice. Right. We give them another choice. So think about that then. Sharon, your comments.

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Yeah, I'd like to see the environmental separated out, and I'd like an option to do that. I think I want to. I'd love the idea of us being able to consider helsting the regional, collapsing, and the hosting all of the geo and racial planning forums by region. And that's one option. I'd like the option to be able to vote, to have the environment and sustainability stand on its own. And again, Kelly, Leo Blanco did an amazing job in a very short time span of hosting regional town halls around in every market. And she got it done in two weeks. I mean, it was over 30 days. It was done. And again, we're doing that. The small business summits are happening the exact same way, and they're happening over a course of ten days. And so this is very possible with contractors.

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So I'd like enough option in the voting that allows us to do that. And it can be again that week of June 15 to June 20 or June 23 or whatever. We could do an environmental as one. And even in environmental, we could literally, with an expert, have every regional's environmental issues addressed in a panel format across each of the five districts and be able to come, you know, get it done. But there's expertise there that none of us will know about.

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If we collapse, I'm not sure how we. How we're going to. How can we capture the two options right within the context of what we already have and let. And that's what we need to think about. And then. Andrea, go ahead. You're up. Andrea, you're on mute.

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I'm coming off mute. See, can't do both. Raise my hand and come off mute. I was. The only thing that would concern me is the outreach, because planning the event is one thing, and being able to get the structure put together. But then also the outreach.

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That's outreach for what? For all three.

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Trying to do all the separate. Do them separate. That would. That would be my concern, is like, the outreach part, because you can plan the events and everything and get. Get the actual event set up, but then also allowing the time for doing outreach to the individual events and getting the communities engaged. That's a whole other level of.

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That's in a contract for. That's part of the duties of what we're paying our sub regional tables and affinity hubs for was to get those folks to. That's in both scopes, get them to those regional planning forms. That's. That's part of their deliverables.

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All right, so there is a difference, though, when.

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You're. Sorry.

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Yeah, let me. You'll be after Benny.

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No problem.

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No worries. Charles, you. You were next up. Oh, hey, Penn andrea, can you lower your hands so I can keep track of this, please? Thank you.

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Yeah, so I think because there was no clarity on what was to happen in those events, you know, obviously, I just. My brain is trying. Is connecting the dots. My question is not for anyone to answer, but maybe just to think about what is going to happen in an environmental justice convening that's not going to happen in the other one. My brain was connecting the dots. And I used this example earlier on, months ago about Alaska Airlines, where they talked about the health issues in south LA for the residents that live below that. That flight path. So we have ethnic plan. We're talking about ethnic issues and we're talking about environmental issues. So in my brain, at least having, you know, subject matter experts in environmental justice in these type of geographic and ethnic planning forms, it seems to be directly linked.

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But maybe I'm misreading, you know, how that could work. I don't know.

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So, thank you, Charles. So, listen, before we get off this, we need to come to have some options. Sharon put some options in the chat box. What I like you guys to do, LAEDC, is, you know, you got to give us. Give them some options. Right. I appreciate hatepants comments and her sensitivity around the AAPI community. So I appreciate Sharon's comments about breaking out environmental justice. So. And then Sharon says we should not be asked to vote over the holiday weekend. Okay. So, you know, that'll give you some more time, but, you know, will it give us enough time to get everything done? So, bottom line is the 72 hours holiday weekend, that can't be included. So that's in the next week. So I'm just going to leave it at that. Benny?

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Yeah. I'm going to recommend that we do five supervisorial area meetings where you discuss not only the environmental conditions of that supervisorial district and what the needs are, but also what these green jobs would look like and how they would begin to attack and change the environmental degradation. And that should also include a heavy engagement of everybody who lives in that super Missouri district. The super Missouri issues that are focused on the green economy look very different in south LA than they do in spa one than they do in spa six. I'm sorry, I'm trying out spa. Subrazuro district one, Superzero district

two, and five. I mean, the issues are different. And I think you need to have some sort of focus engagement of people. And if we already have some regional tables, they're supposed to engage folks.

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And I think those who advocate for specific communities, we need to figure out how to engage them as well. But I think you should have the meeting at the same place. I don't think we should need to have five geographic focused meetings on ethnic planning and then have a separate one on environmental justice. They are interconnected, in my opinion. And that is probably the biggest gap information that exists so far that I've seen. Seen is the relationship between the environmental conditions and the so called jobs that we're going to create. Thank you.

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Okay, so, Hae Penn, you're next. These are my thoughts. Right, folks? Each of you write your recommendation, recommended approach to this, and then you're going to have to. And then, I guess, you know, at the end of the day, we can write, put the options in and vote on, because clearly this isn't going. We're not going to be able to get this reach consensus on this model. So, the only thing I can think of is for you guys to submit how you think it should look, and we'll do our best to integrate your version of this and let people vote on what they think makes sense. Hey, Pam.

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So, first, where should we submit? And then again, second piece is that, you know, universal outreach does not work. And so I thought this whole ethnic planning space was to allow for that intentionality and programming slash outreach that would go hand in hand. And so if things are going to shift, then it feels that I've been misled so strongly advocate that option.

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So let me say this. I didn't lead anybody anywhere.

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No, not trying to do that.

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I know. I know.

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Okay.

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And people are going to probably say the same, but the whole idea about you putting in your thoughts is put that, you know, you put your thoughts in, put a little cover letter in there, and then, you know, and then we put it in and people are going to have a chance to vote on it. Right. Because otherwise, I don't see how we can get past this. All right, so, Charles, am I out base here, or does that make sense to you? Go ahead. Your hands up.

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Yeah. Thank you. I think I hear what you're saying, and that makes sense. The problem is, once every, let's say, everyone on this call and the entire stereotype community puts their thoughts down, then how do we move forward with a vote and then get essentially before next meeting? So is there a way to come up with a solution now where we can draft something right now just so we can send it out and get it voted on? It seems that there seems to be three different options.

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I told you, I stay here till the end. All right, so. And we don't have a quorum in terms of the steering committee to be able to vote, but we can do is we can get our. Try to capture our ideas right, so that we can have something to vote on. So clearly, we need to have hay pen option in place. We need to have Benny's option in place. We need to have Sharon's option in place. I know Tony had made some comments also. So is there a way that we could give. Put the choices in place right where the voices, everybody's voices are heard. Nobody's gonna be a hundred percent walking out of here. You're not gonna be hundred percent happy.

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How can we get 70, 80% of what you want to see this thing so that people have a chance to choose intelligently. All right. I think if we can do that, then. Okay, so all this is. Okay, so let's think about this for. For the next. We're gonna. What we'll do is, what I'd like you guys to do is put your. How you want to see this in chat. All right, those names I just called out. Okay. And then let's see if we can. Let's see if we can massage that. Let's see if we can, as they say, make some sausage out of this. Okay. And let's get. While they're doing that, let's get the research, updates, upkeep, upcoming meetings, and next steps so that we can at least get through the agenda.

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And then we come back to this and spend as much time as we need on it. I ain't going nowhere.

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Oh, I'm sorry. I was trying to raise my hand, but I couldn't find that.

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Okay. All right.

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Ariel, would it be okay if I, instead of them putting them on the chat and they either send it directly to me, their ideas? Because I'm probably going to be the one gathering those ideas.

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Okay.

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If they can send it to my email, I would appreciate that.

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Right now, you're talking about.

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Yeah, yeah.

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Okay. All right. All right. Okay. So, folks, let me start with. Hey, Penn, are you good with that?

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So, basically, send my.

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Option, your option to Ariel on how the choice to be voted on should look from your perspective.

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Okay.

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All right. That's okay. Benny, are you. Is that something you want to do or do you want to defer?

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Say that again, mister chair.

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So we're going to, each person have different ideas on how this vote selection should look. We got it like this, and we can't come to consensus. We got. We don't have enough people in here for quorum. So for the people that are here, we're leaders. They voted us in as leaders. Let's make some decisions based on how you think this should work out. And so there's choice one will be high pins. This choice two, that could be Benny's, this choice three, that could be Sharon's and anybody else that wants to step forward. And then we put those in there, and then we'll have choice four as it stands right now.

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So could you just clarify for choice four?

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Just.

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I mean, the as is.

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As is there. It is on the screen.

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Right. But basically, is that there's. I heard 33 events versus one event per five. So I'm confused as to what was. What is the 33 events?

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It was number 33.

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It was 1919. Different events.

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Okay, so 19. How is it broken into 19 events? I guess that's. I don't know what that 19 events means, so.

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Sure, Haben. It was initially, each spa would hold two events.

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Okay, so which would be the one for geographic and then one for ethnic? Is that what it means?

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Oh, that was never really clearly defined.

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That was defined. That was in the email. That was. That was the way it was supposed to be. And that was defined. And that was defined and voted.

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So, again, for clarity's sake, so there's five supervisor districts. So there will be, like, let's say supervisor solis, there will be one convening for geographic focus, and then one convening for ethnic, which would involve everyone. Black, Native American, Latino, and Asian would be all lumped into one under supervisor one district. Is that what I'm hearing?

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One event for all of it is one option. What I'm hearing from someone else is one event for geographic and ethnic, and then a separate event for environmental justice, is what I'm hearing. And then another from. I can't remember what it was. It was keep the five supervisorial districts. I think it was Benny's. Maybe he can explain it better.

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But mine was to have every super reservoir district have its own convening, and you target the specific populations and groups that you want to participate in that supervisorial district, and then you have the environmental conversation there as well. So instead of having 19 or having six meetings or having five meetings, and you target the specific people for each district that you think need to be there to advocate

on behalf of their communities, talk about the environment conditions of those communities, and how it relates and connects to the jobs piece. That was my proposal.

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So what I'm hearing you saying is, I'm just going to give an example. So let's just say is AAPI. We would get one gathering for AAPI that would focus on jobs and environmental justice. Is that what I'm hearing? And then you would have a separate one for Hispanic. That would focus.

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You'd have one meeting where everyone's there, and then you could have a breakout by affinity population, if you want to have one for AAPI discussion, one breakout for Latinos and Latinas, one breakout for black folks. You could do that all under each of those five supervisorial meetings is what I was recommending.

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I see.

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So, okay, it seems like that option gives you what you want.

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I was trying to address your concern, hyping, which is make sure we have AAPI advocacy, specifically inviting certain groups in those districts so that the voice of the AAPI community is represented and engaged in that supervisorial district. That's what I was recommending, because I want to address your concern. You see what I'm saying?

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I hear you. If I had a choice, I would rather do one countywide AAPI focus event that would do jobs and environmental justice as just one convening.

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So you can have that for AAPI, you have that for every ethnic group. So we're going back to getting closer to the ten or eleven or 19 meetings, is what you're saying. You'd rather have one. And then my only thing would be like, that's a big task because Latinos, for example, if I would look at Latinos, even black folks, the needs of Latinos and the Adderall Valley are very different than the ones in other parts of the district. I don't know. It'd be interesting to see how that would lead. But I think that would require a lot of different means.

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Yeah. So again for the AAPI community that would be the approach that I would like versus a universal event where then there's racial breakout groups. It's different, it's a different flavor. Different. Yeah. So that's something that I'm strongly advocating for.

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Well then put together your submission.

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Thank you.

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Okay, we need to move on. Everybody knows what they, what their options are. Benny, put yours forward. And if there is there anyone else besides Hae Penn and Benny, they're going to put alternative structures beyond what we see on the screen. All right, so, and Sharon, you need to do the same. Not in chat, send it by email please.

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I'm putting it in the chat so that it, so that when I get the email it come and we get the voting, it comes back with what's in the chat. So I just copied the chat. I will then send it by email.

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Oh cool. Cross reference. Got it. Checks and balances. I got it. Okay. Charles, you there?

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Yes, I'm here.

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All right. Are you okay with where we've landed?

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Yeah.

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All right.

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You guys are the steering committee, you know.

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Well hey, you know, I think that we've gotten, we worked through it and we're good, you know, because it wasn't gonna fly the way it is. So now we got something we can work with and that everybody's voice feels heard. So. All right, let's move to our next agenda item, research updates. Armand, by the way, can we get that close of business today for me?

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I'll send it.

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And then Sharon, to your point on the holiday, if it's 72 hours or whatever, that we send it out for the boat business days. That'll be Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

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Thank you for that mister chair. That holiday thing is always depleting our participation. Thank you.

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Got it. Okay, so everybody's concerns, legitimate concerns are addressed. All right, research updates. Armand, over to you.

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No Benny, you're going to be sending it over to audio. I was just putting in my email for any research questions.

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Thank you.

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Yeah, no problem. So yeah, I'll be really quick. Regional plan has been submitted to the state. You know please check it out. It's on the about page, I just linked it in the chat. If you have any questions please feel free to email me Arman dot googleadc.org or any just research questions in general, please send me an email. We currently have a couple surveys out of the sub regional table, lead surveys where we're in close to 600 responses at the 2700 and we've gotten a few responses from the general collaborative on their survey, which is a whole separate thing. And then the last thing I just wanted to share with everybody is the data and accountability tool. It's a neat tool that you can use. It's interactive and you can use it to find industry, occupation and wage data by spa.

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And we're trying to embed it into the website and hopefully we'll have that up by tomorrow. I'm going to share the tool in the chat right now. And thank you, everybody. Have a good weekend.

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Thank you, Armand. Hey, Penny, your hand is still up. I'm assuming that was from before.

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Yes. My bad.

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No worries. Thank you. Okay. Upcoming meetings, Ariel.

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Yeah, so our upcoming meetings right now we only have the next steering committee meeting, which is

Thursday, June 13. Meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of every month. And our next LaHRTC partners meeting is on June 14. And that's it for the upcoming meetings.

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Thank you.

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Okay, folks, let's go with Chioma. Next steps.

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All righty, let's wrap it up. Okay, so a few things. Affinity hub leads. Please update your tracker. I think everyone's updated. I think all the affinity hub leads have duplicated your tracker by now. Engage with your sub regionals. Gather the feedback. The feedback part is important. We do need your reports. All of the affinity hubbies who have not submitted your reports, please submit as soon as possible. Make sure you're recording, you know, send the information in if you have it recorded. It's easier to get the feedback in notes. And then also affinity hub leads. Oh, submit meeting summaries. Same thing. Yes. Catalyst work period. So the catalyst phase is. I think we already touched on this a little bit. It's set to begin this month. It will go on until November 2026.

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The state has not done like their kickoff that they did before when we began this planning phase, so we're awaiting any updates from the state on that. But as to Louise's earlier point, we will try to create a timeline of how everything should work in Catalyst as soon as we possibly can. It's just not yet. So please don't expect us to have the timeline for Catalyst specifically by the next meeting, but as early as we can, please, you all, please review the regional plan part one, the updated version that is on our website on our about page. Scroll to the bottom. And in that catalyst, I'm sorry. In the deliverables section, you'll see the updated version of the regional plan part one with the beautiful, colorful cover page.

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And then also as a reminder, always our regional plan part two is due August 30, and then going back a little bit to the subcommittees. Thank you for the suggestions that were given today. The team will go back with leadership and we will figure this out, get you out of Google form and get your names and who would like to be on these committees, but we will discuss this with leadership. Thank you. And then also please refer to you see the phases and objectives you see here. This shows the most up to date information that we have. Tony mentioned a couple of the implementation SFP. I'll get clarification on that.

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I believe the state said this week, though, that the draft SFP for public comment will be released after the final state budget is released, and then the final solicitation for implementation will come in September. But as always, we'll double check with the state and make sure those dates are as up to date as possible. But the other dates you have here on the chart. Yeah. So that's all I have.

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Thank you, Chioma. So that wraps up today's meeting. I want to let you all know that on May 31, I will

not be at the steering committee leadership meeting. My daughter is having. My youngest is having a baby shower, and I will be in New Orleans with family. So, Andrea, you're still on the call. Let you know you will be at the con.

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Yeah, I'll be there on the 31st.

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Okay, cool. All right. So I don't need to put out an email. You all heard it. Thank you all. Good meeting. Got a lot of stuff done today.

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Congratulations on that, Kevin.

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Thank you. Great job, Mr. Chair.

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Yeah, thank you. Bye. You all take care. Have a good weekend. All right.