

Regeneration/Regeneración

PÁJARO VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION

Our Vision:

We envision a community that has achieved climate justice so all people in the Pajaro Valley can live in harmony with the natural world.

Our Mission:

As the climate changes, we help our community adapt and flourish.

What We Do:

- advocate for a fair economy
- plan for a healthy ecosystem
- guide our community to a sustainable way of life

Worldwide, ecological destruction including climate change has resulted from the exploitation of human labor and the extraction of natural resources for the profit of very few people.

Climate change is a social justice issue because the people who've done the least to cause the problem are suffering first and most from its effects, which include droughts, floods, fires, sea level rise, stronger storms, heat waves, and melting of glaciers and permafrost. These effects are especially challenging for low income populations who have few resources to relocate, cover higher food costs and otherwise respond as needed to changing conditions and extreme weather events.

Regeneration aims to design local solutions from the perspective of people in the Pájaro Valley most vulnerable to climate change effects, such as farmworkers. Farmworkers are effected both personally and economically, by heat waves and pesticide use and by crop losses related to changing growing conditions.

Regeneration is a working group formed from a cross-section of our community - parents, students, farmworkers, educators, and business people.

2017 Plans:

Our first stage involves convening community conversations to gather input on climate change effects on our local population in order to develop culturally appropriate solutions. We will also establish an online presence.

Meanwhile, we will continue to keep our community notified about current news relating to the intersection of climate change and social justice issues via our e-news subscriber list and tabling at events in the community.

We will be launching three pilot projects later in 2017.

Some ideas we're considering include employer-sponsored transportation for farmworkers to fields, a community mural with a theme of ecology and resilience, and neighborhood events for families with hands-on activities and information about ways to reduce carbon emissions.

We believe our community has the potential to respond together and realize our shared vision of a just, thriving and resilient Pájaro Valley community.

Join Us!

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