



**Chihuahuan
Desert
Climate
Collaborative**
POWERED BY THE CITY OF EL PASO

The background of the top half of the page is a photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are various desert plants, including several cholla (Yucca elata) with their characteristic spiny, branching stems. The middle ground is filled with dense, low-lying desert shrubs and grasses. In the background, a range of rugged mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The entire image has a slightly muted, teal-tinted color palette.

Climate Engagement Series #1

Climate Action Plan Kick-off

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Purpose of Climate Engagement Series #1

Climate change affects all of us, but together, we can make a difference. The City of El Paso is creating the Climate Action Plan (CAP) to empower residents of El Paso and Hudspeth counties.

The purpose of this project is to actively engage the community in developing a comprehensive Climate Action Plan through accessible, informative and inclusive participation. The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative aims to provide multiple opportunities for involvement by offering five key touchpoints, each consisting of two open houses, for a total of ten in-person engagements. Additionally, we ensure flexibility for those unable to attend meetings by providing digital surveys and access to all materials shared. Our goal is to foster community input, allowing everyone to contribute to building a sustainable and resilient future for the region.

This report summarizes all engagement and promotion efforts completed as part of the Climate Action Plan Kick-Off --- Climate Engagement Series #1. Altogether, more than 600 people participated in the series open houses and completed the Climate Action Plan survey, providing the project team with insights into priorities and opinions of the community.

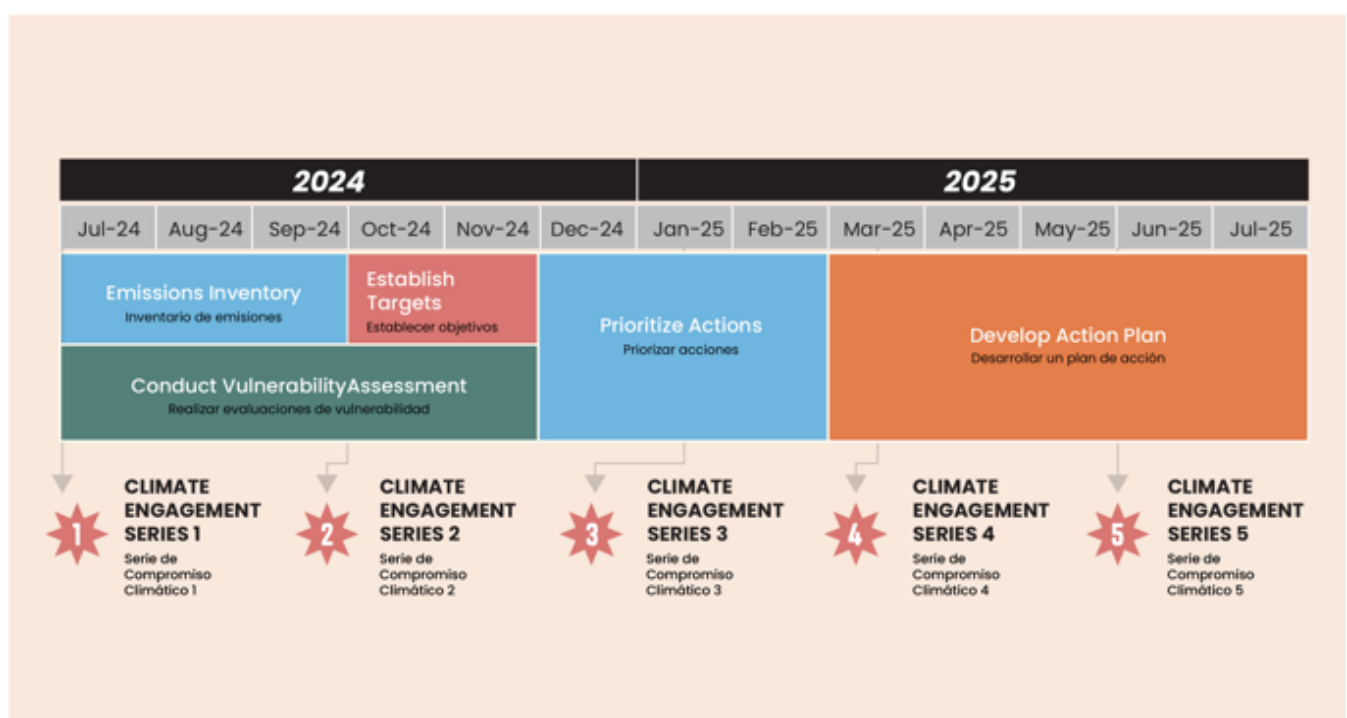


Figure 1 Project Timeline

Engagement Activities

Through this climate engagement series, the following engagement activities were completed:

1. Open House at Valle Bajo Recreation Center on **July 23rd, 2024**.
2. Open house at Patriot Place Apartments Clubhouse on **July 30th, 2024**.
3. Climate Action Plan Survey English open from **July 23rd, 2024 to September 1st, 2024**.
4. Climate Action Plan Survey Spanish open from **July 23rd, 2024 to September 1st, 2024**.
5. **13** number of community canvassings led by fellows.
6. **3** Leadership Steering Committee Meetings.
7. Women in Green Event on **August 1st, 2024**. Included **74 local attendees** from El Paso and over **200 statewide attendees** from El Paso, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and Austin.
8. Over **30 attendees** at the Agua Esperanza Project Bravo on **August 15th, 2024**.
9. El Paso Water and Climate Office Meeting with **seven attendees** on **August 13th, 2024**.
10. A total of **three meetings in a box**, informative sessions on **July 28th, and August 5th, 2024 totaling 21 participants**.

Promotion of Engagement Activities

To encourage inclusive participation, the Climate Engagement Series events were promoted by:

- Public Relations
 - o Climate Engagement Series Press Releases sent on **July 10th, 2024 and July 22, 2024** on the launch of the regions Climate Action Plan in El Paso and Hudspeth Counties and Climate Engagement Series Open Houses.
- Digital Marketing
 - o **Five e-newsletters** sent project listserv about Climate Engagement Series Open Houses, Open House reminders, Virtual Meeting for attendees unable to attend and Climate Action Plan survey totaling over **750 recipients**.
 - o **Social Media Marketing: 39 social media posts** including events for awareness of Climate Engagement Series Open Houses on **@EPClimate and @ElPasoTexasGov, and @iam_elpaso** social media platforms.
 - o **Paid Advertising on @EPClimate** promoting Climate Engagement Series Open Houses to El Paso and Hudspeth Counties.
 - o **Web Advertising:** Climate Engagement Series Open Houses promoted on EPClimate.org website.
- Public Engagement
 - o **13 door to door and community canvassing totaling 388 engagements** to promote the first and second climate engagement series open houses, the and invite attendees to participate in the Climate Action Plan online survey.
 - o **3 meetings in a box, informative sessions held totaling 21 participants** to inform the public about the CAP promotion of the second Climate Engagement Series Open House on July 30th, 2024 and to invite participants to take the Climate Action Plan Survey.

Outreach Materials



Outreach Material 1 - Promotional Flyers



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*Refreshments
will be available

**ATTEND OUR UPCOMING
CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT SERIES!**

Climate Open House #1
Valle Bajo Rec Center
7380 Alameda Ave., El Paso, Texas 79915
July 23, 2024
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Climate Open House #2
Patriot Place Apartments Clubhouse
9500 Kenworthy St, El Paso, Texas 79924
July 30, 2024
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Learn more at EPClimate.org



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**CLIMATE
ENGAGEMENT
SERIES**

CLIMATE OPEN HOUSE # 2

**Patriot Place
Apartments Clubhouse**
9500 Kenworthy St,
El Paso, Texas 79924
July 30, 2024
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



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**SERIE DE
COMPROMISO
CLIMÁTICO!**

JUNTA PÚBLICA SOBRE EL TEMA CLIMÁTICO #2

**Patriot Place
Apartments Clubhouse**
9500 Kenworthy St.,
El Paso, Texas 79924
30 de julio de 2024
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*HABRÁ REFRIGERIOS.

Outreach Material 2 - SM Promotions 1

Outcomes

The table below shows the total number of participants or survey responses from different engagement activities.

- It includes **54 attendees from Open House #1 at Valle Bajo Recreation Center,**
- **43 attendees from Open House #2 at Patriots Place Apartments Clubhouse,**
- and a combined **550 responses from the Climate Action Plan English and Spanish surveys.**
- Altogether, **647 people engaged with these activities.**

	Valle Bajo Open House #2	Patriot Place Open House #2	English Survey Responses	Spanish Survey Responses	Total
Total Attendees or Survey Responses	54	43	500	50	647

Table 1 - Number of Participants or Survey Responses



Figure 1.1 - Valle Bajo Rec Center,
Open House #1



Figure 1.2 - Valle Bajo Rec Center,
Open House #1



Figure 1.3 - Valle Bajo Rec Center,
Open House #1



Figure 1.4 - Patriot Place Apartments,
Open House #2



Figure 1.5 - Patriot Place Apartments,
Open House #2



Figure 1.6 - Patriot Place Apartments,
Open House #2

Collected Input

Question One: Which impacts of climate change are you most concerned about?

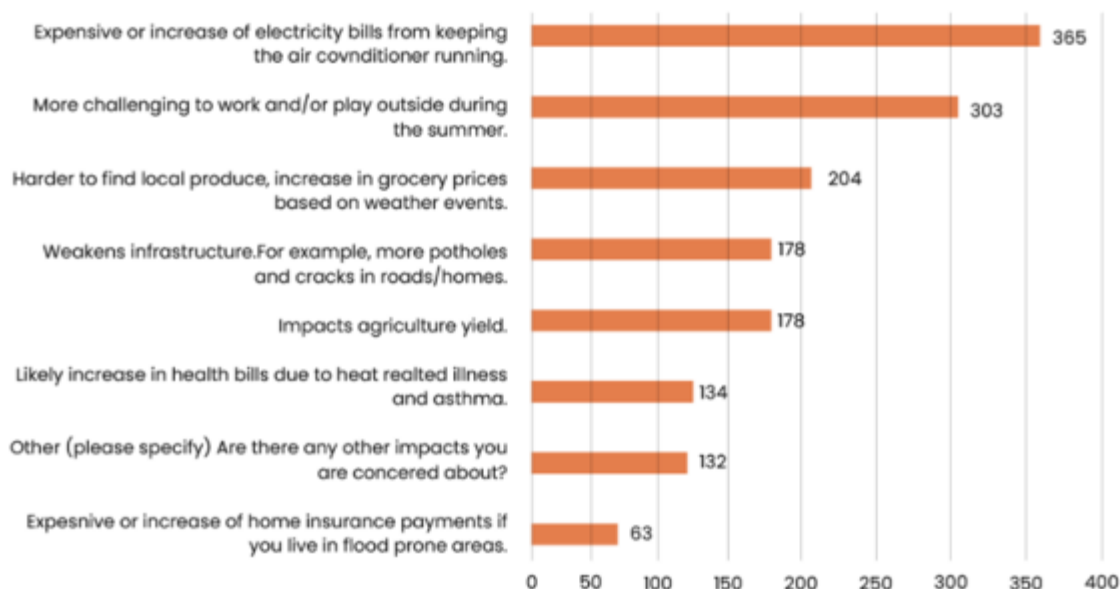


Table 2 - Climate Change Concerns Responses

People identified their most significant concern related to climate change impacts is the increased cost of electricity bills from running air conditioners, with **(365 responses)**. Other top concerns include difficulties working or playing outside during the summer **(303 responses)** and rising grocery prices due to weather events **(204 responses)**.

Other respondents (132) noted deep polarization in perspectives on climate change, with concerns ranging from fear of environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, and impacts on future generations, to skepticism about the validity of climate change and frustration over government spending and policies. Many express concerns over water scarcity, extreme weather events, and their effects on daily life, agriculture, and wildlife, while others view climate change as a natural phenomenon or a political agenda. This divide reflects both a desire for sustainable solutions and resistance to perceived overreach or financial burdens.

1 Question Two: Take the climate personality quiz! Which persona do you most identify with?

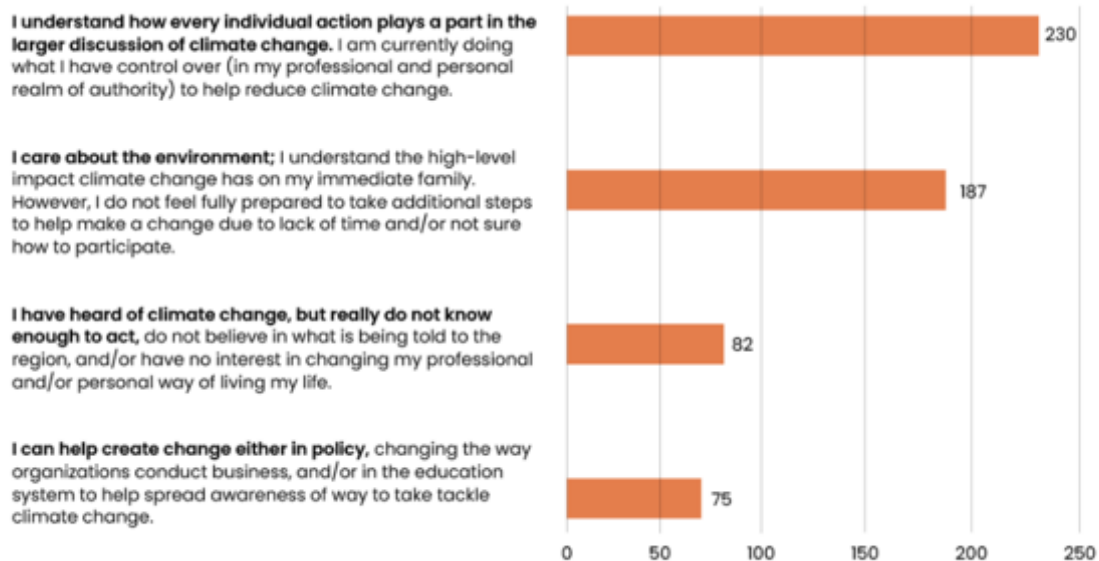


Table 3 - Climate Personality Quiz Responses

Responses reveal that the most common climate persona is those actively taking steps within their control to reduce climate change, with **(230) respondents** identifying with this role. The second most common persona includes individuals who care about the environment but feel unprepared or unsure how to take further action, with **187 respondents**. Fewer respondents see themselves as change agents in policy, education, or business **(75)** or express a lack of interest or belief in climate change **(82)**.

1 Question Three: Tell us more about yourself, of the profiles listed below which do you feel best represents you?

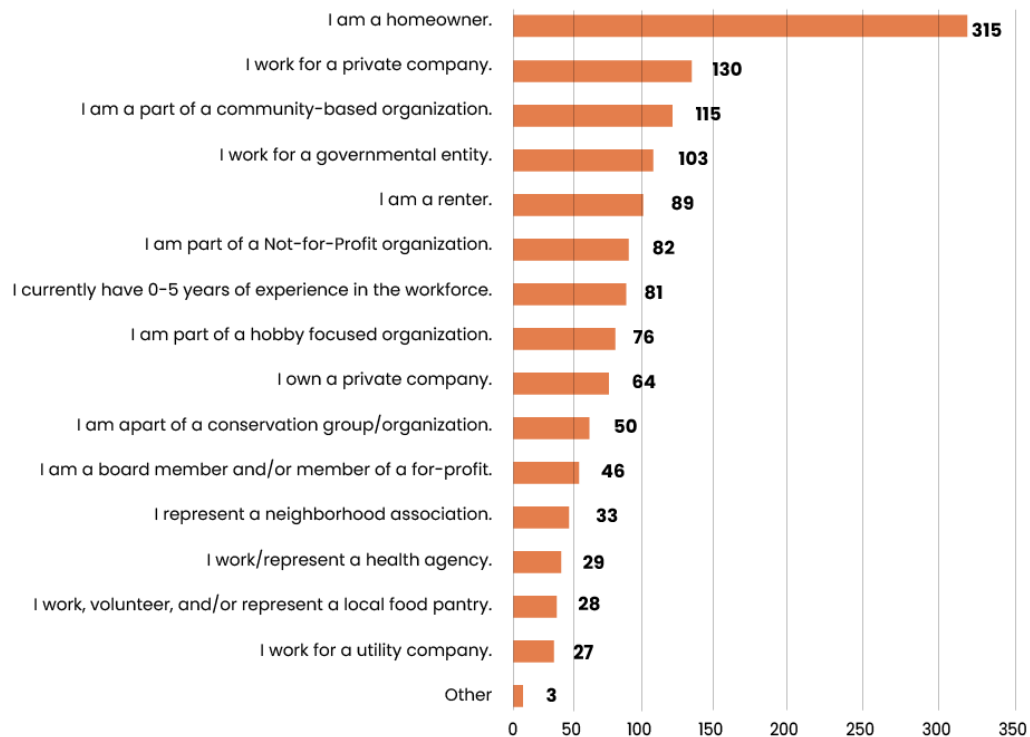


Table 4 - Which Profiles Represents You Responses

The respondents represent a diverse range of community roles, including those working for **private companies (130)**, **governmental entities (103)**, and **not-for-profit organizations (82)**. A significant portion identified as **homeowners (315)** and **renters (89)**, while others are involved in various community and hobby-focused groups, such as **neighborhood associations (33)** and **conservation organizations (50)**.

Additionally, some respondents specified **other roles (3)**. This suggests a diversity of professional roles within the community, with respondents identifying as a museum director, public health researcher, and retired, reflecting varied interests and affiliations.

1 Question Four: What areas should the climate action plan focus on?

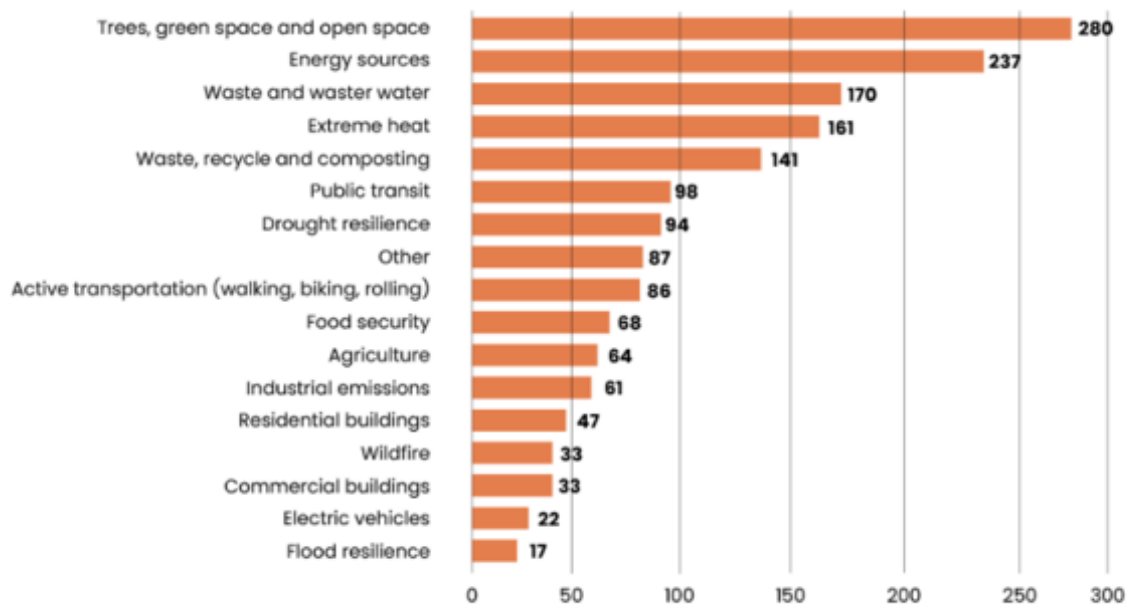


Table 5 - Climate Action Plan Focal Point Responses

The top areas of focus suggested for the climate action plan are **"Trees, greenspace and open space" (280)**, **"Energy sources" (237)**, and **"Water and wastewater" (170)**, indicating a strong preference for natural resource management and sustainable energy. Other priorities include addressing **"Extreme heat" (161)**, improving **"Waste, recycling, and composting" (141)**, and enhancing **"Public transit" (98)**. There is also moderate interest in areas such as **"Drought resilience" (94)** and **"Active transportation" (86)**, reflecting a broad concern for both environmental and community infrastructure resilience.

Some respondents specified **other areas of focus (87)** suggesting a broad range of perspectives on climate action, reflecting both support and opposition. Some emphasize the importance of environmental sustainability, advocating for solutions like renewable energy, water conservation, recycling programs, and ecosystem and biodiversity protection, while others express strong opposition to government involvement, citing concerns over taxes, bureaucracy, and the effectiveness of climate policies. This reveals a community divided on how, or even whether, climate initiatives should proceed, with suggestions ranging from localized environmental improvements to large-scale systemic changes and criticisms of current climate action efforts. Infrastructure improvements like the restoration of streets, potholes, sidewalks, street cleaning, a garbage disposal were also noted.

Question Five: What areas would you like to learn more about?

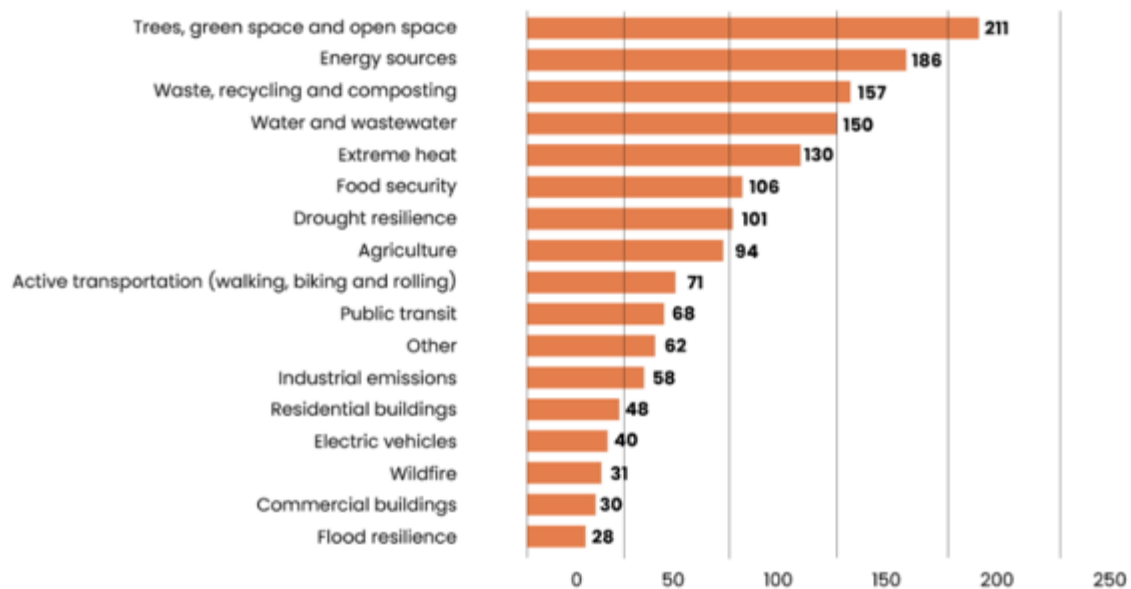


Table 6 - Desired Topics Responses

The most desired topics for further learning are **"Trees, greenspace and open space"** (211) and **"Energy sources"** (186), highlighting strong interest in sustainable land use and renewable energy. **"Water and wastewater"** (150) and **"Waste, recycling and composting"** (157) also rank highly, reflecting concerns about water management and waste reduction. Other areas of interest include **"Extreme heat"** (130) and **"Food security"** (106).

Respondents (62) specified different perspectives regarding climate change, with some respondents expressing skepticism or outright denial of its existence, while others are focused on practical actions and individual efforts to address environmental issues. Concerns range from distrust of government spending and climate initiatives to interest in topics like recycling, renewable energy, the circular economy and the role of local actions in mitigating climate impacts. This reflects a broad spectrum of opinions, from opposition to climate action policies to calls for more concrete solutions and education on sustainability including local infrastructure improvements like the restoration of streets, potholes, sidewalks were noted.

Next Steps

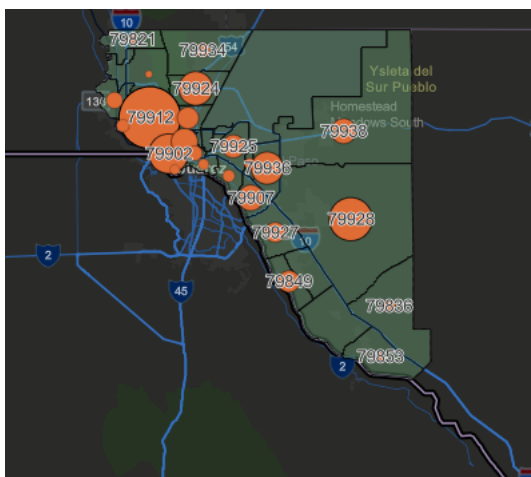
The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative looks to continue its efforts through a second round of open houses focusing on the region's greenhouse gas inventory and extreme weather events. Attendees and participants will discover climate challenges affecting our region, such as extreme heat, drought, wildfires and flooding. The discussion will also cover the sources of greenhouse gas emissions affecting our community and how they contribute to climate change.

Climate Engagement Series #2 through a series of open houses and surveys will look to gather community feedback on personal experiences with extreme weather conditions, such as heat, heavy rainfall, drought, wildfires, high winds, and cold freezes, which are projected to worsen in the future due to climate change. Additionally, this second of five community touchpoints aims to assess whether residents have noticed changes in these weather patterns over time and to understand how these events are affecting their daily lives. Lastly, it will seek to collect insights on the ways individuals and communities have adapted to these challenges, helping inform strategies for building resilience to future climate impacts within El Paso and Hudspeth Counties.

Zip Code Analysis of Participants

A comprehensive GIS tool has been developed with the help of the City of El Paso's IT Department to showcase the results and input gathered from the first round of community engagement.

The dashboard displays trends of where efforts should be focused for future community engagement, as well as participant roles and profiles. See results here: [CAP Survey \(dark\)](#)



Appendix A: Community Input

1 Community Input

The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative team gathered feedback from community members across El Paso and Hudspeth counties to identify areas of concern and impact and what the Regional Climate Action Plan should focus on. Community members, particularly residents of low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), were invited to two open houses at local community centers to celebrate the kick of the Climate Action Plan. In addition, the public was asked to provide their input through a bilingual survey.

1 Open Houses

The CDCC team collected feedback from the community during two open house events held on July 23, 2024, and July 30, 2024. The open houses took place at the Valle Bajo Recreation Center and the Patriot Place Apartments, located within identified LIDAC areas. The team provided a children's area with a "recyclable art" project table, and refreshments, and bilingual staff. Over 90 community members attended these open house-style events.

1 Open House Boards

Feedback was collected through community engagement activities. Attendees stuck stick dots and "post-it" note comments on activity boards in response to prepopulated questions. The information boards and feedback boards are included at the end of this section. Questions included:

- Why does the El Paso region need a climate action plan? (Dot exercise)
 - Which impacts of climate change are you most concerned about?
 - More challenging to work and/or play outside during the summer
 - Likely increase in health bills due to heat related illness and asthma
 - Increase or expensive electricity bills from keeping the air conditioner running
 - Increase or expensive home insurance payments if you live in flood prone areas
 - Impacts agriculture yield
 - Harder to find local produce and increase in grocery prices based on weather events
 - Weakens infrastructure. For example, more potholes and cracks in roads/homes
 - Other (please specify) Are there any other impacts you are concerned about?
- Of the four categories below, place a dot on one of the personas that best describes you today. (Dot exercise)
 - I have heard of climate change, but really do not know enough to take action, do not believe in what is being told to the region, and/or have no

interest in changing my professional and/or personal way of living my life.

- I care about the environment; I understand the high-level impact climate change has on my immediate family. However, I do not feel fully prepared to take additional steps to help make a change due to lack of time and/or not sure how to participate in making a difference.
 - I understand how everyone's individual actions play a part in larger discussions of climate change. I am currently doing what I have control over (in my professional and personal realm of authority) to help reduce climate change.
 - I am in a position to help create change either in policy, changing the way organizations conduct business, and/or in the education system to help spread awareness of ways to tackle climate change.
- Which profile best represents you and/or is the closest in representing you today? Please feel free to add profiles on a "post it" note and add in the open comment section below.
- I work for a private company.
 - I own a private company.
 - I work for a utility company.
 - I work/represent a health agency.
 - I work, volunteer, and/or represent a local food pantry.
 - I work for a government entity.
 - I am a part of a community-based organization.
 - I am a board member and/or member of a for-profit organization.
 - I currently have 0-5 years of experience in the workforce.
 - I represent a neighborhood association.
 - I am part of a hobby focused organization (running club, sports league etc.)
 - I am a homeowner.
 - I am apart of a not-for-profit organization.
 - I am apart of a conservation group/organization.
 - I am a renter.
 - Other (Use "post-it" to write in)
- What areas should the Climate Action Plan focus on? (Sticky note activity)
- Energy Sources
 - Active Transportation (walking, biking, and rolling)
 - Waste, Recycling and Composting
 - Agriculture
 - Flood Resilience
 - Residential Buildings
 - Electric Vehicles
 - Water and Wastewater
 - Food Security
 - Extreme Heat
 - Commercial Buildings

- Public Transit
- Industrial Emissions
- Drought Resilience
- Wildfire
- Tree, Greenspaces and Open Spaces
- Other (Use “post-it” to write in)
- What areas would you like to learn more about? (Sticky note activity)
 - Energy Sources
 - Active Transportation (walking, biking, and rolling)
 - Waste, Recycling and Composting
 - Agriculture
 - Flood Resilience
 - Residential Buildings
 - Electric Vehicles
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WELCOME TO THE EL PASO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

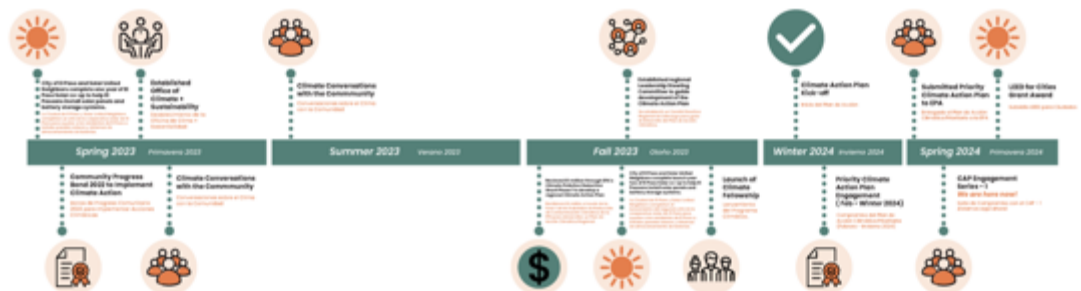
Bienvenidos al Plan de Acción Climática



Our Journey So Far... Nuestro Viaje Hasta Ahora...



Timeline Cronología



Success Stories Historias de Éxito



Who Is The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC)?

¿Quién es la Colaborativa Climática del Desierto Chihuahuense (CDCC por sus siglas en inglés)?



Meet the Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative Fellows

Conoce a los Representantes de la Colaborativa Climática del Desierto Chihuahuense

The climate fellowship was created by the City of El Paso's Office of Climate and Sustainability and launched in March 2024. It's made up of driven and talented young individuals from the region who live here and want to make a difference. There are 27 volunteers from across the region, who are broken into nine teams of three fellows each. These fellows are here to gain career experience and better position themselves to grow into full-time climate professionals.

Through this project, the fellows work with partner organizations such as Frontera Land Alliance, the El Paso Community Foundation, Eco El Paso, and various promotorio groups to help the engagement and education process of the Climate Action Plan.

Look for their badge and say hi!

El Programa Climático fue creado por la Oficina de Clima y Sostenibilidad de la Ciudad de El Paso y se lanzó en marzo de 2024.

Está compuesto por jóvenes motivados y talentosos de la región que viven aquí y quieren hacer una diferencia. Hay 27 voluntarios de toda la región, organizados en nueve equipos con tres representantes cada uno. Estos representantes están aquí para adquirir experiencia profesional y posicionarse mejor para convertirse en profesionales del clima a tiempo completo.

A través de este proyecto, trabajarán con organizaciones asociadas como Frontera Land Alliance, la Fundación Comunitaria de El Paso, Eco El Paso y varios grupos de promotorio para apoyar en el proceso de participación y educación del Plan de Acción Climática.

¡identifícale su gente y saludale!

WEST TEAM EQUIPO OESTE

North West (Including Warner & Anthony)



North East



Central



EAST TEAM EQUIPO ESTE

Mountain Valley



East, Far East, Horizon



Revere, San Elizario, Clark



Hudspeth County



The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC) comprises all key stakeholders in El Paso and Hudspeth counties! It includes 10 municipalities, 2 counties, 10 climate-designated places and unincorporated communities. It also includes nonprofits, academia and business partners.

La Colaborativa Climática del Desierto Chihuahuense (CDCC) tiene en cuenta a todos los partes interesadas en los condados de El Paso y Hudspeth! Incluye 10 municipios, 2 condados, 10 lugares designados por el clima y comunidades no incorporadas. También incluye socios de organizaciones sin fines de lucro, académicos y empresarios.

ONE REGION ALL UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF ONE STEERING COMMITTEE

UNA REGIÓN BAJO LA DIRECCIÓN DE UN SOLO COMITÉ DIRECTIVO



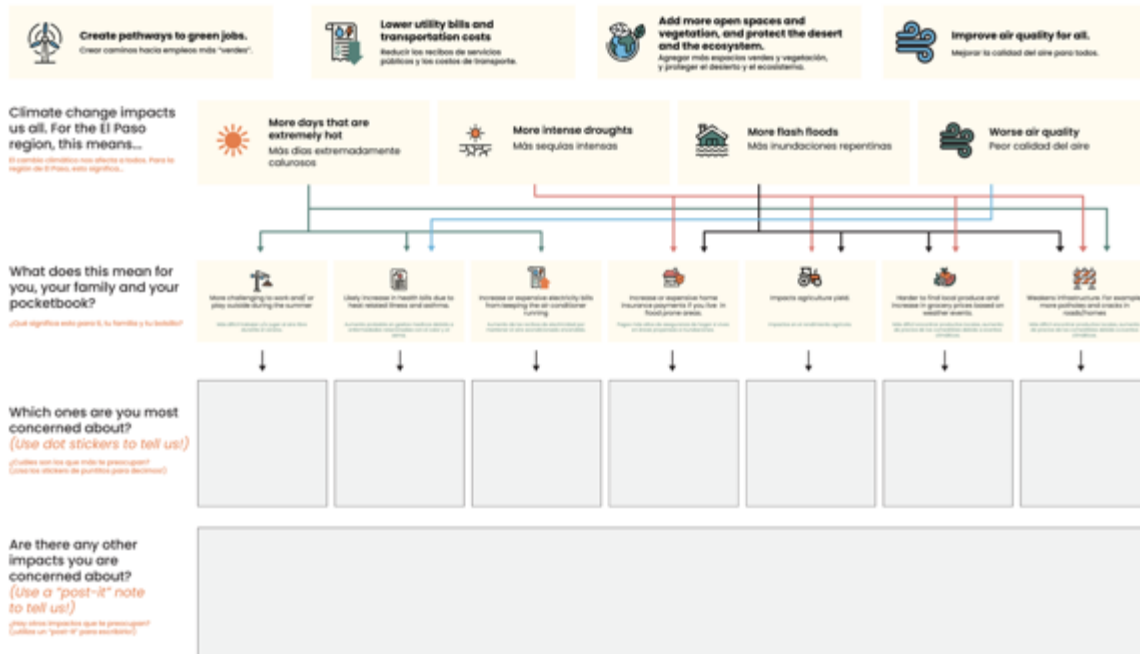
Why Does The El Paso Region Need A Climate Action Plan?

¿Por qué necesita la región de El Paso un Plan de Acción Climática?



How can this Climate Action Plan help our community?

¿Cómo puede ayudar este Plan de Acción Climática a nuestra comunidad?



Take The Climate Personality Quiz! ¡Toma el cuestionario de personalidad climática!



Step 1: Of the four categories below, place a dot on one of the personas that best describes you today.
Paso 1: De las cuatro categorías a continuación, coloca un punto en el perfil que mejor te describe hoy.

I have heard of climate change, but really do not know enough to take action, do not believe in what is being said to the region, and/or have no interest in changing my professional and/or personal way of living my life. He escuchado sobre el cambio climático, pero realmente no sé lo suficiente como para tomar acción, no creo en lo que se dice sobre la región, y/o no tengo interés en cambiar mi forma de vida profesional y/o personalmente.	I care about the environment, I understand the high-level impact climate change has on my immediate family, however, I do not feel fully prepared to take additional steps to help make a change due to lack of time and/or not sure how to participate in making a difference. Me preocupa por el medio ambiente, entiendo el impacto que tiene el cambio climático en mi familia inmediata. Sin embargo, no me siento completamente preparado/a para tomar pasos adicionales para ayudar a hacer un cambio debido a la falta de tiempo y/o porque no estoy seguro/a de cómo participar para hacer una diferencia.	I understand how everyone's individual actions play a part in the larger discussion of climate change. I am currently doing what I have control over (in my professional and personal realm of authority) to help reduce climate change. Entiendo cómo las acciones individuales de cada persona contribuyen a la discusión más amplia sobre el cambio climático. Actualmente estoy haciendo todo lo que está bajo mi control (en mi ámbito profesional y personal) para ayudar a reducir el cambio climático.	I am in a position to help create change either in policy, changing the way organizations conduct business, and/or in the education system to help spread awareness of ways to tackle climate change. Puedo ayudar a crear un cambio ya sea en políticas, cambiando la forma en que las organizaciones hacen o cómo sus negocios y/o en el sistema educativo para ayudar a difundir la conciencia sobre cómo abordar el cambio climático.
Place your dot Coloca tu punto	Place your dot Coloca tu punto	Place your dot Coloca tu punto	Place your dot Coloca tu punto

Step 2: Which profile best represents you and/or is the closest in representing you today? Please feel free to add profiles on a post it note and add in the open comment section below.

Paso 2: ¿Cuál perfil te representa mejor y/o es el más cercano en representarte actualmente? Agrega perfiles en una nota "post-it" y añadelo en la sección de comentarios abiertos a continuación.

I work for a private company. Trabajo para una empresa privada.	I own a private company. Soy dueño/a de una empresa privada.	I am a part of a community-based organization. Soy parte de una organización comunitaria.	I represent a neighborhood association. Represento a una asociación de vecinos.	I am apart of a not-for-profit organization. Soy parte de una organización sin fines de lucro.
I work for a utility company. Trabajo para una empresa de servicios públicos.	I work, volunteer, and/or represent a local food pantry. Trabajo, soy voluntario/a y/o represento a una despensa de alimentos local.	I am a board member and/or member of a for-profit organization. Soy miembro del consejo directivo y/o miembro de una organización con fines de lucro.	I am part of a hobby focused organization (running club, sports leagues, etc). Soy parte de una organización enfocada en un hobby (club de running, ligas deportivas, etc.).	I am apart of a conservation group/organization. Soy parte de un grupo/organización de conservación.
I work/represent a health agency. Trabajo/represento una agencia de salud.	I work for a governmental entity. Trabajo para una entidad gubernamental.	I currently have 0-5 years of experience in the workforce. Actualmente tengo de 0 a 5 años de experiencia en el mundo laboral.	I am a homeowner. Soy propietario/a de una casa.	I am a renter. Soy inquilino/a (rento una propiedad).
Other (Use "post-it" to write in) (Usa una nota "post-it" para escribirlo)				

What Areas Should The Climate Action Plan Focus On? ¿En qué áreas debería centrarse el Plan de Acción Climática?



Please help provide direction in actions you believe are high priority when it comes to addressing climate change. Select up to three topic areas you feel the project team should explore within the plan.

Por favor indica qué acciones consideradas de alta prioridad cuando se trata de abordar el cambio climático. Elige hasta tres áreas temáticas que creas que el equipo del proyecto debería explorar dentro el plan.

Energy Sources Fuentes de energía	Residential Buildings Edificios residenciales	Commercial Buildings Edificios comerciales	Trees, Greenspaces and Openspaces Árboles, espacios verdes y espacios abiertos
Active Transportation (walking, biking, and rolling) Transporte activo (caminar, ciclismo y patinar)	Electric Vehicles Vehículos eléctricos	Public Transit Transporte público	Other (Use "post-it" to write in) Otro (utiliza un "post-it" para escribirlo)
Waste, Recycling and Composting Desecho, reciclaje y compostaje	Water and Wastewater Agua y aguas residuales	Industrial Emissions Emisiones industriales	
Agriculture Agricultura	Food Security Seguridad alimentaria	Drought Resilience Resiliencia a la sequía	
Flood Resilience Resiliencia a las inundaciones	Extreme Heat Calor extremo	Wildfire Incendio forestal	

What Areas Would You Like To Learn More About?

¿En qué áreas te gustaría aprender más?



An important component of the project is spreading awareness on the region's contribution to climate change. Of the categories listed below, please identify up to three topic areas that contribute to climate change that you would like to learn more about.

Un gran componente del proyecto es crear conciencia sobre la contribución de la región al cambio climático. De las categorías enumeradas a continuación, identifica hasta tres temas que contribuyan al cambio climático y sobre los que te gustaría obtener más información.

Energy Sources Fuentes de energía	Residential Buildings Edificios residenciales	Commercial Buildings Edificios comerciales	Trees, Greenspaces and Openspaces Árboles, espacios verdes y espacios abiertos
Active Transportation Transporte Activo	Electric Vehicles Vehículos Eléctricos	Public Transit Transporte Público	
Waste Desecho	Water and Wastewater Agua y aguas residuales	Industrial Emissions Emisiones Industriales	
Agriculture Agricultura	Food Security Garantía alimentaria	Drought Resilience Resiliencia a la sequía	Other (Use "post-it" to write in) Otro (utiliza un "post-it" para escribirlo)
Flood Resilience Resiliencia a las inundaciones	Extreme Heat Calor extremo	Wildfire Incendio forestal	

What Are Our Next Steps?

¿Cuáles son los siguientes pasos?

BE A PART OF THE REGION'S CLIMATE INITIATIVE

SE PARTE DE LA INICIATIVA CLIMÁTICA REGIONAL



GET INVOLVED! ¡INVOLÚCRATE!

Get involved! The overall project is anticipated to be complete by fall of 2025. There will be five community touchpoints where as a community member you can learn about the project progress and give us your input and feedback.

¡Involúcrate! Se anticipa que el proyecto estará completo para el otoño de 2025. Habrá cinco puntos de contacto comunitarios, donde como miembro de la comunidad, podrás conocer el progreso del proyecto y darnos tu opinión y comentarios.

2024					2025				
Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25
Emissions Inventory Inventario de emisiones		Establish Targets Establecer metas		Prioritize Actions Priorizar acciones		Develop Action Plan Desarrollar plan de acción			
Conduct Vulnerability Assessment Realizar evaluación de vulnerabilidad									



SERIES 1	We are here!
SERIES 2	Discover how the area's greenhouse gas emissions impact our community and discuss who is most vulnerable to future natural disasters. In this session, we want to hear from you and learn how climate change impacts affect your everyday experiences. <i>Descubre cómo las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero impactan a nuestra comunidad y discute quiénes son más vulnerables a futuros desastres naturales. En esta sesión, queremos escuchar de ti y aprender cómo los impactos del cambio climático afectan tu vida cotidiana.</i>
SERIES 3	Learn more about the regional greenhouse gas projections and reduction goals. During this session, we'll present the regional greenhouse gas reduction targets for the future and hear what you think. <i>Aprende más sobre las proyecciones y metas de reducción de gases de efecto invernadero regionales. Durante esta sesión, presentaremos las metas de reducción de gases de efecto invernadero para el futuro y escucharemos tus opiniones.</i>
SERIES 4	Join us to explore the proposed actions that the region will take to reach the greenhouse gas reduction goals. We'll discuss strategies for both reducing regional emissions and adapting to climate change. <i>Únete a explorar las acciones propuestas que la región tomará para alcanzar las metas de reducción de gases de efecto invernadero. Discutiremos estrategias tanto para reducir las emisiones regionales como para adaptarnos al cambio climático.</i>
SERIES 5	During this session, we offer a comprehensive overview of how each climate action could unfold, including the responsible implementation partner, timing of implementation, benefits of each action, and more. We'll also discuss the expected outcomes for the region if all strategies are successfully implemented. <i>Durante esta sesión, ofrecemos una visión general de cómo cada acción climática podría desarrollarse, incluyendo el socio responsable de la implementación, el tiempo de implementación, los beneficios de cada acción y más. También discutiremos los resultados esperados para la región si todas las estrategias se implementan exitosamente.</i>



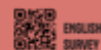
Interested in having the fellows lead an educational meeting on what this project is about within your community? Scan the QR code to request a meeting!
¿Interesados en que los representantes difundan una junta educativa sobre este proyecto dentro de su comunidad? Escanea el código QR para solicitar una junta.

Help us spread the news about the project, follow us on Facebook and share the page with your family and friends!
¡Ayúdanos a difundir las novedades del proyecto, síguenos en Facebook y comparte la página con tus familiares y amigos!



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Know of someone who couldn't attend today's event? Have them take the survey (accessed through this QR code) to ensure everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the project!

¿Conoces a alguien que no pudo asistir al evento de hoy? Compártele la encuesta (accedida a través de este código QR) para garantizar que todos tengan la oportunidad de aportar su opinión sobre el proyecto.

Open House Write-in Responses

Tables A-1, A-2, and A-3 include all responses attendees provided on the open house feedback boards.

A.1 Open House Write-in Responses for Open Ended Questions: Which impacts of climate change are you most concerned about?

Which impacts of climate change are you most concerned about?
Other (Are there any other impacts you are concerned about?)
• Wildfire • Outdoor workforce, construction and utility workers, pd and fire/EMT. • Extreme heat affects the electronics in late-model vehicles. Vehicles will not start at certain points. • Extreme heat affects home insurance policies in the “R” values are used in insurance risk models. • Using climate crisis to fuel 21st. • Que onda con Ciudad Juarez? • Climate Migration • Wildlife struggling to keep up with extreme weather and loss of space. • Deaths related to climate crisis (prevention). • Increase in energy demand due to increased use of air conditioners where will this energy come from? • Will these efforts also look to develop a cost-benefit analysis to implement certain actions; as well as look at health impact (\$) in terms not implementing or implementing something. • Water scarcity due to more intense droughts. • Implementing one health approach with CDCC. • Need to identify priorities as they relate to addressing affects in an equitable manner, mitigation and a means to bring plan into reality and implementation. • Impact on both mental health and diet related illness. • Impacts to local farmers. • The preservation and celebration of desert adapted food practices that are interconnected to holistic health.

- We live in a border, what about bi-climate action plan.
- Water waste

A.2 Open House Write-in Responses for Open Ended Questions:
Tell us more about yourself, of the profiles listed below
which do you feel best represents you?

Tell us more about yourself, of the profiles listed below which do you feel best represents you?

Other

- Museum Director at UTEP
- Public Health Researcher
- Retired

A.3 Open House Write-in Responses for Open Ended Questions: What areas should the climate action plan focus on?

What areas should the climate action plan focus on?
Active Transportation, (walking, biking, and rolling)
• Speed bumps around parks (Cowboy – Hidden Valley) Park, Granitz Street)
Waste, recycling and composting
• People used our parks to throw trash • Clean up current contract company just picks up bin trash and not trash around • Children play area or water park
Extreme Heat
• We need trees, shade for buses and in parks (Hidden Valley, Riverside Park) (Illegible Riverside Park, shade and benches)
Other
• We need street light pole; we have young kids driving and dragging. • Identify local non-profits that are environmental and support them. • Follow city guidelines on commercial spaces (large industrial) bypassing regulations on square footage of concrete • Tress and parks are great for mitigation reasons but those must be balanced against the use of grass and other high- water use materials. • Council should approve the deck park to provide greenspace/trees to Central El Paso. • EP Water should look into KNG capture at its wastewater facilities. • More recycling options, particularly for glass. • Community education for recycling. • Cedar Grove is under FEMA Flood Zone. In 1976 and 2006, people were riding in canoes. • Street reconstruction, we don't have drains. In Cedar Grove area, we did half of what we need worst? • Sustainability Education K-18 Levels • Incentive Programs for local businesses • Work force development • Community development, city ordinances that may need to be changed, planning with City, planning with residential contractors

- Increasing recycling days to more than 2x month, -let us recycle glass, other common household items
- Add programs such as the "Too good to go" app, where food conservation is encouraged
- Affordability, can we attach a price tag to individuals who want to help with climate change but think they cannot afford to.
- Climate Policy to regulate affordability
- Promote a workforce/committee engaging stakeholders to communicate effectively
- Early education-elementary schools - PSA's?
- City composting, plant more trees, conserve existing green spaces, arroyos and wetlands, cut curb holes for existing trees to receive more rainwater, early education and engagement, encouraging contractors to not remove evaporative coolers, HVAC's are high energy consumers, leave both units. For those who insist on cooler option/unit. Evaporative cooler to be used in non-humid/monsoon months and HVAC/mini split for high humid months -> this could potentially reduce household energy usage.

Bilingual Community Survey

For community members unable to attend the open houses, bilingual meeting materials and videos were uploaded to the Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative website along with link the surveys to collect feedback on the same topics discussed at the open houses: areas the Climate Action Plan should focus on and what residents would like to learn more about, a resident personality quiz, and community members concerns related to climate change. The online survey was distributed via the CDCC Facebook page and received, in a month, at total of 550 responses with 500 responding to the English survey and 50 responding to the Spanish survey. Tables A-3 and A-4 show responses from the community to open ended questions on the English and Spanish surveys, respectively.

Survey Instrument

Thank you for your interest in taking the first Climate Action Plan Survey for the Region's Climate Action Plan! As we strive to address the urgent challenges posed by climate change, your input is crucial in shaping a comprehensive and effective Climate Action Plan for our Region. This survey should take no more than 5 minutes to fill out. Please fill this survey out by September 1, 2024.

1. *What is your email address?

2. *What is the zip code of your residence?

3. *Which impacts of climate change are you most concerned about? (Select up to three)

- ☐ More challenging to work and/or play outside during the summer.
- ☐ Likely increase in health bills due to heat related illness and asthma.
- ☐ Expensive or increase of electricity bills from keeping the air conditioner running.
- ☐ Expensive or increase of home insurance payments if you live in flood prone areas.
- ☐ Impacts agriculture yield.
- ☐ Harder to find local produce, increase in grocery prices based on weather events.
- ☐ Weakens infrastructure. For example, more potholes and cracks in roads/homes.

☐ Other (please specify) – Write In: _____

4. *Take the climate personality quiz! Which persona do you most identify with? (Choose one)

☐ I have heard of climate change, but really do not know enough to act, do not believe in what is being told to the region, and/or have no interest in changing my professional and/or personal way of living my life.

☐ I care about the environment; I understand the high-level impact climate change has on my immediate family. However, I do not feel fully prepared to take additional steps to help make a change due to lack of time and/or not sure how to participate in making a difference.

☐ I understand how every individual action plays a part in the larger discussion of climate change. I am currently doing what I have control over (in my professional and personal realm of authority) to help reduce climate change.

☐ I can help create change either in policy, changing the way organizations conduct business, and/or in the education system to help spread awareness of way to take tackle climate change.

5. * Tell us more about yourself, of the profiles listed below which do you feel best represents you? (select all that apply)

☐ I work for a private company.

☐ I own a private company.

☐ I am a part of a community-based organization.

☐ I represent a neighborhood association.

☐ I am part of a Not-for-Profit organization.

☐ I work for a utility company.

☐ I work, volunteer, and/or represent a local food pantry.

☐ I am a board member and/or member of a for-profit organization.

☐ I am part of a hobby focused organization (running club, sports league, etc)

☐ I am apart of a conservation group/organization.

- ☐ I work/represent a health agency.
- ☐ I work for a governmental entity.
- ☐ I currently have 0-5 years of experience in the workforce.
- ☐ I am a homeowner.

6. *What areas should the climate action plan focus on? (Select up to three)

- ☐ Energy sources
- ☐ Residential buildings
- ☐ Commercial buildings
- ☐ Trees, greenspace and open space
- ☐ Active transportation (walking, biking and rolling)
- ☐ Electric vehicles
- ☐ Public transit
- ☐ Waste, recycling and composting.
- ☐ Water and wastewater
- ☐ Industrial emissions
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Food security
- ☐ Drought resilience
- ☐ Flood resilience.
- ☐ Extreme heat
- ☐ Wildfire
- ☐ Other (please specify) – Write In: _____

7. *What areas would you like to learn more about? (Select up to three)

- ☐ Energy sources
- ☐ Residential buildings
- ☐ Commercial buildings
- ☐ Trees, greenspace and open space
- ☐ Active transportation (walking, biking and rolling)
- ☐ Electric vehicles

- ☐ Public transit
- ☐ Waste, recycling and composting.
- ☐ Water and wastewater
- ☐ Industrial emissions
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Food security
- ☐ Drought resilience
- ☐ Flood resilience.
- ☐ Extreme heat
- ☐ Wildfire
- ☐ Other (please specify) – Write In: _____

A.4 English Survey Responses to Open Ended Questions?

Which impacts of climate change are you most concerned about?

Other (please specify) Are there any other impacts you are concerned about?

- What we are leaving to our children can be disastrous. That is my concern.
- Being unable to comfortably bring children into this world when it's too hot
- None. To be frank, the climate change narrative is alarmist!
- It's a sham! Stop pushing your liberal agenda
- Our time on this earth being cut short
- Drought and lack of long term sustainable plan for water and open natural spaces.
- Increase in food prices due to impacts on agriculture yield.
- Nature
- Not convinced of any of these
- Air quality not being address with Juarez!
- Crazy people judging others
- Water Issues
- Death from possible grid overuse if electricity fails. I know we're not on ERCOT but even still.
- I'm concerned about the earth dying, animals losing their habitats, plants going extinct.
- Loss of water in Aquifers.
- The city climate dept that spends more on contractors than on climate projects.
- Increase in extreme weather - specifically in EP an increase in smoke/dust air quality problems.
- Unpredictability and volatility of weather events.
- None of the above
- Breathing polluted air.
- All of this is nonsense, and you know it. There is no man-made climate change, and it is just an attempt to take control of our lives and the economy. They've been making fire predictions since the 70's and NO E of them have come true. All just fear-mongering to take our money and control.
- I do not believe in man-made climate change.

- I do not believe in Climate Change, Climate Warming and that you believe it is just a way for the government to steal my money for their personal gain. Show proof. Do something good and implement the Siesta for El Paso, that would do more good for our society. El Paso has always been hot in the summer and working and playing outside is done with wisdom. The increase in asthma is due to autoimmune disease increase and if we eat more organically we will have less incidents of asthma. Most El Pasoans know their electric bill will increase in the summer.
- Don't see real changes in last 50 years.
- I don't believe in Climate Warming, or Change's etc. It is a shameless fraud. The Climate is always changing. If you want to do something good, implement Siesta for El Paso.
- I do not believe in trying to control Climate Change. I believe it is just a way for the government to steal my money. Show me results, Show proof. Do something good and implement the Siesta for El Paso, that would do more good.
- "Climate change" is the biggest money grabbing scheme in my lifetime. If they want to affect the climate, they should quit chopping down trees (that cool the air and make shade), quit covering good land with "solar farms" and cause extensive ground heat, quit building these ridiculous wind mills that drip oil and destroy the land and birds around them. Not to mention the cost and waste of land to dispose of them. JUST STOP THIS MADNESS!!
- Overreaching Government policies that impact the affordability of reliable, safe, and abundant fossil fuels and other natural resources.
- Increase in water bill
- The government's overreaction to a natural phenomenon. More tax dollars wasted on useless feel good projects.
- Money spent on a natural event we can't control.
- I do not believe in Climate Change, Climate Warming and that you believe it is just a way for the government to steal my money for their personal gain. Show proof. Do something good and implement the Siesta for El Paso, that would do more good for our society.
- Concerned about sustainability of life on planet earth.
- Biodiversity loss
- More money spent on climate change surveys.
- Clean quality water
- No concerns
- Higher water consumption for all socioeconomic activities due to higher temperatures and the accelerated depletion of our water sources.
- Impacts agricultural yield and water availability.

- Water issue
- Water supply sustainability and population density impacts due to things like fire, floods, etc.
- Water availability and high costs for water treatment.
- Water resources and shade.
- N/A
- Lack of open space for air, change in habitat for all species, flood, heat.
- ALL / migration issues due to heat.
- Flooding
- All of them
- Impact on local wildlife.
- All of the above are lack of planning on the cities part. Do better Leaders.
- N/A
- Availability of city pools/ their maintenance.
- Future of my grandchildren.
- Health impacts on heat-related illnesses impacting local health care infrastructure.
- Decreased water sources.
- MUST HAVE Rainwater Harvesting ---Less Concrete
- Collapsing ecosystems, decreased water availability.
- Taxes
- Slow roll out solar incentives, better planning in housing & heat.
- Vector borne illnesses and our pets.
- An increase in extreme weather events severity and resulting damages to homes and infrastructure.
- Extreme heat forces wildlife to seek refuge in populated areas, increasing risk of incidents of animal attacks.
- None. Climate change is natural.
- Disproportionate suffering by low-income people.
- Destroys the native landscape.
- None of the above
- The lies the climate alarmists spew in order to have control of more taxpayer dollars to line their own pockets. Truth- there is no global warming!
- I do not believe in climate change.
- Less water from rainfall, failure of the electrical grids.
- No Concerns

- None
- No Concerns
- Bureaucrats mucking up what should be a free market where market solutions can fix these problems better than people who want to fix the problem with laws. Such people ought to develop their skills in engineering and business.
- All of them matter and being selective is unhelpful
- Exorbitant boondoggles that are ineffective and wasteful, destroying my retirement. The assault on my standard of living is devastating.
- Impact on wildlife.
- Destroying the environment.
- Shrub (e.g., mesquite) encroachment in grassland ecosystems, reduction of perennial grasses (e.g., black grama)
- Impacts to the environment.
- Droughts, and increasingly bad air quality.
- It makes me sad.
- The effects of climate change and wildlife.
- Wildlife struggles to keep up with extreme.
- The fact that we are destroying the natural environment, and that people have zero connection in understanding that the health of the natural environment has a direct correlation with their own health.
- Increase in water rates - which reduces opportunities for residents to plant more greenspaces.
- Human activity directly affecting the regions environment and natural climate causing further desertification and increase in heat and drought.
- Air pollution (dust in air)
- Water Availability
- Impact of wildlife.
- Impacts on water utilization and cost.
- Immigration due to climate crisis further south.
- None
- Heat injury and illness in outdoor workers. OSHA recommendations not being followed by many employers, leading to severe injury or resulting in death.
- We have been on a flood area twice back on 1976 and 2006.
- The fact that so many push climate change propaganda.
- Animal agriculture creates a lot of global warming.

- Societal collapse and human extinction.
- Impact of increasing catastrophic events on human life.
- All of the above
- Also, the safety of dogs with the hot payments and the lack of water or getting heatstroke's when owners are at work.
- Overcharged Electric Grid, Which causes outages.

What areas should the climate action plan focus on?

Other

- Education and research
- Taylor Swift
- Protection and reintegration of natural habitats.
- All of the choices above are important and should be areas of focus.
- Access to energy for those in poverty
- Educate city bureaucrats and reps about climate
- Energy Independence & Freedom from climate change lunacy
- Again, this is nonsense, but since we live in the desert, it will get hot and dry every summer, so I guess you should focus on that.
- The City of El Paso should not be involved in these areas.
- None of the Above. Stop spending the Taxpayers' Money and dissolve this bureaucratic department that the El Paso Voters voted NO - (remember Prop K).
- Electric everything is a pipe dream.
- Planting trees. Stop the burning of the rain forest.
- None of the above. It is a fraud. Anybody receiving money for this should go to jail.
- STOP SPENDING OUR (the taxpayers money and get rid of the bureaucratic department that their constituents voted against. REMEMBER PROP K.
- Abolishing The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative. Your salary is a waste, your expenses are a waste, stop waisting tax money, the city is in debt and we have some of the highest property taxes in Texas. If you care so much resign and go volunteer somewhere.
- None of the above. We all ready have groups working on the items that need to be addressed we don't need another bureaucracy.
- Conservation of natural resources.
- None of the Above. Stop spending OUR (the Taxpayers Money and dissolve this bureaucratic department that the El Paso Voters voted NO - remember Prop K).
- All selections are relevant.
- Government regulation is not the answer.
- We don't need this. Waste of taxpayer money.
- None
- 3 areas is not enough.

- Open natural lands & arroyos that connect.
- Zoning
- All
- Food security, heat
- All
- Water quality and safety
- Air quality
- Jobs
- Potable water sources.
- Absolutely no tax increase. Juarez has the most to do with our air pollution
- Focus on corrupt climate change scientist.
- Planting native plants. Protecting the native flora and fauna.
- Wildlife - animals and ecosystems
- Dissolve Climate Action Committee and stop stealing our taxpayer money and increasing our taxes for something that does not exist!
- Going off of "industrial emissions" - how intense congestion at the border, especially stalled 18-wheelers, effect our environment.
- El Paso does not need a climate action plan.
- Spending less tax dollars to force their agenda.
- See no reason for change.
- Development of solar as economic development & implementation for commercial and residential use.
- Conserving ecosystem functionality.
- Sustainability in future city planning and initiatives.
- The city does a poor job recycling. Let them do not recycle glass or plastic.
- Requiring all businesses with vulnerable workers implement a Heat stress prevention program. I am a National Weather Service Weather Ready Nation Ambassador and would like to help.
- Reliable energy like nuclear, geothermal, hydro, not crap like wind and solar.
- Stop consuming animal agriculture.
- Wildfire
- You cannot focus on just one. This is a system which needs a systems approach.

What areas would you like to learn more about?

Other

- I have an understanding of them all.
- Chemtrails relevant to climate manipulation / Geoengineering.
- I want to know how to keep you all from stealing our tax money to pad your friends pockets.
- None
- Nothing in context with Climate Change which I have already stated doesn't exist. Every region of our world undergoes cyclical changes that span years, decades, even centuries. We live in the desert and must expect desert conditions like extreme heat, wildfires, and drought. Your department shouldn't even exist. It is part of a woke movement that is supposed to take more and more taxes from an already overly taxed people.
- Rein in radical extreme left wing.
- Why people getting paid for this are not in jail for fraud.
- Collect Impact Fees for housing development to reinvest in the county. Local Government needs to Listen to their constituents and have them STOP wasting our Money!
- What is food security?
- Figure out how to get this local government to stop spending taxpayers money like drunken sailors.
- The effects of elevated CO2 on plants? When ice melts in my cup why does the water not rise then? What killed the dinosaurs?
- None of the above. There is plenty of public access information, we don't need more government bureaucracy distributing information that most people will not read.
- How to get the Local Government to Listen to their constituents and have them STOP spending our Money!
- All selections are relevant.
- Individual action is the key.
- Electric vehicles,Drought resilience,waste, recycling, water, energy sources, trees, heat,residential buildings,
- None
- You want to fix climate change? Make China and India meet the same goals developed nations have to meet. The U.S. does enough.
- N/A. I don't want spam emails sorry.
- None
- More knowledge on how residential homes can contribute to energy.

- All
- Flood resilience.
- Rather than flowers in the desert, create community gardens to help feed out people.
- Illegal dumping of hazardous materials like tires.
- How the city will address the issues with existing resources without tax increase.
- Reducing pollution from autos, Marathon Refinery, and BOTA trucks.
- How do i get in on the profits you are making from this hoax.
- Extreme Property Taxes to pay for this!
- Ecosystems and our wildlife.
- None
- How to interject common sense into the thieves in the climate alarmist industry.
- The weather about 250 years ago.
- All looks good right now.
- Facilitating nuclear power generation.
- I want to find myself.
- A systems approach.
- Recycling.
- Heat stress prevention program implementation for vulnerable workers.
- Sewer issues and drainage.
- Food choices have big impact on environment.
- I would like to learn how I can take small everyday steps that can make a big impact when it comes to climate change.

A.5 Spanish Survey Responses to Open Ended Questions?

**Cuáles son los impactos del cambio climático que más te preocupan?
(Selecciona hasta tres)**

Other

- Mas recolectores de basura, mas limpieza en las calles hacer conciencia de no tirar basura en las calles.
- Posible escasez de agua
- Escasez del agua
- Perdida de biodiversidad.
- n/a
- Falta de agua
- Cierra dealled
- None

En qué áreas debería enfocarse el plan de acción climática? (selecciona hasta tres)

Other

- N/a
- Mas colectores de basura en todos los vecindarios, limpieza de las calles, reparar baches, banquetas y calles
- Perdida de biodiversidad y administracion del territorio.
- Economía circular residuos-e / plasticos

En qué áreas te gustaría aprender más? (selecciona hasta tres)

Other

- N/a
- Restauracion de calles, baches y banquetas
- N/a

- Economía circular