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Let us feature your story, event or resource in HCN Connect!
Do you have a plan, program or endeavor designed to improve your community’s health? Do you have a resource you would like to share with the HCN? Please let us know!

Please submit ideas for the next publication by: March 26, 2018

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**Pedestrian and Bicycle Instructor Training in Palm Springs**

The Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS-PH)’s Injury Prevention Team held a successful Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Instructor Training (PedBikeIT) for the members of the Palm Springs Evening Star Rotary Club. The PedBikeIT program trains community partners to become bicycle and pedestrian safety advocates through the use of our “Safety City,” a miniature city that simulates a typical traffic environment. The first part of the training took place on January 23, 2018 where twelve Rotarians received instructional education on how to deliver age appropriate education to children. Topics included safe street crossing, distracted walking, bicycle safety tips, and helmet use. The Rotarians then had the opportunity to set-up the “Safety City” and practice guiding fellow trainees through sidewalks, traffic lights, traffic signs, and crosswalks.

The second part of the training was held during the Palm Springs Evening Star Rotary Club’s Bicycle Safety Event on February 10, 2018. During this event, the Rotarians practiced their teaching skills by guiding approximately 60 children through the different stations of the “Safety City”. The children’s attention was captivated by the miniature props and the enthusiasm of the Rotarians. More than 80 attendees were fitted with a free helmet, courtesy of RUHS-PH and the 4ShayJ Foundation.

If you are interested in participating in a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Instructor Training (PedBikeIT), please contact Marsie Rosenberg-Gutierrez at MRGutierrez@rivcocha.org.

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**RLHPFs Convene and Explore Jurupa Valley**

By Joy S. Chen, RUHS-PH Intern

**On February 9, 2018**, RUHS-PH’s Health Educator Daisy E. Ramirez hosted a workshop on ‘The Integration of Health and Planning’ for Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellows (RLHPF) at Jurupa Valley City Hall. These fellows are part of an elite program focused on training and equipping graduate students with the tools to influence positive change in public policy and the built environments around their local communities.

Brief introductions were given from Executive Director of Lewis-San Antonio Healthy Communities.

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The Southern Association of Governments (SCAG) is pleased to invite the public to review and comment on our new Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan.

This updated plan was developed to reflect changes in communication technologies and public engagement best practices and to comply with current state and federal regulations. SCAG’s planning work serves a large and diverse region, and we rely on public participation as an essential component of our planning process. This plan is key to ensuring that our approach to public engagement is effective and inclusive, so please share your input!

Our last Public Participation Plan was adopted in 2014—what’s different about this one?

The changes made for the 2018 update were designed to make the plan more accessible to a general audience, and more adaptable in anticipation of evolving technologies and practices. As in the previous edition, the 2018 Draft Public Participation Plan sets forth goals and strategies for increasing public information and engagement. But the organization of the 2018 Plan is different in the following ways: To make it less formal and easier to navigate, the content is structured as answers to a series of questions. The more dense technical and legal language has been moved to the appendices, so that the body of the plan is accessible to a general audience and those who are specifically looking for details about statutory requirements and official processes can find them. The updated plan also includes more context, explaining SCAG’s key operations and guiding principles for public participation.

SCAG is releasing the Draft 2018 Public Participation Plan for a public review and comment period of 60 days. The draft will be available for comments from Wednesday Feb. 21 through Saturday April 21, at 11:59 p.m. (PST).

The full draft is available on the SCAG website. To submit comments, or ask any further questions, please contact Margaret de Larios at delarios@scag.ca.gov.

At the end of the comment period, staff will review, address and incorporate as appropriate all comments received. We anticipate adopting a final plan in Summer 2018.

Please feel free to share this information, and an invitation to comment, with colleagues and friends!
The SHAPE Data Portal

SHAPE Riverside County is sponsored by the Riverside University Health System - Public Health, a department of the County of Riverside. To learn more, please visit: http://www.shaperivco.org/

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

- Health Data
- Demographic Data
- Healthy People 2020 Tracker
- SocioNeeds Index
- Compare Indicators
- Locate Reports
- Find Promising Practices
- Needs Assessment Guide

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding the CEQA Guidelines

The Natural Resources Agency's proposed updates to the Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act are now available. The proposed changes to the Guidelines and related rulemaking materials are available on the Agency's website at http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/.

Public hearings will be held in Los Angeles on March 14, 2018 and in Sacramento on March 15, 2018. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm on March 15, 2018. Hearing locations, instructions for submitting comments and related information regarding the rulemaking process is contained in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

CONTACT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE IN THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

The State Clearinghouse in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research may be able to answer non-legal technical CEQA questions. You can reach the Clearinghouse via e-mail at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov, or by telephone at 916-445-0613.

ATP Cycle 4 Applications Nearing Final Form

Via the Safe Routes to School National Partners: E-Newsletter

The planning for Cycle 4 of the Active Transportation Program continues. In our last E-News, we mentioned concerns we shared with our partners about the move of the ATP Public Health Question to a new section (Statement of Need). Following the quarterly meeting of the ATP Technical Advisory Committee in late January, it was decided that questions pertaining to Public Health would remain in the Statement of Need, but will have a total of 9 dedicated points and will require detailed responses as to the specific local challenges communities face, and how the proposed project will address them. We are satisfied with this compromise, and worked with our allies to propose language for the questions and scoring rubrics. We look forward to seeing how they are incorporated in the final draft applications which will be released in May 2018.
CivicSpark, a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program, is now accepting project applications for the 2018-19 Service Year! The program is offering three thematic tracks: Climate (50 openings), Water (20 openings), and a new Opportunity Access track (20 openings) that will focus on affordable housing, alternative transportation, and rural broadband.

Applications will be accepted in waves:

**March 16** - First priority deadline
**May 1** - Second priority deadline

Fellows will begin serving on projects **mid-September 2018**

If you are a local or state public agency, school or university, or a nonprofit and are interested in learning more about the program and having a Fellow support your agency’s work, register for one of our upcoming informational webinars. You can find more program details, including pricing and timing, on our website. [Register for a Webinar to Learn More!]

CivicSpark is administered by the Local Government Commission in partnership with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

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**9th Annual **

**2018 National Innovative Communities Conference**

We are pleased to announce Reach Out in Partnership with Partners for Innovative Communities, will now be accepting proposal applications for the *9th Annual National Innovative Communities Conference (NICC).* NICC will be held at the [Ontario Convention Center June 5-6, 2018](#) and is open to all individuals throughout the United States.

We are seeking renowned, presenters, panelist, and keynote speakers with cutting edge and dynamic topics. Our goal is to connect ideas, leaders, communities, and resources to each other for health and wellness innovation and ignite transformation.

Being a presenter will bring great opportunity to connect with attendees such as: community leaders, parents, teachers, law enforcement and many more! As a presenter we ask that programs be emphasized appropriately and approaches taken to be easy to link across a broad spectrum of attendees.

Themes to be discussed include:

- Health and Equity
- Economic Development
- Community Climate
- Health Workforce

If you are interested in becoming a presenter please submit you proposal by visiting: [https://tinyurl.com/2018-NICC-CFP](https://tinyurl.com/2018-NICC-CFP). Deadline to submit proposals is **Friday, May 11, 2018.**

For more information on NICC, please visit, [www.pic-nicc.org](http://www.pic-nicc.org) to receive updates. Contact Melinda@we-reachout.org or Valerie@we-reachout.org for any inquires.
Health in All Policies
Technical Assistance Program

NEW! NACCHO is now accepting applications on a rolling basis through May 15, 2018 for the Health in All Policies Technical Assistance Program for local health department staff interested in receiving assistance with a HiAP initiative. NACCHO defines Health in All Policies as a change in systems that determine how decisions are made and implemented at the local, state, and federal level.

To learn more about this opportunity click here.

Community Behavioral Health Listening Forums

The Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation is partnering with Fourth District County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez to host seven (7) Community Behavioral Health Listening Forums throughout the Coachella Valley and in Blythe starting on March 13 through April 12.

The RAP Board of Directors established a four year Mental Health Initiative (MHI) in 2012. In the first year, we hosted several Community Forums to launch our Initiative. We learned from community stakeholders about the status of mental health services and where gaps existed. As a result of the great feedback we received, RAP established a list of priority areas/services to direct resources during the MHI. In 2014, we once again hosted Community Forums to report on the status of RAP’s MHI, reviewed and ultimately revised our funding priorities based on the feedback we received.

At our proposed meeting dates, we will provide a brief overview of RAP’s Four Year Mental Health Initiative, the programs which were funded, and the impact on the community as a result of RAP’s investment. Also, we will once again be seeking your input to help us gain a better understanding of the state of behavioral health needs in our community.

March 13  RAP Foundation 41550 Eclectic St. Room 103, Palm Desert 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
March 19  Workforce Development Center Room 402, 44199 Monroe ST. #B, Indio 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
March 27  Cathedral Center, Community Room, 37171 W. Buddy Rogers Ave, Cathedral City 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
March 29  Boys & Girls Club, Community Room, 91391 66th Ave, Mecca 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
April  3  Borrego Community Health, 11750 Cholla Drive Suite B, Desert Hot Springs 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
April  5  Desert AIDS Project, Library, 1695 N. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
April 12  RUHS-BH Clinic, 1297 W. Hobsonway, Blythe 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

We invite you to attend one, or more if you like, of the meetings listed above. Please RSVP to Eva Guenther-James, RAP Grants Manager, at Evagj@RAPFoundation.org or feel free to contact her should you have any questions.

Funding Opportunities

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
  The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services has a new funding opportunity available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as a result of the December 2017 California wildfires. HMGP can fund eligible project and planning activities for as much as $3 million for eligible sub-applicants. Please submit a Notice of Interest by March 15. Learn More >>

- Urban Greening Grant Project
  The Natural Resources Agency has recently announced their open solicitation period for their Urban Greening Grant Program, created to fund programs that aim to make city life more environmentally sustainable. The online application is due April 11, and applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the workshops or webcasts taking place leading up to the due date. Learn More >>
2018 IES-APA Awards Nomination – 2 NEW CATEGORIES!

It’s here! The 2018 IES-APA Awards Nomination period is officially open. We will be accepting nomination applications now through Friday, March 23, 2018. The Inland Empire region has made a significant contribution to the healthy communities movement at the state and national levels. The time has come to recognize best practices and individuals working on improving our communities’ health through community design. Nominate your favorite Healthy Communities project and/or Champion today for the Planners4Health (Healthy Communities) and Planner4Health Awards!

2018 IES-APA Awards Application
2018 IES-APA Awards Criteria – updated
2018 IES-APA Policy Categories – updated

Sponsorship info: http://ies-apa.org/sponsorship/
For more info: http://ies-apa.org/2018-awards/

Questions or Concerns:
Any questions about this process or sponsorships can be directed to: Chris Gray, Vice Chair - Awards Program, at cgray@wrcog.us. You may also contact admin@ies-apa.org for any other questions or concerns.

4th Annual Great Places in California Program

The California Chapter of the American Planning Association is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Great Places in California Awards. Applications may be submitted online. A “Great Place” in California is one that exemplifies character, design, usability, and has a sense of place. This can range from coastal communities to the mountains and can be within a large urbanized area or a rural setting. Three locations will be recognized with a Great Places in California award. For more information regarding the nomination criteria and to submit an application online, please visit the Great Places in California section of the American Planning Association - California Chapter website. Nominations that did not previously get recognized with an award, are eligible to apply again.

The nomination period will open Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 and close on Friday, March 16, 2018.

For questions related to the Great Places in California awards program, please contact the program coordinator, John Hildebrand - jhildebr@rivco.org or (951) 955-1888


New Orleans is one of the world’s most unique cities, and its melting pot of culture, food, and music offers APA conference-goers rich experiences well beyond the convention center. Register today for the opportunity to experience some of the city’s planning precedents like the Lafitte Greenway, the iconic streetcar system, and extensive new infrastructure upgrades - all on the program for NPC18, April 21-24 in NOLA.

Why you should visit New Orleans in 2018: https://www.planning.org/blog/blogpost/9139855/

More information about #NPC18 here: https://www.planning.org/conference/
## County of Riverside Certified Farmer’s Market

Our Certified Farmers Market aligns with the mission of the County’s Culture of Health and the CEO’s goal to improve health and promote livable communities through partnerships, policies, systems and initiatives. It is also one of the strategic goals of the [Healthy Riverside County Initiative](https://www.healthyrivco.org) for healthy eating.

Vendors will be providing: fruits, vegetables, eggs, berries, oils, honey, bread, flowers...and much more!

### County Administrative Center
**When:** Every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Located in the courtyard of the County Administrative Center (4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501), on the corner of Lemon and 10th Street

### Riverside University Health System - Medical Center
**When:** Every Thursday (except major holidays) from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Located steps from the Cactus Avenue entrance of the Medical Center (26520 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA 92555)

### Riverside County Circle
**When:** Every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Located near the HAB and DPSS Admin Building (4065 County Circle Drive, Riverside, CA 92503)

### Jurupa Valley
**When:** Every Monday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Where:** Located at the Rubidoux Family Resource Center (5473 Mission Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509)

## Healthy Development Checklist

This meeting will feature a presentation from Miguel A. Vazquez, Urban Regional Planner for the Riverside University Health System – Public Health. Join us to learn more about the Healthy Development Checklist and how communities can use this tool to guide the development of neighborhoods that promote health and improve quality of life for all.

**When:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon.
Registration at 9:45 a.m.

**Where:** Community Action Partnership (CAP) Training Center
2038 Iowa Ave, Suite B101
Riverside, CA 92507

For more information, please contact Dianne Leibrandt at dleibradnt@rivcocha.org
Register [here](#).
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND THE GENERAL PLAN

How we plan our communities matters today and into the future! Please join us for a workshop to discuss SB 1000 and inform The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Implementation Guidance. This workshop will include presentations, facilitated discussion, and interactive exercises to support you and how you can apply these new concepts in your own community.

Presentations by:
• Dr. Elizabeth Baca, Senior Health Advisor, California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
• Ms. Tiffany Eng, Green Zones Program Manager, California Environmental Justice Alliance
• Mr. Miguel Vazquez, Healthy Community Planner, Riverside University Health System - Public Health

Overview:
SB 1000 Authored by Senator Connie Leyva requires cities and counties to adopt an Environmental Justice (EJ) element as part of their General Plans, or to integrate EJ-related policies, objectives, and goals throughout other elements of the General Plan. SB 1000 also includes requires engagement for local residents to become meaningfully involved in the decision-making around Environmental Justice issues. Beginning January 1, 2018, the requirements of SB 1000 will take effect when a local jurisdiction updates two or more elements of its General Plan.

Environmental Justice:
California defines EJ as “The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to environmental laws, regulations and policies.” When applied, environmental justice considers all impacts when developing policies or land uses that would affect the environment, and does not allow any population demographic to be ignored, or excluded. Research has shown areas with lower education, lower incomes, and a higher percentage of minority residents are more likely to have environmental threats and pollutants in their neighborhoods. Environmental justice laws seek to eliminate that bias.

This workshop will cover:
• A review of the statute
• Lessons from locals working on the ground
• Cover tools
• Provide an opportunity to do breakout and discuss some of the challenges with implementation which will inform the forthcoming OPR guidance

Who should attend:
• Planners
• Public health professionals
• Interested community members
• Non-profit organizations

When:
Friday, March 30, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Where:
Riverwalk Building
4210 Riverwalk Parkway, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92505

To register, click here.
Riverside Resilience Community Meeting

Last year community and county partners came together to explore innovative solutions to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and build community resilience. During these two community meetings, partners suggested recommendations for developing a roadmap to guide future collaboration between county and community entities. The Riverside University Health System - Public Health (Public Health) continued to gather feedback from county and community partners and has developed a draft roadmap to guide the Riverside Resilience efforts.

Join to learn more about the Riverside Resilience Roadmap and to provide valuable feedback, as we move forward in creating a sustainable roadmap which empowers our community. Please pass this invitation along to your partner networks. We welcome their participation!

**When:**
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Where:**
Moreno Valley Conference Center  
14075 Frederick St.,  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

For more information, please contact Dianne Leibrandt at dleibradnt@rivcocha.org  
Register [here](#).

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**WRCOG will host a webinar:**  
Managing Freight in Urban Multi-Modal Corridors – Implementing active transportation in urban freight corridors

(A webinar produced by APBP, the Association of Pedestrians and Bicycle Professionals)

How can a city provide bikeways in areas with trucking and goods movement, freight loading, deliveries and other municipal needs such as trash delivery? The monthly APBP webinar will highlight how to successfully manage multi-modal needs in corridors with diverse needs.

**Speakers:**
- Nick Falbo, City of Portland Bureau of Transportation  
- Mary Lou Godfrey, Florida Department of Transportation

**When:**
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from noon – 1:30 p.m.

**Where:**
WRCOG – Citrus Conference Room  
3390 University Ave, Suite 450  
Riverside, CA 92501

To RSVP, email demi@saferoutespartnership.org  
For more information, click [here](#).

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**Policy: One Step on the Path to Walkable, Healthy Food Access**

In too many neighborhoods, local stores carry no fresh produce or other healthy options, but getting to healthy foods is dangerous and inconvenient due to unsafe walking conditions and lack of access to public transit or private vehicles.

This webinar will share policies and strategies that take into consideration the route, travel mode, and the destination to improve safe, convenient, active transportation to healthy food options, a concept known as Safe Routes to Healthy Food. The webinar will feature communities sharing the policies and plans they have put into place to create or strengthen the transportation connections between neighborhoods and grocery stores.

**Speakers:**
- Mike Zelek, Division Director, Health Promotion and Policy, Chatham County Public Health Department  
- Barb Mee, Transportation Planner, City of Asheville, NC  
- Marisa Jones, Healthy Communities Senior Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership

**When:**
Thursday, March 22, 2018 from noon – 1:00 p.m.

To register, click [here](#).
The 9th Annual National Innovative Communities Conference is the only conference in Southern California that promotes innovative, cutting-edge strategies, ideas and connections to create a vibrant, high quality of life for all communities and residents.

Our theme, "Grow. Connect. Lead." will connect your business or organizations with consumers and influencers who are passionate about change in their communities.

Attendees will take an active role on topics important to their health and safety and will personally network with leading experts. These are leaders in building the quality of life for the Inland Region - leaders who are on the front lines of creating peaceful, equitable environments in school, businesses, and communities through cross-sectoral leadership, economic development, and policy work.

Make sure to register right away to claim the early bird special. Early bird registration is available until Friday, April 27. Prices after the early bird rate will increase to $165.00. Registration will include 2 days admission, parking and lunch.

**When:**
June 5 - 6, 2018

**Where:**
Ontario Convention Center
200 E. Convention Center Way
Ontario, CA 91764

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Melinda or Valerie.

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The Active Transportation Resource Team presents:

**Getting Ready for Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 (ATP)**

On behalf of the Active Transportation Resource Team – Local Government Commission, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, California Walks, and California Bicycle Coalition – I would like to invite you to a workshop to learn more about what you can expect in this year’s ATP. Team members will also be available the afternoon of April 2 and on April 3 to provide a limited number of free, customized technical assistance to help you develop more competitive ATP applications.

**When:**
Monday, April 2, 2018 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Riverside

**Where:**
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor Conference Room
Riverside, CA 92501

For more information, click [here](#).

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