

CRC2 ZOOM MEETING NOTES – Updates

November 14, 2024

Meeting Attendees

Marcelo Orozco
Sam Assefa
Ram Ramanathan
Jonathan Parfrey
Abby Edwards
Debra Gore
Nick Black

11:00 – 11:45AM

Introductions

Marcelo Massachusetts summit end of March (27th)
Working with Office of the Governor
Formalizing details for Mass. gathering
Carefully synchronize with Office of the Governor and Climate Regional Summits
Academies requested cycle of regional summits – planetary calls to action
Framework – launch in Sacramento
Second summit in Boston – UofMass
JFK Presidential Library event the evening of the 26th
Requesting Newsom to join – invitations to come
Marcelo – Trustee of the JFK Library
Complimentary initiatives to what begins in California
What do we need today that we don't know moving forward
Staying faithful to the Climate Action Plan
Social scientists, luminaries to attend
Focus on funding issues/insurance issues
Focus on indigenous voices, nature-based solutions and voices of children and youth
\$400M bond measure approved

Ram Similar objectives, voices
Partnership with gov., academic scientists and civil society
Hoping for how to deal with worsening climate
Cut emissions to zero – worse for another 15 years
Takes 25 years for curve to bend – prepare for this
Objectives – List of projects
Coordinate CA and Mass – bring in small amount of skeptics
Day 2, Govs. Brown, Schwarzenegger, Hayhoe to speak
Should more Republican mayors attend?
Propose a joint declaration between CA and Mass
Invite climate skeptics – meeting with skeptic states
Vatican is disappointed summits take place in Dem states
Bring polarity of faith – inter-faith dialogue

Sam Why blue states? – that is where the leadership is
Red states, climate is luxury, food and groceries come first
Critical on how to talk about this

- 1) Because we can
 - 2) Lead with humility
- Make relevant to each region - focusing on climate benefits red states

- Nick** 351 towns with different gov levels – they will all feel differently
Replicate interventions for all – how to prioritize funding
We are all facing the same issues
Funding will change but the need will not
- Ram** How do we bring everyone along?
Financing, mostly mitigation will be the problem
- Debra** Impacts low-income communities, people of color – bring perspective to summit
See the whole community
- Jonathan** We need participation at the local level
State leaders have a visible demonstration of what this will look like
Willing to work w/gov and invest welcomes a virtuous cycle
Even if we disagree, we must be willing to engage
- Abby** How to pay for it
CA economy is growing
CA and Mass – opportunities to share
- Marcelo** Pivot to sustainable humanity
Take care of each other
Mandate from Pope – Take most vulnerable communities, least implicated in damage –
how to protect them
The rest is “noise”
Getting in front of climate will be local
Ram and Marcelo have the responsibility to move this forward
- Ram** Embrace all voices. Have an exchange. Red/Blue partnership

