

Protecting Communities & Ecosystems from Rising Temperatures



How can a County government build regional heat resilience while also advancing priorities such as climate mitigation, fire safety, water conservation, and social equity?

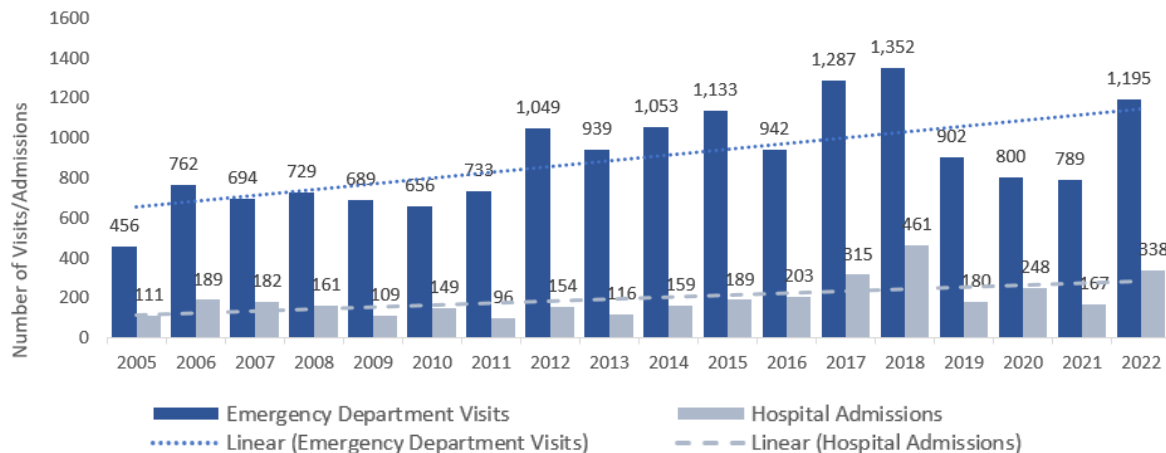
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Background and Context

- Climate change is causing a rise in average temperatures and more frequent and severe extreme heat
- Extreme heat impacts health and well-being, learning and productivity, air quality, natural resources, and infrastructure
- Susceptibility to these impacts is influenced by a range of social, economic, and environmental factors

Heat-Related Illness in Los Angeles County



Sources: County CVA; Genaro Molina, LA Times

Collaboration & Engagement

Series of convenings with cross-sector partners, including researchers and community leaders, and resident engagement at community events in heat-vulnerable neighborhoods to develop a County Heat Action Plan

	2024						2025									
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Steering Committee	★	★		★		★					★		★			★
Goal 1 Workgroup				◆		◆							◆			
Goal 2 Workgroup				◆					◆			◆				
Goal 3 Workgroup			◆		◆							◆				
Partner Workshops		●●													●●	
Resident Engagement																



County Heat Action Plan Framework in Development

Goal 1:



Cool Outdoor Spaces

Goal 2:



**Create Heat-Resilient
Indoor Spaces**

Goal 3:



**Expand Heat Safety
Comms & Programs**

CHAP Framework in Development

Example Goal 2 Strategy

Protect renters from harmful levels of heat in the home environment:

- Educate about the recently-adopted Indoor Maximum Temperature Threshold Ordinance
- Advise landlords on strategies for compliance
- Support renters with navigating & accessing energy-efficient cooling resources
- Protect tenants from retaliation

Covers close to 300,000 renters in unincorporated Los Angeles County



Lessons Learned from Engagement

→ Guiding Principles

- Equity-Driven
- Action-Oriented
- Integrative
- Collaborative
- Adaptive

Rather than addressing heat as a single-issue problem, the CHAP recognizes the interconnected nature of our physical infrastructure and social and economic systems.



Check out the draft plan on our website! The final version will be available by January 2026.