

## Greater LA / Inland Empire Region

CivicSpark is a Governor's Initiative AmeriCorps program offering capacity building support for local governments to address climate change. Our team of 48 AmeriCorps members serves in 9 regions across California creating lasting local impact.



### CivicSpark Greater LA Region Projects

#### San Gabriel Valley Point-of-Permit Energy Audit and Education Program

- Conduct home energy assessments as a means to educate homeowners about energy efficiency, and a way to encourage them to incorporate energy efficiency (EE) measures into planned renovation projects.
- *Beneficiaries: Alhambra, Arcadia, Bradbury, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, Monterey Park, Pomona, San Dimas, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, San Gabriel Valley COG, Claremont, Rosemead*

#### City of Fontana Climate Action Plan

- Help Fontana prepare a climate action plan, which will be incorporated into the City's General Plan.
- *Beneficiary: City of Fontana*

#### City of Redlands Localized Climate Action Plan

- Integrate Redlands Community Sustainability Plan, Mayors Accord, Regional GHG and associated environmental documents and template into a localized Climate Action Plan.
- *Beneficiary: City of Redlands*

## Regional Partner

**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments** The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is a joint powers authority made up of representatives from 31 cities, 3 Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts, and the 3 Municipal Water Districts located in the San Gabriel Valley. The SGVCOG serves as a regional voice for its member agencies and works to improve the quality of life for the more than 2 million residents living in the San Gabriel Valley. The SGVCOG works on issues of importance to its member agencies, including transportation, housing, economic development, the environment, and water, and seeks to address these regionally.



## Meet Our Team



**Ken Herron, Regional Supervisor** Ken Herron has over 35 years of professional experience in the direction of government and non-profit organizations, economic development and marketing management in the private sector and instructing management and public relations at the university level. Ken spent his career in the Inland Empire, working with communities, including the cities of Covina and Fontana in Parks and Recreation, Community Resources, and Economic Development. Before retiring in 2008 he had the opportunity to become Fontana's first Community Services Director and create an inaugural department.



**Susanna Kirschner** Susie Kirschner is a recent graduate of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA. There she received her bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Chemistry. During her undergraduate education, she performed a research project looking at heavy metal soil contamination of a site impacted by acid mine drainage.



**John McQueeney** John McQueeney is a recent graduate from UC Berkeley with a Major in Development and a Minor in Energy and Resources. Before CivicSpark, he interned for Asia Carbon Energy in Beijing, China, where he project managed four graduate university students and produced a sustainability investment report for Western and Chinese government officials.



**Katelynn Rathbun** Immediately after receiving a degree in Environmental Science from the University of Florida, Kate Rathbun headed west to work as a habitat assessment technician. After her prior experience at the municipal level with Gainesville Parks & Rec, Kate knew that CivicSpark would be the perfect opportunity to apply her skills again at the local level.



**Mikaela Vournas** Mikaela is a recent graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where she majored in Anthropology and Geography, concentrating in Human Ecology. She is interested in gaining first-hand experience in sustainability, and is dedicated to the service of her community.



**Kaitlin Ward** Kaitlin recently graduated from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona with a degree in political science. She has held numerous positions based in government organizations, including the Los Angeles Superior Court and the United States House of Representatives. Kaitlin's goals for the future are to pursue law school with an emphasis in environmental and public law.