

## Sierra Nevada 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.



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- Support Climate Action Planning and community climate research and climate risk analysis for Sierra region local government as well as support implementation of newly-established Energy Action Plans. Also, Civic Spark will support local jurisdictions through the Sierra Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Partnership ("Sierra CAMP") - a partnership intended to catalyze Sierra leaders towards great climate resiliency and preparedness.
- *Beneficiaries: Amador County, Town of Loomis, City of Jackson, City of Plymouth, Nevada City, Sutter Creek, Mariposa County, Placer County*

## Regional Partner

**Sierra Business Council** Sierra Business Council fosters thriving communities in the Sierra Nevada region through "on the ground" local projects that promote, develop and amplify the area's social, environmental and economic capital.



- SBC focuses on Sierra Nevada-wide sustainability solutions
- SBC has a nearly 20 year history in the region
- SBC takes concepts from academia, politics and think tanks and innovates practical ways to apply them as on-the-ground action for rural areas. This is a model for other rural areas to follow on their path to sustainability.
- SBC's network of members and partners spans the entire Sierra and beyond, and across the political spectrum.
- SBC's advocacy on behalf of responsible business makes it a valuable ally capable of getting past heated political debates

"How we react to the issues we're faced with makes all the difference... So here's to all the problems that lie ahead: may we do our best to find solutions to all of them. Let's get things done."

- Evan Pierce, Sierra CivicSpark Member

## Meet Our Team



**Barbara DeLorenzo DeGraaf, Regional Supervisor** Barbara DeLorenzo DeGraaf retired after 30 years of public service to the state of New Jersey, working in a variety of settings in the Department of Human Services. 2013, Barbara began working for Strategies, a non-profit organization that provides training and technical assistance to programs serving children and families in California. Barbara is the state lead for the Strengthening Families program, working to promote the development and implementation of the Strengthening Families Framework throughout the state.



**Kriselda Bautista** Born and raised in southern California, Kriselda graduated from the University of California Irvine with a background in Urban Studies and Criminology Law & Society, which sparked a passion for environmental sustainability. Kriselda spent a year working as an associate environmental consultant and gaining professional certification in Sustainable Resource Management.



**Olivia Hara** Olivia Hara recently graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Environmental Studies and a focus on GIS as a tool for climate change mitigation and natural resource management. As an active member of her community, she has volunteered with local environmental and climate focused non-profits in the Sierra Nevada, the Great Basin, and the Pacific Northwest.



**Evan Pierce** Evan recently moved from the East Coast to join CivicSpark. He recently graduated from St. Lawrence University in northern New York with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Mathematics. Following graduation and prior to CivicSpark, he got his start working in Boston to bring more socially and environmentally conscious energy solutions to non-profits across Massachusetts.

“Our CivicSpark members have brought a fresh perspective on how we engage the community in energy planning in the Sierra Nevada, and they are not short on ambition.”

- Nicholas Martin, Sierra Business Council