

San Joaquin Valley Extreme Heat Project (SVJ Heat)



Description

The SVJ Heat project is funded by the State of California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation. **The goal is to research and reduce harm caused by extreme heat events in the Central Valley.**

The project approaches include:

- 1) the **development of a heat resilience hub** at the new TBUSD middle school gymnasium.
- 2) **field research with farmworkers** to understand their experiences with extreme heat and to identify mitigation strategies; and
- 3) in person **training sessions for farmworkers on how to prepare for and recognize heat stroke and stress**, complete with resiliency packets offering supplies to help them stay cool.

Roots of Change plays a central role in the development and design of the resilience hub and its community programming, bringing together the team and the community to create a space that provides ongoing support and resources.

Objectives

- Turn the new gymnasium into a cooling center and resilience hub during intense heatwaves for residents without AC serving a critical public health role.
- Provide a safe, air-conditioned space, community programming, and heat/health education for residents

Partners

- Tracking California
- Central California Environmental Justice Network (CCEJN)
- University of California, Berkeley
- Terra Bella Unified School District

