November 5, 2025 In-Person Convening Recap

RGS and Sector Investment Coordinators – Turning Regional Plans into Investable Pipelines

The presentation, Turning Regional Plans Into Investable Project Pipelines, provided a comprehensive overview of how the Redwood Region RISE Sector Activation Plans had evolved into a cohesive, investable portfolio of regional projects. It began by grounding participants in a shared regional vision centered on cultural vitality, accessible healthcare, renewable energy advancement, and sustainable resource stewardship. The four major sectors—Arts, Culture & Tourism; Health & Caregiving; Renewable & Resilient Energy; and Working Lands & Blue Economy—were highlighted through their core assets, sector aspirations, key data points, and priority activation initiatives. The presentation showcased focal projects such as the Great Redwood Trail, the Multi-Regional Blue Economy Initiative, Tribal Energy Resilience (TERAS), and the Simulation & Behavioral Health Centers, each demonstrating how sector strategies had advanced community benefit, climate resilience, economic opportunity, and regional identity.

The presentation then outlined how coordinated planning, strong governance, feasibility analysis, and early demonstration projects had created momentum toward a robust pipeline of investable initiatives. It described a progression from early catalytic actions to mid-term regional integration, blended finance strategies, workforce system alignment, and enterprise development. The long-term vision imagined a fully integrated and regenerative regional economy, including a nationally recognized cultural corridor, an innovation-driven Blue Economy, expanded Tribal energy sovereignty, and a resilient Health Innovation District. Through detailed sector examples, the presentation demonstrated how aligned regional planning and cross-sector collaboration had generated sustained investment, shared prosperity, and lasting community impact across the Redwood Region.

The closing conversation emphasized systems change and the importance of linking workforce, health, and environmental priorities. Themes included preparing for an aging population, expanding health-related degree programs, and addressing training gaps. Participants noted the need to better tell the region's story to ensure the government and investors understand its value. Sustainability, equity, and innovation were reaffirmed as the guiding principles for regional action.

The audience discussion highlighted the importance of working as a region and that this is a multi-generational effort.

Momentum and Next Steps

Building on the day's discussions, next steps include forming a **Regional Investment Readiness Taskforce** to connect sector plans with finance tools, launching a **Catalyst-to-Investment Pilot** to move priority projects toward funding readiness, and developing a **Redwood Region Investment Playbook** to communicate opportunities to partners and investors. Together, these actions will help translate planning momentum into an investable, community-driven project pipeline for the Redwood Region.

Next Step Ideas

Taking this all into account we've come up with a set of next step recommendations for consideration. Some of these are already encompassed by existing plans/actions, and all are offered to provoke thought and action. Onward!