

Redwood Region RISE

In-Person Collaborative Convening

Friday, August 21, 2026 | Bear River

[Link to RSVP form](#)

- **Date & Time:** Friday, August 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** [Bear River Casino Resort](#), Loleta
- **Invitees:**
 - RRRISE Collaborative and RRRISE Projects;
 - Community leaders, partners, and electeds across the region;
 - Resource partners and state agency representatives.
- **Scholarships for Travel and Accommodation, plus Per Diems:** Limited scholarships available for hotel and mileage for participants traveling over 30 miles each way. Per diems of \$100/day for the event are available for eligible attendees.
- **Food Costs:** Breakfast, lunch, and beverages will be provided.
- **More Information:** bit.ly/aug-convening

Evolving Our Regional Collective Impact

- Hear directly from RRRISE projects & key sector leaders on progress and the path forward
- Strengthen relationships through networking with fellow regional leaders and partners
- Be informed about — and help shape — what's next for RRRISE

Agenda (subject to change)

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Time	Session	Description & Details
8:00– 8:45 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast	Arrive, enjoy breakfast, and connect with colleagues from across the Redwood Region. Browse the room, learn about work happening across the region, and use conversation prompts at each table to spark new connections.
9:00– 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Opening	Opening Blessing, followed by a welcome from RRRISE Collaborative leadership – the Convening Team, Tribal Table, and Voting Block representatives. Overview of the day's agenda, goals, and what to expect. Brief framing of RRRISE's work, vision, and early impact across the region.

9:30– 10:15 a.m.	Project Showcase & Networking	Network with Redwood Region RISE project leaders, learn about projects underway across the region, and explore opportunities to collaborate. During this interactive networking session, project leads will host a table to share their work, highlight progress, and discuss current needs and opportunities for engagement. Following project introductions, attendees engage in open networking, visiting project tables, asking questions, and connecting.
10:15– 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	
10:30– 11:10 a.m.	Strengthening a Sense of Place: Arts, Culture, and Tourism	Discover how Arts, Culture, and Tourism are helping shape a stronger, more connected Redwood Region. Hear from Sector Investment Coordinator Calder Johnson and regional partners as they explore how this sector is woven throughout economic and community development, strengthening community identity, supporting economic resilience, and building a regenerative future. Presenters will examine the challenges this interconnected nature creates for sustained investment, highlight opportunities and policy approaches that could help advance the sector, and conclude with a discussion of the "Hope Economy" as a framework for the future of arts, culture, tourism, and regional prosperity.
11:10– 11:50 a.m.	Health and Caregiving Successes and Future Ambitions	Panelists highlight the progress of the Redwood Region RISE Health and Caregiving Sector, showcasing accomplishments achieved through its Advisory Council and Activation Plan implementation, while outlining priorities for the future. Participants will hear updates on key initiatives, including the development of the Clinical Placement Consortium, HEART Hub architectural plans, and Home Health Aid brief, and explore how the California Rural Health Transformation initiative presents a significant opportunity to secure resources that will advance these regional priorities and bring high-impact workforce and healthcare projects to fruition.
11:50 a.m.– 12:50 p.m.	Networking Lunch	
12:50– 1:30 p.m.	Powering a Transition: Renewable and Resilient Energy	Hear updates from our Renewable and Resilient Energy Sector Investment Coordinator, the Blue Lake Rancheria, alongside RRRISE-funded projects preparing the region for a low-carbon, climate-ready future. With Tribal leadership and innovation at the forefront, leaders will share how their work is advancing workforce development, strengthening community energy resilience, and driving a just energy transition – and where the sector is headed next.
1:30– 2:10 p.m.	Cultivating Regeneration: Working Lands	Our Working Lands and Blue Economy Sector Investment Coordinator West Business Development Center is joined by RRRISE-funded projects to share how the region is advancing a regenerative shift across farms, fisheries, and forests – supporting sustainable resource use, expanding markets, growing an

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	and Blue Economy	inclusive workforce, and driving innovation across agriculture, forestry, and ocean industries – and what's next for rural prosperity in the Redwood Region.
2:10– 2:25 p.m.	Regional Pulse Check: Live Mentimeter	Before we close out the sector sessions, we want to hear from you. Using Mentimeter, reflect on what you've heard so far and share your perspective in real time – on what's working, where economic development through regional coordination and alignment could go further, and how we each show up for this work. Watch the Redwood Region's voice take shape on screen.
2:25– 2:40 p.m.	Break	
2:40– 3:50 p.m.	What's Next for RRRISE: Assets, Sustainability, and Future Planning	As Redwood Region RISE approaches the next phase of its work, join Collaborative leaders to reflect on what has been built and explore opportunities for continued regional collaboration. Learn about key findings from partner engagement, emerging approaches to sustaining regional coordination, and the tools and resources developed through RRRISE to support economic development. Hear from leaders of the Regional Project Finance Council, Tribal Table, our Workforce Development partner Capitol Impact, and others, then join the discussion to help inform priorities for the road ahead.
3:50– 4:00 p.m.	Closing & Send-Off	Reflections on the day, key takeaways, and next steps. Closing remarks from RRRISE leadership and appreciation for hosts, participants, speakers, and panelists.

Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments provided.

Questions? Contact the RRRISE Convening Team at ccrp@humboldt.edu.