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There are lots of big visions and strategies for acting on climate change. But what should be a priority, and what can be done to catalyze immediate action?

In January, BluePoint Planning launched the RAPID Climate Action Network as a way to amplify and accelerate action for climate change. The effort was born out of the numerous climate [emergency resolutions](#) and the lack of actual action related to the emergency.



The RAPID Climate Action Forum, hosted by BluePoint, [ReScape California](#), and [BayREN](#) in San Francisco on January 23 provided the motivation and foundation for the Network. Five RAPID Action Platforms were designed, with teams now meeting to achieve six-month goals in these areas (links open PDFs):

- [Action 1. Quality existing carbon-neutral homes](#)
- [Action 2. Beyond fossil-fuel addiction campaign](#)



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- [Action 3. Localized, resilient power](#)
- [Action 4. Public lands to regenerative soils](#)
- [Action 5. Roadways to people-ways](#)

The model for the forum and post-forum engagement — clarifying existing work and making it actionable — can be scaled and replicated in California and nationally. In response to the demand to host more forums, we are actively planning one in Sacramento, another in Boulder and Denver and with the City of Boulder, Colorado, and a third in Contra Costa County with a consortium of nonprofits.

I am interested in the need for rapid action, sharing the concept, and inspiring engagement from planners who are very often left out of the discussion. The Forum process can help.

You can check out the Network website [here](#).



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RAPID Climate Action Network is in the process of becoming a nonprofit project to coordinate and convene nongovernmental activities related to climate change.