

California 4th Climate Change Assessment
Preparing Public Health Officials for Climate Change – A Decision
Support Tool

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About Four Twenty Seven

- Award-winning climate risk and adaptation consultancy
- Our mission: catalyze climate adaptation by enabling organizations to make smarter decisions through data-driven insights and solutions.
- Previous climate-health work:
 - White House Climate Data Initiative: [Heat & Social Inequity](#) Index
 - Healthcare Without Harm: [Resilient Hospital Dashboard](#)
 - City of San Francisco: Flood Vulnerability: Health-Focused Assessment (April 2016)





Project Partners

■ Public Health Institute

- An independent, nonprofit organization committed to the development, implementation, and management of public health programs.



■ Argos Analytics

- California-based climate data services provider.



■ Habitat Seven

- Climate-focused software development and design studio (National Climate Assessment, IPCC, Risky Business Project, etc.)





Why Improve Heat Wave Outlooks?

Existing heat tools are insufficient

■ Forecasting

- NWS only issued six heat alerts out of 19 heat health events (HHE) recorded between 2000 and 2009 (Guirguis *et al.*, 2014).
- Heat wave thresholds (absolute or percentile) are applied universally
- Few probabilistic outlooks past 14+ days

Decision-making

- Limited context for decision-making around targeted interventions (e.g., socioeconomic and medical vulnerability)
- Interface and visualizations are not user-friendly

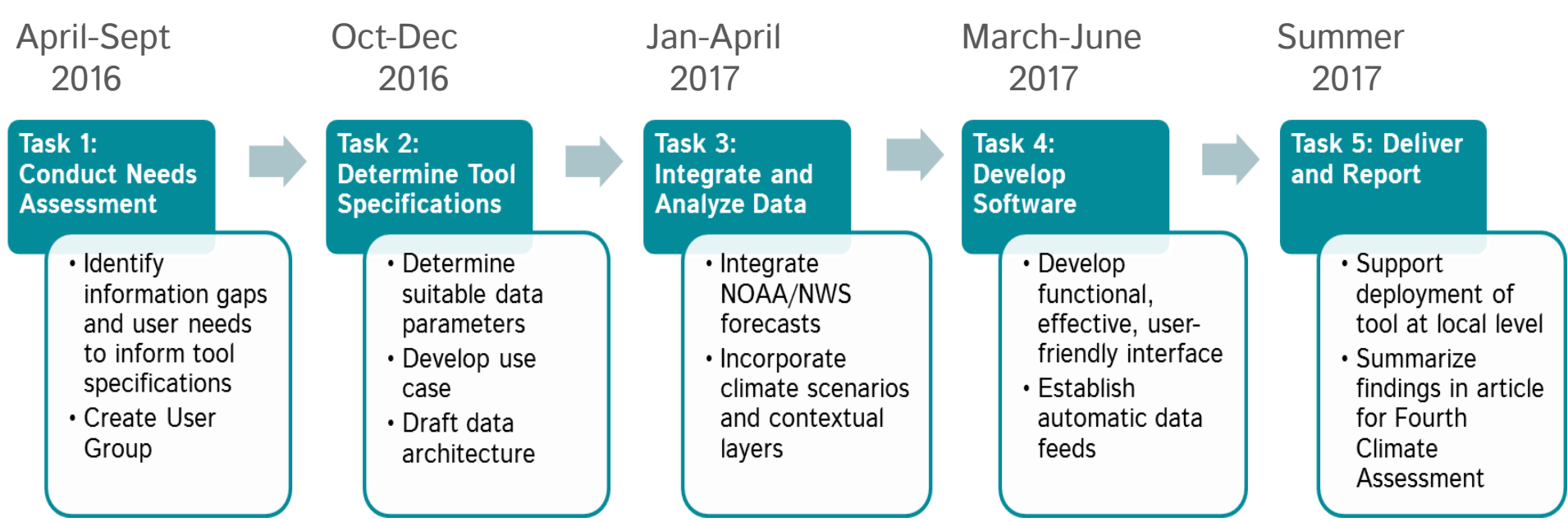


Goals for the Decision-Support Tool

- **Provides actionable information for a range of users:**
 - short-term intervention and emergency preparedness
 - long-term policies and planning consideration;
- Supports all of California's regions and **includes warnings and alerts that capture local climate variability;**
- Includes contextual layers of social and heat vulnerability and **highlights key equity issues across geographies;**
- **Provides climate and weather data** at a resolution as granular as needed
- Is **user-friendly** and provides valuable information that can be easily interpreted and analyzed.



Scope of Work & Timeline





Next Steps

- We welcome questions, feedback and input

- Follow up meetings: milestone briefings
 - Late fall 2016 (User Needs and Tool Specs)
 - Summer 2017 (Tool Demo)
 - Late 2017 (Article overview on key lessons learned)

- CA Climate Science Symposium and CA Adaptation Forum
 - Information sharing and outreach – Long Beach, September 6th-8th, 2016



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