CalHeatScore Kick-Off Meeting

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- CalEPA: create CalHeatScore.
 - Weather data + associated heat health impacts.
 - Tailor to local climates.
 - Set thresholds for action to reduce health risks.
- Office of Planning and Research: outreach for CalHeatScore.
- CA Department of Insurance: study to better insure heat risks.
- CA Department of Public Health: support local guidance on adaptation and resilience.



CalHeat Score will...

- Forecasts of coming heat events.
- Help people prepare and plan for extreme heat events.
- Connect communities, including low-income communities and communities of color, with locally relevant resources.
- Provide accessible heat health messaging, such as tips to stay cool.

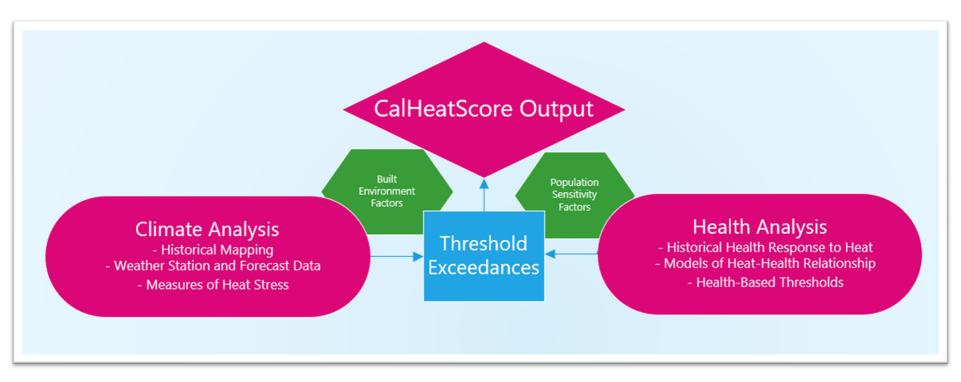


CalHeat Score will achieve this by...

- Providing a user-friendly web interface.
- Mapping heat risk across California communities.
- Using of high-quality data and being transparent in tool methods and process.
- Setting local thresholds by accounting for factors like:
 - Variations in climate & multiple measures of heat.
 - Vulnerable populations & different health responses.



Measuring Heat and Health

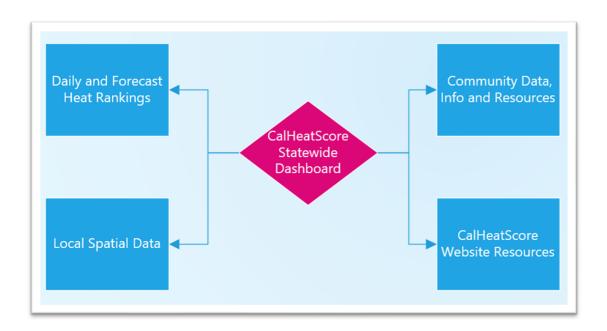


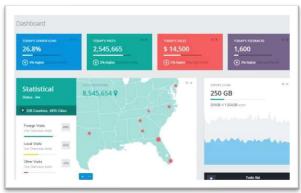
Questions and Input

- What are factors contributing to extreme heat issues in your community?
- What scale of mapping is useful in an extreme heat ranking tool?



Designing the User Experience





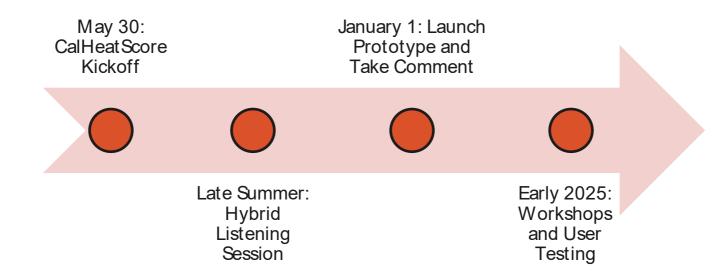


Questions and Input

- What kind of local data do you want to see on CalHeatScore?
- What additional features would be useful on the CalHeatScore website?



Public Engagement Roadmap





Additional Questions and Input?



Thank you

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