

CLIMATE ACTION AD HOC CHARTER

BACKGROUND

On September 17, 2019, the County adopted a Climate Emergency Resolution. Among other things, the Resolution:

- Declares a climate emergency, establishes addressing this emergency as a top Board priority, and directs staff to reevaluate existing policies through the lens of the climate emergency.
- Commits the County to collaborate with the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RPCA) to develop and implement a countywide 2030 Climate Emergency Mobilization Strategy, and to identify a Climate Emergency Mobilization Liaison (Climate Liaison) to coordinate with RPCA and partners on this effort. The Strategy will identify key local actions, including a list of the most impactful local policies to drive equitable system change and identify key areas for state level advocacy.
- Commits the County to working across sectors using inclusive community engagement strategies to accelerate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience measures to equitably address climate change impacts and achieve zero net emissions as quickly as possible.
- Commits the County to educating its employees and residents about the climate crisis and the work needed to catalyze an emergency climate mobilization effort at the local, regional, state, national and global levels.

In addition, the Board directed staff to coordinate with County departments and agencies to identify Recovery and Resiliency Framework and additional actions/policies that the County could take to advance climate resiliency for discussion at the Board's strategic planning session in January 2020.

PURPOSE and SCOPE

The purpose of the Climate Action Ad Hoc is to receive input from County department and agency staff, and to solicit input from stakeholders, including other public entities (e.g. cities, Regional Climate Protection Authority (RPCA), Sonoma Clean Power, local air districts, etc.) and community members. Initial input from department and agency staff will inform the Board's strategic planning session scheduled for January 20, 2020. Following the Board's strategic planning session, the Ad Hoc will work with staff to refine this Charter and to develop an action plan for Board consideration.

It is anticipated that this Ad Hoc will work in phases with, at minimum, quarterly full Board study sessions. The Board would have the opportunity to refine the Ad Hoc scope at each phase study session.

Phase 1 [Now through March]: Work with County departments and agencies to develop a list of climate action and climate resiliency related initiatives for discussion at the Board's January strategic planning session. Based on Board input at the strategic planning session, develop next phases of Ad Hoc work, along with a proposed approach to pursue and accomplish any priority projects and initiatives identified in the strategic planning session, for full Board consideration at a March study session. Coordinate and engage with regional entity stakeholders – RPCA, Sonoma Clean Power, and Zero Waste Sonoma.

Anticipated Phase 2 [April - June]: Following the March study session, refine approach and list of proposed priority projects and initiatives. Coordinate with regional entity stakeholders, non-

governmental organizations, and other community groups. Prepare next full Board study session tentatively for June/July.

Anticipated Phase 3 [July to September]: Based on input received at Board study session, work with County departments and agencies and community stakeholders to develop an implementation plan (including funding options) for Board consideration in September.

Phase 4: [October to December]: Stakeholder and community meetings/workshops on proposed action and implementation plans; develop final recommendations for Board consideration.

The Chair of the Board will appoint Ad Hoc Committee members in January, 2020.

STAFF

- County Administrator's Office
- County Counsel
- General Services, Energy & Sustainability Division*
- Permit Sonoma
- Ag + Open Space
- Sonoma Water

As-needed subject matter support may also be provided by other departments and staff.

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