

## Climate Action Ad-Hoc Committee

### Quarterly Update – March 2021

#### 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 (RCPA), Sonoma Clean Power, local air districts, etc.) and community members. Initial input from department and agency staff informed the Board's strategic planning session on January 20, 2020. Following the approval of the County's five-year Strategic Plan, the Ad Hoc will work with staff to refine this Charter and to develop an action plan for Board consideration.

#### Board Members

Chair Lynda Hopkins  
Supervisor Susan Gorin

#### County 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

#### Status

The Climate Ad Hoc Committee convened on February 24, 2021. The Ad Hoc suggested holding a Climate Town Hall to hear directly from the public about their climate project priorities and interests. The Climate Ad Hoc convened again on March 11, 2021 to share further input on the design and format of the Climate Town Hall. Staff and a contracted facilitator are in the process of planning the Town Hall as a Special Meeting of the Board at 5:00 pm on April 6, 2021.

The Climate Workshop, which was previously scheduled for April 6, 2021, has been delayed to allow the opportunity to consolidate the Town Hall community input prior to the Climate Workshop. The Climate Workshop structure is still in the planning stage.

Upon approval of the County Strategic Plan, the Ad Hoc revisited the list of near-term climate projects that was developed with internal climate work group staff and community partners in 2020. The purpose was to confirm priority and alignment with Plan goals and objectives and evaluate next steps for action.

Additionally, the Ad Hoc agreed to move forward with opening the recruitment for the Climate Analyst position that the Board approved on February 4, 2020. The Climate Analyst will coordinate climate change and resiliency efforts, provide support for the Ad Hoc Committee as well as leadership of cross-departmental and regional collaboration with climate action partners. The Climate Analyst will also support grant research and advocacy efforts to identify and seek funding

sources for priority climate-related projects. The recruitment is expected to be opened by the end of April 2020.

#### **Meetings**

2/24/21

3/11/21

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

The next Climate Ad Hoc will be scheduled for late April or early May 2021.