



County Administrator's Office

Policy, Grants & Special Projects Division

Climate Action and Resiliency Workshop

May 11, 2021

Climate Action

With the devastating health and economic consequences of climate change growing here and elsewhere, Sonoma County must act urgently. Guided by science, and in concert with the state, national and international communities, we can provide a livable climate for today's youth and future generations.

Since 2013, the County has experienced severe droughts, devastating fires, continued floods and hotter temperatures year over year. Each of these unprecedented events is a reminder of the immediate impact of climate change. It is only in working to prevent and mitigate climate change we will avert the worst impacts of the climate emergency and build a stronger, healthier, fairer, and resilient Sonoma community for everyone.



Recommended Actions

1. Receive a summary of community input from the April 6, 2021 Board Climate Town Hall
2. Consider Climate Ad Hoc Committee recommendations to advance near-term climate projects that support County Strategic Plan Climate Action and Resiliency goals and objectives



Workshop Agenda

- A. Climate Action Ad Hoc
- B. Climate Action Town Hall Summary
- C. Funding for Climate Action and Resiliency Actions
- D. Climate Staffing
- E. Climate Projects
- F. Discussion

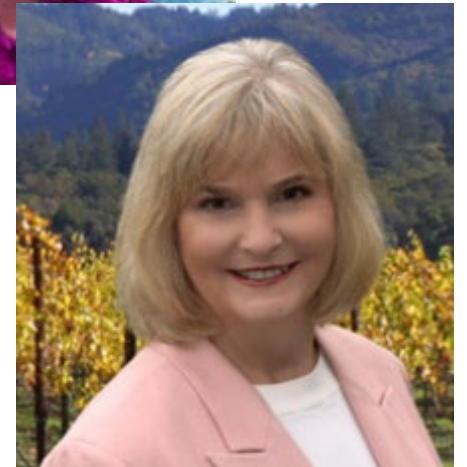


Climate Action Ad Hoc

Climate Action Ad Hoc Committee created
January 6, 2020

Members

- Chair of the Board Lynda Hopkins, District 5
- Supervisor Susan Gorin, District 1



Climate Action Town Hall – April 6, 2021

Purpose:

1. Showcase climate work that is being conducted by the County of Sonoma departments, special districts, and a utility and nonprofit community partners in the county.
2. Engage the community in identifying what the County's priority projects should be to combat climate change and enable Sonoma County to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Results:

Total Participants: 429

Total Comments: 980

Town Hall report (Attachment A) is included in this report and provides a summary of the comments captured.



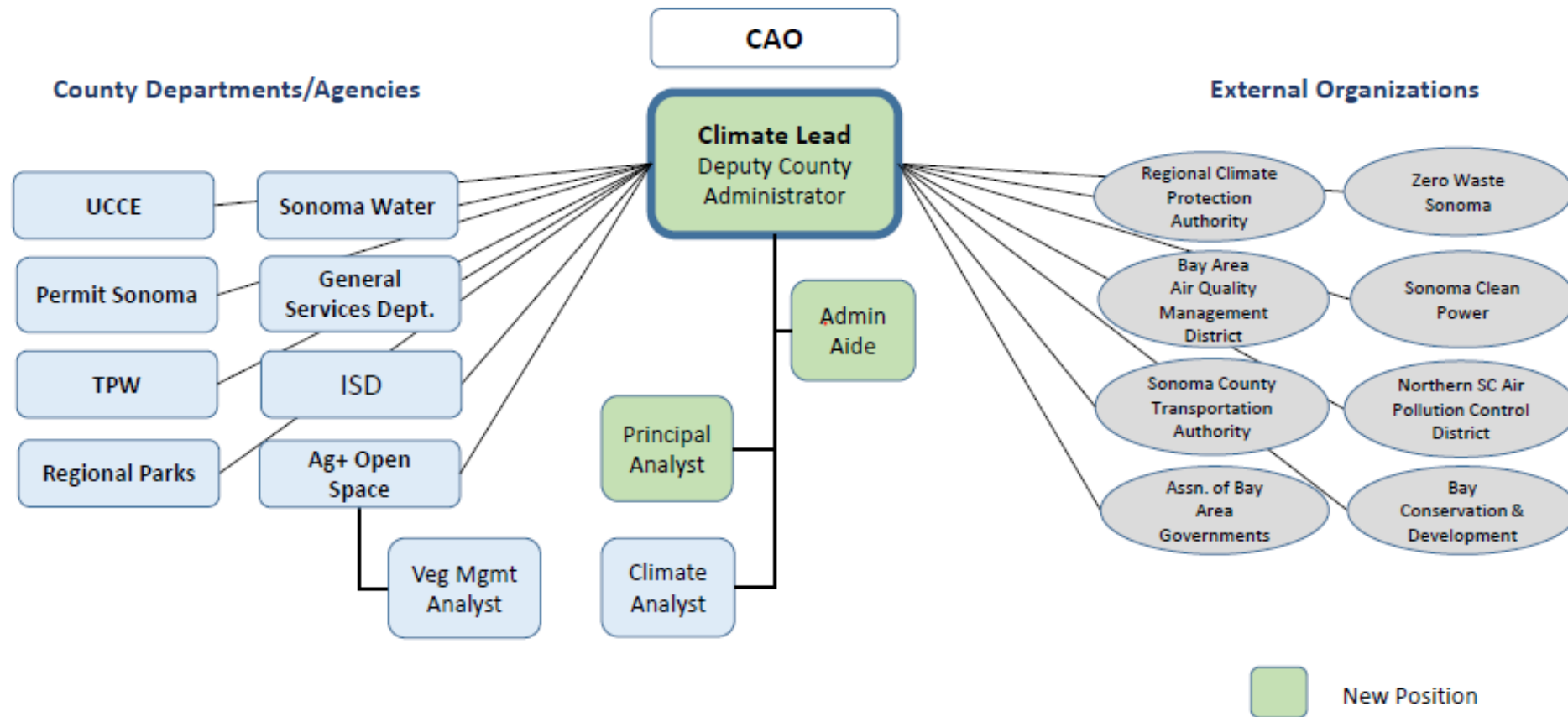
Climate Resiliency Fund

- How best to fund this climate emergency effort?



Climate Staffing Model

CAO as Hub for countywide Climate Work



Climate Staffing Model

Proposed Positions:

- Deputy County Administrator – Climate Lead
- Principal Administrative Analyst
- Administrative Aide

Established in 2020:

Climate Analyst (Administrative Analyst III)



Climate Projects

Review of County short-term proposed actions (within 0-18 months)

Inputs:

County Five Year Strategic Plan

Regional Climate Protection Authority Climate Strategy

Community Town Hall Suggestions

County Recovery and Resiliency Framework

Considerations:

Alignment on climate priorities

Prioritization of some short-term projects/initiatives with multiple benefits



Discussion

