

Climate Action Ad-Hoc Committee

Quarterly Update – July to September 2021

Purpose and Scope
<p>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.</p>

Board Members	County Staff
<p>Chair Lynda Hopkins Supervisor Susan Gorin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p><u>Climate Staffing.</u> The Climate Action Ad Hoc proposed to your Board a staffing structure that would include three (3) more additional hires, alongside the Climate Analyst (hired June 2021): a Climate Action and Resiliency Director (Deputy County Administrator), a Principal Administrative Analyst, and an Administrative Aide. Along with the Climate Analyst, these positions would exist within the County Administrator’s Office under a new Climate Action and Resiliency Division. On May 11, 2021, your Board approved this staffing structure and the funding for these three additional positions and service and supply costs for a three-year period. The hiring process for the Director was launched in June and concluded in September. Barbara Lee, a veteran to the County of Sonoma, was selected.</p> <p><u>Climate Resiliency Fund / Climate Projects.</u> Staff worked closely with identified project leads in re-scoping out the list of potential climate projects. This final list identifies 20 different County projects, with a total funding request adding up to roughly \$12.4M. Project proposals were finalized for each listed project, which includes information on project timelines, important milestones, budget breakdowns, metrics of successes, and expected impacts. Staff has scheduled individual briefings with each Supervisor to discuss the updated list, as well as the process for developing final recommendations, for late October. These briefings will act as a process-check for Staff, and will provide the Supervisors with the opportunity to review progress thus far. Final</p>

recommendations for allocation of the \$10M Climate Resilience Fund are set to go to your Board in January or February 2022.

Meetings

9/28/2021

Upcoming Schedule

There are no scheduled upcoming ad hoc meetings. A first round of Board briefings will happen throughout October to provide an update on the Climate Resiliency Fund.