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## Public Comments

## Hade, Jason

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**From:** Miller, Kate  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2018 4:37 PM  
**To:** Hade, Jason  
**Cc:** Morrison, David; Smith, Vincent (PBES); Gallina, Charlene; Apallas, Chris; Esqueda, Alberto  
**Subject:** RE: Revised Draft Climate Action Plan and Notice of Preparation Now Available  
**Attachments:** NVTA comments on Napa County CAP 2-27-17.pdf

Dear Jason,

NVTA submitted the attached letter on the initial draft of the County's Climate Action Plan in February 2017. One of the comments was overlooked – please make the following correction:

Measure # TR-3, page 5-10

Title: Increase affordable housing, especially workforce housing in Napa County

You show NVTA has a responsible party. NVTA's only current role is to aid with the subregional RHNA process. We also from time to time support applications by housing developers seeking grant funding for affordable housing. The agency is not involved with or responsible for the planning or implementation of affordable housing. Please eliminate NVTA from this measure.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Kate Miller

Kate Miller, Executive Director



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**From:** Hade, Jason  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:02 AM  
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**Subject:** Revised Draft Climate Action Plan and Notice of Preparation Now Available

Good Morning,

Please see the attached information regarding the availability of the Revised Draft Climate Action Plan and Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared.

**Public Scoping Meeting**

A public scoping meeting will be held by the County concurrently with a Planning Commission public hearing on the Revised Draft CAP to inform interested parties and receive comments about the project and the Draft EIR review process. Attendees will have an opportunity to communicate directly with County and consulting staff. The meeting time and location are as follows:

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.**

Napa County Administration Building, Third Floor Board Chambers  
1195 Third Street, Napa

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Jason Hade

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February 27, 2017

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Re: NVTA Comments on Napa County's Draft Climate Action Plan

Dear Mr. Hade,

Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) commends the County on preparing a Climate Action Plan and is in support of many of the implementation strategies outlined in the Plan such as the County subsidizing shuttles for visitors and participating in an industry-wide transportation demand management program.

NVTA provides the following comments:

1. Measure TR-2: Expand EV to low and zero emission vehicles e.g. hydrogen fuel cell.
2. Measure TR-3: NVTA is in support of workforce housing but has limited influence on housing in Napa County and does not control land-use decisions.
3. Measure TR-4: NVTA cannot use public transit funds to support private rail operations. NVTA would be supportive of partnering by coordinating with the Wine Train and the County on providing public transportation solutions between rail stations and destination points.
4. Measure TR-6: NVTA should be named as a "responsible party" to support alternative vehicle travel modes. Not only is NVTA the Countywide Transportation Planning organization it operates the transit system and serves as the Countywide Active Transportation coordinator. Encouraging active transportation commute modes such as walking and biking should be highlighted in the Climate Action Plan. NVTA completed the Countywide Pedestrian Plan (2016) and is in the process of updating the Countywide Bicycle Plan.
5. Measure TR-7: NVTA's limited influence on transit oriented developments (TODs) is through transportation project development and funding. NVTA does not have authority over housing and land-use development decisions.
6. Measure TR-9: The measure should include first-and-last last mile active transportation facility connections to park and rides.
7. Measure Flood-9 and Measure SLR-3: NVTA should be involved in mapping critical transportation routes that are vulnerable to sea-level rise and flooding. NVTA is involved with this work on the SR-37 corridor through the SR-37 policy board that was convened as part of a MOU between the four northern county congestion management agencies. NVTA is also an emergency transportation

provider and serves as a first responder should mass evacuation be required as a result of flooding or other disaster.

8. Measure SLR-4: The County should also keep informed on the climate adaptation work being completed by the Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC) and the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) such as the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) mapping effort.

NVTA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this very important Plan. We look forward to coordinating with the County on actions that will improve Napa's environment and reduce harmful emissions that contribute to climate change

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danielle Schmitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Danielle Schmitz  
NVTA Planning Manager

## Hade, Jason

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**From:** Jack Gray <trustmej@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2018 3:34 PM  
**To:** Hade, Jason  
**Subject:** Re: Climate Action Plan - August 15 Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice

In a message dated 8/3/2018 12:01:20 PM Pacific Standard Time, Jason.Hade@countyofnapa.org writes:

hearing of August 15.

Thanks Jason,

Some preliminary comments are provided below;

Napa County Climate Action Plan - General comments;

1. California's "Solution for Global Warming Act (AB32)" was passed in 2007. This solution has cost residents tens of billions of dollars to date. Yet I can find no attempt that has been made to determine and identify the costs of the individual or total action items which have been or are being taken to implement AB32. Worse yet, there has been no attempt to identify any positive benefits that have been achieved.

1. My general point being (based on admittedly limited research);

- a) Since 2007 California has managed to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 9%.
- b) A new report from the Center for Demographics and Policy at Chapman University in Orange, California noted that on a per capita basis, 41 states outperformed California's CO2 cuts over these same years without any mandated, and costly, climate action or cap and trade programs.

2. It seems logical that a new climate action plan should include some cost/benefit analysis before extensive new costly, regressive mandates are proposed for the residents and businesses of Napa county.

3. I have only begun to review the 274 page Napa county draft. One clear example of the problems I note is that the draft plan identifies several actions in various locations to minimize sea level rise or flooding.

However, the sea level rise information discussed is not consistent with and does not reference actual data collected for over 85 years. Specifically, the state of California has accumulated data based on actual measurements of sea level rise on the west coast since 1933. Using this information and data provided by the "National Research Council" a report entitled "State of California Sea Level Guidance Document" was published in March of 2013. While the guidance document recognizes that uncertainties exist due to tectonic plate shifts it does conclude that an average rise equivalent to 1.55 ft/100 years has occurred near and south of Humboldt Bay

while 60 miles north at Crescent City a drop in local sea level equivalent to 0.21 ft/100 years has occurred.

Recommendations:

1. The climate action plan should be revised to be consistent with the research and guidance that has been provide by the state.
2. Accounting for the thousands of solar power installations throughout the county (residential and commercial) should be recognized and included in the plan.

Regards, Jack Gray PE     Director Napa County Taxpayers Association