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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Proclamation to Address Countywide Climate Change

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services (PBES) requests the following:

1. Presentation of a Proclamation regarding a Countywide Commitment to Address Climate Change; and
2. Appoint two representatives from the Board of Supervisors to the countywide working group on regional climate change.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On January 15, 2019, the Board adopted its 2019-2022 Strategic Plan. Action 14.A of the Strategic Plan states: "Convene a meeting to investigate the feasibility of a regionally integrated Climate Action Plan."

The County Executive Officer (CEO) met with the City Managers and Town Manager on May 24, 2019, to discuss the idea of coordinating climate action strategies. As a first step, the group agreed on wording for a proclamation that will be presented by each City Council, Town Council, and the Board of Supervisors. Staff recommends that the Board present the proclamation and appoint two members to be part of the working group discussed in the proclamation to represent the County's interests in developing a countywide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction plan.

### **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff reports;
2. Public comments; and
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION****History**

According to Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, a plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions should: (A) Quantify greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, both existing and projected over a specified time period, resulting from activities within a defined geographic area; (B) Establish a level, based on substantial evidence, below which the contribution to greenhouse gas emissions from activities covered by the plan would not be cumulatively considerable; (C) Identify and analyze the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from specific actions or categories of actions anticipated within the geographic area; (D) Specify measures or a group of measures, including performance standards, that substantial evidence demonstrates, if implemented on a project-by-project basis, would collectively achieve the specified emissions level; (E) Establish a mechanism to monitor the plan's progress toward achieving the level and to require amendment if the plan is not achieving specified levels; and (F) Be adopted in a public process following environmental review.

The Napa County General Plan, adopted in 2008, calls for the preparation of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) under General Plan Action Item CON CPSP-2. Action Item CON CPSP-2 specifically directed the County to develop a GHG emissions inventory in a manner consistent with AB 32 and then to develop an emission reduction plan that included consideration of a "green building" ordinance and other mechanisms "shown to be effective at reducing emissions." A proposed CAP was recommended by the Planning Commission and considered by the Board of Supervisors in 2012. The Board remanded the CAP back to staff to better address transportation emissions, and to credit past accomplishments and voluntary efforts. At that time, the Board also requested that the Planning Commission consider voluntary best practices when reviewing projects until a revised CAP is adopted.

In a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on March 10, 2015, the Board directed staff to resume work and update the CAP. A contract was approved with the consulting firm Ascent Environmental on July 14, 2015, to prepare the CAP. The contract has since been amended three times: in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

On August 14, 2018, the Board approved the County's response to the Grand Jury Report entitled "Napa County Climate Action Plan - A Work in Progress."

Four public workshops have been held throughout the development of the CAP. The first workshop was held on November 9, 2015 and focused on an overview of the climate action planning process, plan schedule, and steps necessary to establish the baseline 2014 GHG inventory. The County's draft GHG inventory was presented at a public workshop held on February 24, 2016. Draft GHG emissions reduction targets, reduction measures, and gap analysis were discussed at a third public workshop held on June 30, 2016. A final workshop was conducted at the Watershed Information and Conservation Council (WICC) meeting of February 23, 2017. The WICC meeting

featured a presentation of the Public Review Draft CAP followed by a question and answer session. Each of the four public workshops was attended by approximately 25 to 35 persons.

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the Final Draft CAP at its meeting of July 5, 2017. Since that meeting, staff has worked with the project consultant, Ascent Environmental, Inc. and County Counsel to analyze all comments received to date. Staff also evaluated the Final Draft CAP in light of recent court cases and prepared a Revised Draft CAP. The Revised Draft CAP, revised appendices, and Notice of Preparation for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review were released on July 24, 2018. A Second Revised Draft CAP and revised appendices and Draft EIR were released for public review on May 10, 2019. The Planning Commission will accept public comments on the Draft EIR at its meeting of June 19, 2019. Comments for both the revised plan and Draft EIR are due on June 24, 2019.

### **Strategic Plan**

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1. Address climate change in each jurisdiction's respective General Plan, consistent with the State Office of Planning and Research Guidelines for General Plan Updates;
2. Form a community round table, advisory group, or other similar stakeholders group to review each jurisdiction's respective existing Climate Action Plans (or functional equivalent) and identify countywide goal setting and strategies for addressing climate change issues which may include some or all of the following:
  - a. Estimate baseline and future projected countywide GHG emissions;
  - b. Agree upon a countywide GHG reduction goal and timeline; and
  - c. Establish common goals and standards that each jurisdiction can adopt independently to reduce GHG emissions.
3. Identify potential threats to the County, Cities, and Town resulting from climate change and develop cost estimates and funding opportunities for shared project and programs to improve community resiliency.

### **Recommendation**

Consistent with the recommendation of the CEO, City Managers, and Town Manager, staff recommends that the Board present the draft Proclamation.

Staff also recommends that the Board appoint two members to be part of the working group discussed in the proclamation, to represent the County's interests in developing a countywide GHG reduction plan.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp