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Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Napa County Planning Commission
FROM:	John McDowell for Hillary Gitelman - Director Conservation, Development & Planning
REPORT BY:	Hillary Gitelman, Director - 253-4805
SUBJECT:	Green Hosue Gas Emissions

RECOMMENDATION

PLANNING FOR GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Request: Information item and discussion concerning planning for green house gas (GHG) emissions reductions in unincorporated Napa County. Staff will provide an overview of regional and local planning efforts and next steps.

Staff Recommendation: Information item and discussion.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa County General Plan (adopted June 2008) calls on the County to quantify green house gas (GHG) emissions and work to reduce those emissions over time. Staff will provide an overview of State and regional planning efforts, and discuss the status of an ongoing project to implement this section of the General Plan. After the presentation, staff invites comments and questions from the Commission, as well as a discussion of the next steps in this planning effort. While this item is not a formal public hearing, staff recommends that the Commission invite interested members of the public to provide comments.

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

See the attached power point handout, which will form the basis of staff's presentation. Also attached is a copy of the voluntary checklist currently in use for projects reviewed by the Commission.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Planning for GHG Reductions -- Status Report
- B. Voluntary GHG Reduction Checklist

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve Reviewed By: John McDowell