

# City of Calistoga

## Staff Report

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Kathy Flamson, City Clerk  
**DATE:** June 20, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and Approval of a Resolution in Support of the Paris Agreement to Reduce Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



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Dylan Feik, City Manager

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2 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a Resolution that:

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4 1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation  
5 of a Climate Action Plan; and  
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7 2. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting  
8 the goals of the Paris Agreement; and  
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10 3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and  
11 programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while  
12 maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.  
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14 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.  
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16 **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** The Paris Climate Accord, known as the "Paris  
17 Agreement" by the United Nations, is an historic international agreement reached in  
18 2015 aimed at reducing carbon emissions, slowing rising global temperatures and  
19 helping countries deal with the effects of climate change. This Staff Report asks the  
20 City Council to approve a Resolution in support of the Paris Agreement.  
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22 **COUNCIL GOALS:** The project conforms to Council Goal No. 4: Create an  
23 environmentally-sustainable community and the City can further accomplish this goal by  
24 addressing objectives and priority projects as identified by the City Council, such as –  
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26 Objectives

- 27 1. Implement “green” environmental sustainability policies and initiatives.  
28 2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.  
29 3. Promote Calistoga as a walking-and-cycling-friendly city.

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31 Priority Projects

- 32 1. Implement the GHG Emissions Reductions Measures included in the Climate  
33 Action Plan.  
34 2. Work on the construction of the Calistoga segment of the Napa Valley Vine Trail  
35 to expand the active transportation network.  
36 3. Implement the Calistoga Active Transportation Plan in order to improve and  
37 enhance walkways and bicycle trails.

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39 **CEQA REVIEW:** The recommended action is general policy and procedure and is not a  
40 Project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b) (4) of CEQA.

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42 **FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

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44 **ATTACHMENT:**

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- 46 1. Resolution

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT TO REDUCE GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

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**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

**WHEREAS**, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of the 2030 GHG emissions target by reducing today's petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50%; increasing from one-third to 50% our electricity derived from renewable sources; doubling the energy efficiency savings achieved at existing buildings and making heating fuels cleaner; reducing the release of methane, black carbon and other short-lived climate pollutants; managing farm and rangelands, forests and wetlands so they can store carbon; and periodically updating the state's climate adaptation strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF CALISTOGA:**

- 1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
- 2. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
- 3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this **20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017**, by the following vote:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**ABSENT:**

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**CHRIS CANNING, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
  
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**KATHY FLAMSON, City Clerk**