

# City of Calistoga

## Staff Report

**TO:** Community Resources Commission  
**FROM:** Erik V. Lundquist, Associate Planner  
**DATE:** February 17, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework

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2 **ISSUE:** Consider forwarding a recommendation to the City Council expressing the  
3 Community Resources Commission's support of the Napa Countywide Community  
4 Climate Action Framework and directing the Napa County Transportation & Planning  
5 Agency (NCTPA) Board of Directors to adopt the Framework.

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7 **RECOMMENDATION:** Receive report and provide recommendation.

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9 **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The City has historically been a leader in  
10 environmental stewardship and has taken an active role in promoting conservation  
11 through public policy decisions since the early 1990s. In 2003 the City adopted a  
12 General Plan that embodies and embraces the City's continued attention to  
13 environmental sustainability. In 2004 the City Council furthered its efforts by  
14 establishing the Community Resources Commission (CRC) whom advises the City  
15 Council on broad range of community interest matters, including environmental  
16 initiatives.

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18 On August 5, 2009 the CRC held a special joint meeting with the Planning Commission,  
19 wherein they solicited comments and discussed the Preliminary Draft Napa Countywide  
20 Climate Action Plan and supplemental Climate Action Plan (CAP) Framework that was  
21 being drafted in cooperation with Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency  
22 (NCTPA). Subsequently, on August 18, 2009 the City Council considered the  
23 recommendation of the Community Resources Commission to support the preliminary  
24 actions described within the Preliminary Draft Countywide Climate Action Plan  
25 Framework. The Council supported the Preliminary Draft and directed the CRC to work  
26 with Staff to finalize and begin implementing the Draft Plan.

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28 Over the past several months the Green Subcommittee, the CRC and Staff have been  
29 actively pursuing the completion of the Climate Action Plan through the Napa County  
30 Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA). Through this effort the Climate Action  
31 Plan has taken somewhat of a different approach. At an NCTPA Technical Advisory

32 Committee (TAC) meeting in November of last year, the NCTPA TAC suggested, as a  
33 result of amended California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, that the  
34 document should be recast as a broad policy “framework”, with a comprehensive  
35 description of the issues involved and that the detailed actions proposed by each  
36 jurisdiction be included in a subsequent set of formal planning documents or local  
37 Climate Action Plan. Subsequently on December 16, 2009, the NCTPA Board  
38 considered this course of action and supported the framework and released the  
39 document for public review. As such, this Framework is being brought back to the CRC  
40 for their consideration and support. Should the CRC continue to support these efforts,  
41 Staff recommends that the CRC forward a recommendation to the City Council to direct  
42 the NCTPA Board to adopt the Napa Countywide Community Climate Action  
43 Framework.

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45 **NEXT STEPS:** The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider the  
46 Framework during their regularly scheduled meeting of March 10<sup>th</sup> and the City Council  
47 will tentatively consider the Framework during their regularly scheduled meeting of  
48 March 16<sup>th</sup>. Should the City Council support the Framework, their recommendation will  
49 be forwarded to NCTPA Board for their consideration.

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51 With regard to the local Climate Action Plan, the City Council has directed Staff to  
52 develop the City's own Climate Action Plan. Much of this work has been undertaken  
53 and will be brought back to the CRC for consideration this spring.

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55 Other jurisdictions such as the County of Napa and the City's of Napa and St. Helena  
56 have committed resources to developing their own Climate Action Plans and are also  
57 moving forward in the adoption process.

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59 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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61 1. Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework: *Executive Summary*  
62 *and Background*  
63 2. Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework: *Reduction Strategies*

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65 *(Unabridged version of the Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework*  
66 *available upon request at the Planning and Building Department. A complete copy of*  
67 *the Draft Framework has been provided on the City's Website at*  
68 *www.ci.calistoga.ca.us)*