

City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Erik V. Lundquist, Associate Planner
VIA: Charlene Gallina, Director of Planning & Building
DATE: March 16, 2010
SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan Update

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:


James C. McCann, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration of a Resolution directing the Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA) Board of Directors to adopt the Draft Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution

BACKGROUND: The City has historically been a leader in environmental stewardship and has taken an active role in promoting conservation through public policy decisions since the early 1990s. In 2003 the City adopted a General Plan that embodies and embraces the City's continued attention to environmental sustainability. In 2004 the City Council furthered its efforts by establishing the Community Resources Commission (CRC) whom advises the City Council on broad range of community interest matters, including environmental initiatives. Additionally, the Planning Commission has been charged with the implementation of the General Plan and advises the City Council on land use policies.

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

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26 Over the past several months Staff has been actively pursuing the completion of the Climate
27 Action Plan through the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA). Through
28 this effort the Climate Action Plan has taken somewhat of a different approach. At an NCTPA
29 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in November of last year, the NCTPA TAC
30 suggested, as a result of amended California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, that
31 the document should be recast as a broad policy "framework", with a comprehensive description
32 of the issues involved and that the detailed actions proposed by each jurisdiction be included in
33 a subsequent set of formal planning documents or local Climate Action Plan. Subsequently on
34 December 16, 2009, the NCTPA Board considered this course of action and supported the
35 framework and released the document for public review. As such, this Framework is being
36 brought back to the City Council for their consideration and support at the recommendation of
37 both the CRC and Planning Commission. Should the City Council concur with this
38 recommendation and continue to support these efforts, the City Council should adopt the
39 attached Resolution directing the NCTPA Board to adopt the Napa Countywide Community
40 Climate Action Framework.

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42 **ADVISORY BODY COMMENTS**

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44 A. Community Resources Commission

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46 During the CRC's most recent meeting of February 17, 2010, the CRC openly expressed
47 their support for the re-formatted Draft Framework and recommended that the City
48 Council support the document as drafted. With the recommendation, the CRC also
49 recommended that they continue to implement the draft local action plan with emphasis
50 on education and outreach until the formal local action plan can be adopted or until
51 otherwise directed by the City Council.

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53 B. Planning Commission

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55 During the Planning Commission's most recent meeting of March 10, 2010, the Planning
56 Commission openly expressed their support for the re-formatted Draft Framework and
57 also recommended that the City Council support the document as drafted, with a
58 suggestion to list the actions in order of priority rather than randomly.

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60 **NEXT STEPS:**

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62 Should the City Council support the Framework, their recommendation will be forwarded to
63 NCTPA Board for their consideration.

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65 With regard to the local Climate Action Plan, the City Council has directed Staff to develop the
66 City's own Climate Action Plan. Much of this work has been undertaken and will be brought
67 back to the Planning Commission for consideration this spring, unless otherwise directed.
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69 Other jurisdictions such as the County of Napa and the City's of Napa and St. Helena have
70 committed resources to developing their own Climate Action Plans and are also moving forward
71 in the adoption process.

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73 **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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75 Distributing, reviewing and preparing the Countywide Framework and Calistoga's Climate Action
76 Plan will require staffing. Additionally, General Fund dollars and staffing will need to be
77 directed for the implementation of these efforts, as well as the need to secure grants from
78 available sources to off set public and private sector costs. The City Council will review and
79 approve such subsequent budget allocations, in the upcoming FY 10/11 and FY 11/12 Budget
80 process.

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82 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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84 1. Draft Resolution

85 2. Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework: *Executive Summary and*
86 *Background*

87 3. Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework: *Reduction Strategies*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE DRAFT NAPA COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY
CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK, DATED DECEMBER 2009, AND DIRECTING THE NAPA
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING AGENCY (NCTPA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT THE FRAMEWORK

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WHEREAS, there is a consensus among the world's leading scientists that global warming caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problem facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impacts on plants and wildlife habitats, threats to global food and water supplies – all of which have an economic impact on communities and their local governments; and

WHEREAS, state, regional and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emissions reduction targets and programs; and

WHEREAS, the US Conference of Mayors has endorsed the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which commits cities to reduction of global warming emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, and calls for a federal limit on emissions; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, cities have a unique role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their local jurisdiction over policy areas such as transportation and mobility, buildings and energy, consumption and solid waste management, natural resources, forest preservation, water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework provides a consensus-based context for further more detailed planning efforts. It outlines a package of 53 actions that, when translated into locally specific programs and projects countywide, *will* help meet climate protection targets; and

WHEREAS, the Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework is fundamental to the City since it guides the City in developing locally appropriate implementation plans, designed for specifically for the City, focusing on specific programs and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City supports the Draft Napa Countywide Community Climate Action Framework, dated December 2009, and directs the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) Board of Directors to adopt the Framework.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this 16th day of March 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

JACK GINGLES, Mayor

ATTEST:

SUSAN SNEDDON, City Clerk