

Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee
Friday September 17, 3:00 - 5:00
Via ZOOM
Meeting Agenda

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Review of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from August, 2021
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.
5. Report to the MCCAAC, by Committee Members on Ongoing Activities and Possibilities for Collaboration.
6. Discuss and Develop Program for Climate Change Education & Outreach.
7. Discuss and Develop Recommendations Regarding How to Address Drought and Water Issues in Mendocino County.
8. Discuss and Develop Follow Up Activities with Regard to County's Climate Action Fund.
9. Report back from Sonoma County Climate Mobilization Committee.
10. Discuss follow up activities from previous meetings.
11. Identify a Meeting Date for October
12. Adjournment

**Mendocino County Climate Action
Advisory Committee
Friday August 20, 3:00 - 5:00
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll call showed the following members also in attendance: Jessica Stull-Otto, Randy Macdonald, Richard Hubacek, Ellen Drell, Cathy Monroe, Susan Sher, Marie Jones, Tess Albin-Smith.

Members not present: Eleos Kostis, Sandy Marshall

Members of the public: Eileen Mitro, Carrie Durkee, James Schoonover, Peter McNamea

Cathy will follow up with a letter to the clerk of the board regarding removal of the following members from the Committee: Javier Silva, Michael Potts and John.

2. Review of Agenda

Cathy will compose a letter to the Governor regarding redistricting for our next meeting

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from July, 2021

The meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

No public comment on non agenda items.

5. Discuss Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Climate Positive Projects for Funding from Infrastructure Bill (Marie)

The following ideas were generated by the committee for consideration in the CEDS:

- ✓ Install PV on all County buildings
- ✓ Establish new water storage tanks/ponds/etc for community water systems.
- ✓ Install more bicycle routes throughout the County
- ✓ Invest in e-bike rentals in the larger towns.
- ✓ Invest in electrical charging stations for vehicles throughout the County
- ✓ Upgrade the Mendocino Transit Authority
- ✓ Implement the recommendations of the County energy audit.
- ✓ Invest in localized energy generation and storage systems
- ✓ Invest in more affordable housing
- ✓ Expand the capacity of the Covelo Sewer District and the Round Valley Water District
- ✓ Widen fire route escapes and or provide alternative fire escape routes in the following communities: Potter Valley, Booktrails, Redwood Valley, Albion Ridge Road, pudding creek road, Simpson Lain, Gibney Lain.
- ✓ Adopt the MCOG project list as part of the CEDS
- ✓ Develop a program for rainwater catchment

- ✓ Methane flares for the County Dump

6. Discuss and Develop Program for Climate Change Education & Outreach.

The following subcommittee was formed to address education and outreach: Randy, Richard and Ellen and Jessica.

Some ideas for the subcommittee to work on include:

- ✓ Recruit people in education to the MCCAAC
- ✓ Tap into existing youth groups
- ✓ Reach out to supervisors
- ✓ Explore UC Climate Stewards for volunteers
- ✓ Richard will engage in Media Outreach, everyone to forward their media contact list to Richard.
- ✓ Cathy will create displays on climate for the library.

7. Discuss and Develop Recommendations Regarding How to Address Drought and Water Issues in Mendocino County.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Discuss and Develop Follow Up Activities with Regard to County's Climate Action Fund.

The Rural Institute asked the MCCAAC to undertake the following course of action with regard to the Climate Fund:

- ✓ The MCCAAC (as the BOS's advisory body on climate) to request the energy audit report on county infrastructure be sent to the committee for review as soon as it's available.
- ✓ The MCCAAC should share the document with as many local environmental and community groups as are interested; with a short simple request - to send to the MCCAAC their list of the top three projects identified in the audit that they feel the county should pursue first. The MCCAAC may also identify one or more projects not identified in the audit that they feel the county should pursue as a future project.
- ✓ The MCCAAC will hold one public hearing to offer any group or person in the county an opportunity to make a three minute statement about their project choices.
- ✓ Based on the written comments, the hearing and its own deliberations - make a set of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for which projects should be prioritized. And request, the BOS direct the CEO's office to provide a short written report quarterly to the MCCAAC on the progress of the Carbon Free Mendocino County Government projects approved by the board so that the MCCAAC can monitor and advise the BOS accordingly.
- ✓ The MCCAAC agreed to work towards this action plan.

9. Discuss Options for Mitigation for tree removal from PG&E power lines.

This was tabled for a follow up meeting at a later date.

10. Report back from Sonoma County Climate Mobilization Committee.

The subcommittee recommended the following projects for us to consider:

- ✓ Develop a Mendocino County Strategic Plan for Climate Mobilization

- ✓ Adopt a Mendocino County Climate Neutral Resolution
- ✓ Develop a Long Range Climate Change Plan
- ✓ Complete the Green House Gas Inventory

11. Discuss follow up activities from previous meetings.

No time for this discussion

12. Identify a Meeting Date for September

- ✓ The meeting will be held on Friday September 17th at 3:00.

13. Adjournment