

Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee
Friday August 19, 2:00 - 5:00
Agenda
Meeting start time is 2:00

Marie Jones is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Mendocino County Climate Action & Advisory Committee
Time: Aug 19, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Review of Agenda
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 2022 (Attachment 1)
5. Adopt Resolution to Extend Meeting via Covid (Attachment 2)
6. Discuss items of interest of Committee Members: Covelo Safe Streets Project, Caltran's Street Scape Funding, other State & Federal Funding Opportunities, other items.
7. Authorize the Chair to submit a grant application on behalf of the Climate Action Committee and the County of Mendocino to prepare a Climate Action Plan for the County (Attachment 3)
8. Adjournment

Mendocino County Climate Action Committee
June 17, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Mendocino County Citizen Action Committee was held on June 17, 2022, called to order by chair Marie Jones at 2:07. Marie has purchased her own Zoom account so the meeting start up occurred more smoothly than previously going through the county system.

The member roll call showed that besides Marie, Jessica Stull-Otto, Sandra Marshall, Tess Albin-Smith and Cathy Monroe were present. Also in attendance were Elleen Mitro, Carrie Durkee, Lind MacElwee, and Gizmo.

Gizmo spoke during Public Comment, checking up on his suggested letter to the county to ban new gas stations in the county and with a suggestion for another letter requesting that the county limit the permitting of drive-thru businesses to give preferences to vehicles not using fossil fuels and eventually to only allow non fossil fuel vehicles only for drive-thru services.

Jessica moved and Tess seconded that the committee continue to hold remote meetings digitally according to county and state guidelines, The motion carried unanimously.

Linda MacElwee of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District presented an overview of the Sustainable Ag Lands Conservation Program (SALC) which is coming to a close of its Phase 1.. This was a program officially under the Mendocino County's Ag Department drafting a framework for an agriculture component to a Mendocino County Climate Action Plan. Data from 2018 was gathered and vetted through a SALC committee recognizing that our county's agriculture can play an important role in carbon sequestration. How we farm can make a difference and ag lands need protection from conversion. Marie suggested that the data/info gathered through the SALC be shared directly with the county as it updates zoning. During discussion of the MCCAC members present it was suggested that Marie draft a letter to the county asking that adequate public input be included as the county moves forward on its zoning update.

Marie will send out MCCAC's support for CARB, a Climate Change Scoping Plan. This was supported unanimously as was also the approval of a letter in support of a Sea Level Rise Study grant application.

Cathy will go back and review the Code Red information shared in January to suggest recommended actions by the county. There was further discussion about the Blue Economy by Tess and from Jessica on community planning. Gizmo suggested we look into desalination solutions for supplementary water. Carrie reported that the California Coastal Commission is meeting in Fort Bragg July 14,15, and 16 ,giving a rare opportunity to input directly locally.

The meeting was adjourned after the decision to not meet in July but to hold our next regular meeting on the 3rd Friday in August, August 19, at 2:00 by zoom.

Develop a Climate Action Plan for Mendocino County.	\$ 85,000
<i>Mendocino County does not have a Climate Action Plan. This plan would include extensive outreach to the members of the partnership as well as the larger community to identify important strategies and key projects that will allow the County and its residents and businesses to adapt to and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Including but not limited to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions while increasing carbon sequestration.</i>	
Project Lead: Mendocino County Climate Action & Advisory Committee	
Develop the Jackson Demonstration Forest Management Plan.	\$ 85,000
<i>This effort will support Coyote Valley Band of Pomo's government to government consultation process with Calfire regarding the development of a new Management Plan for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. This project includes extensive collaboration with a wide array of community-based organizations, residents and businesses. This effort is geared to achieve Tribal co-management of the forest to maximize long term carbon sequestration and demonstrate forest restoration activities.</i>	
Project Lead: Coyote Valley Band of Pomo	
Strengthen the nascent Blue Economy	\$ 130,000
<i>Strengthen the development and partnership of the Noyo Collective which consists of representation from business, government, tribes, harbor districts education and research to embrace sustainable business growth, job creation, job training and community education, research and innovation around the blue economy in Mendocino County. Foster the public-private partnerships and investigate grant opportunities and facilitate grant applications to support Blue Economy initiative. Investigate Harbor facilities and infrastructure throughout the coastal region and identify projects to ensure that they are ready to adapt to sea level rise.</i>	
Project Lead: Noyo Center, City of Fort Bragg	
Develop a Coastal Adaptation Education Initiative	\$ 75,000
<i>Develop coastal based partnership to provide community education and expert technical assistance to communities impacted by sea level rise. Education to include saltwater incursion into ground water and river intake water systems, impacts of tidal & high surf cliff erosion on coastal homes & businesses, retreat & relocation of public & private infrastructure (roads, power, communication, sewer treatment, etc.), impacts on commercial harbors. This partnership will include the Grass Roots Institute, Noyo Harbor District, and Jug Handle Nature Center.</i>	
Project Lead: Grass Roots Institute (?)	
Green Economy: Build climate resiliency in the agriculture sector	\$130,000
<i>Increase climate resiliency and mitigation opportunities in the agriculture sector. Focus on opportunities to expand organic farming and carbon sequestration in farms throughout Mendocino County. Develop research partnerships throughout the region among firms in the agriculture and AgTech and research centers. Develop public-private partnerships between Community Colleges, Farm Bureau, Mendo-Lake food hub and private Ag enterprises to support the green economy practices, AgTech innovations, water resource retention and development of storage projects throughout the region. Support innovative ag/fire risk reduction practices such as grazing and controlled burns and expand the use of electric tractor and green manufacturing facilities.</i>	
Project Lead: UC Extension Hopland Research Center	
Environmental Justice Project.	\$ 75,000
<i>Identify partners and access funding for education, training & empowerment projects targeted at environmental justice, climate mitigation and remediation especially with regard to unique impacts on low income & marginalized communities, i.e., Youth, Minority, Native People and small unique population communities along the coast.</i>	
Project Lead: Climate Action Mendocino (?)	
Decentralized Alternative Energy Initiative.	\$ 100,000

This project will include the development and cross training of a public-private partners to optimize local decentralized renewable solar, wind and geothermal energy production, and the development of secure micro grids to share and mutually support efficient and reliable energy distribution from producers to consumers. The project will include dentification of partners, development of partnership agreements, identification of projects and funding for implementation.

Project Lead: (?)

Landscape Level Adaptation & Resiliency Project of Public Lands	\$ 130,000
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Mendocino County includes a tapestry of very large property owners, including: Calfire, State Parks, Mendocino County, Agricultural Business Owners, and Forest Products Companies. This project would develop collaborations for the development and eventual implementation of plans for landscape level climate adaptation and restoration projects for the region's publicly owned lands, forest lands and agricultural lands.

Project Lead: State Parks

Project Subtotal	\$ 810,000
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Project Management & Administration	\$ 125,000
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Project management and master convening of project leads, including informing and collaboration with adjacent counties of Humboldt and Sonoma. Includes creation of subrecipient agreements, monitoring progress, managing invoices and financial reporting, holding cross project training sessions amongst project partners. Collection and consolidation of all evaluation data and metrics.

Project Lead: West Business Development Center

Indirect (10%)	\$ 93,000
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Project total	\$ 1,028,000
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