



Monterey County

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Board Report

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- b) Discuss the stakeholder engagement plan for the Climate Action Plan;
- c) Discuss budget request for the Sustainability Program and Climate Action Plan; and
- d) Provide other direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee members

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SUMMARY:

On October 27, 2020, the Sustainability Program presented to the Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with staff from the Resources Management Agency (RMA), a proposed update to the General Plan Policy for greenhouse gas reductions. The revisions to the policy were adopted via a resolution and staff was directed to move forward with locating funding for the Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CCAAP) and to complete the plan by 2022. Staff plans to request funding at an upcoming Budget Committee meeting for the CCAAP and program operation in the amount of \$250,000. Staff has been working on a stakeholder engagement plan and is presenting that plan to the committee today for discussion.

Additionally, the Sustainability Program launched or made progress on several other initiatives:

1. Held the second meeting of the Sustainability Ambassadors Program and reviewed ideas from the group for sustainability internally.
2. Completed the Tariff Rate Optimization Study, which will help the County save money on energy costs due to recent changes in electricity rate structures

3. Initiated the Net Zero pilot project energy audit and executed the Program Services Agreement to launch the audit. Recommendations from the Audit will be brought to the Capital Improvements Committee and Budget Committee in January.
4. Launched efforts to develop an internal action plan to meet SB1383 regarding food waste diversion in the County which will be brought before the Board of Supervisors in early January.
5. Initiated a study on fleet electrification for the County which will be presented to AEE in February.
6. Began the process of developing a resiliency and adaptation partnership with federal agencies including NOAA, EPA, USGS and FEMA.

DISCUSSION:

The development of a successful Climate Action Plan in Monterey will rely heavily on input from local stakeholders through a series of stakeholder engagement meetings.

The stakeholder engagement process as it is currently envisioned will be split into three phases:

Phase 1: Project Initiation & Visioning

Phase 1 consists of outreach and engagement focused on developing the vision for the plan, providing education to the community, including the science and historical context of climate change issues in our region, high-level goal setting, and inspirational engagement.

Phase 2: Policy & Strategy Development

Phase 2 will be the development and prioritization of sustainability, resilience/adaptation, and climate action strategies including sharing the results of any technical analyses, the greenhouse gas inventories and forecasts, any vulnerability assessments, sustainability indicators and any preliminary assessments of existing activities and GHG reductions and other co-benefits. Phase 2 outreach and engagement will continue to inform and provide opportunities for the County to consult, involve, and collaborate with stakeholders during the identification and development of strategies.

Phase 3: Plan Preparation & Environmental Review

Phase 3 will focus on review and refinement of the draft greenhouse gas reduction and adaptation strategies and the implementation plan. Outreach and engagement during Phase 3 will focus on review of the CAP document itself.

The Sustainability Program recommends engaging with the following groups through various suggested workshops and panels. Internal Staff Sustainability Team

- Board of Supervisors
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Jurisdictions within the County
- External Stakeholders
 - Sector Working Groups
 - Equity Panel

- Youth Council/Students
- Community/Members of the Public
 - Speaker Series/Education
- Business Roundtable
- Ag Showcase
- Advisory Bodies
 - Planning Commission
 - Alternative Energy and Environment Committee

The extent to which these groups can be engaged will depend upon funding availability. More details on how and when these meetings and groups will be engaged are included the Stakeholder Engagement Plan attached to this report.

Staff asks that the committee members provide advice and direction on the details of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

RMA, Health Department, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, WRA, TAMC, AMBAG

FINANCING:

Financing is needed to execute a CCAAP, especially if the CCAAP is meant to be a qualified climate action plan. Staff has identified and applied for potential source of funding for the CCAAP through the Department of Conservation's SALC planning grants and has a Civic Spark fellow working on the adaptation portion of the plan. Staff is working with the budget office to locate potential sources of funding. Similar plans range from approximately \$75,000 to \$250,000 depending on scope, staff availability and purpose.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The Climate Action Plan is required by the County General Plan and will provide strategies to support the County's environmental, social, and economic well-being through comprehensive planning and stakeholder engagement.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

☐ Economic Development
☒ Administration
☒ Health & Human Services
☒ Infrastructure
☐ Public Safety

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Attachments:

Staff Report

Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Example costs from other Jurisdictions

