



Monterey County

Board Report

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Board of Supervisors
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- a) Receive a presentation from the Monterey County Office of Education and the Monterey County Sustainability Program on the partnership for a Youth Climate Leadership Council;
and
- b) Provide direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee members

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SUMMARY:

The Sustainability Program has been collaborating with the Monterey County Office of Education to learn more about student curriculum and ways to engage with students. Students who live in Monterey County will grow up facing the effects of a changing climate and are increasingly bringing their perspective and solutions to the efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change. Through the Next Generation Science Standards, Project Based Learning methods, and Environmental Literacy programs, the Monterey County Office of Education has been working to integrate climate change programs into the K-12 curriculum. Gathering students to share their vision for Climate Action in the 2030 Monterey County Climate Action Plan will give students a chance to put their knowledge and passion towards a real-life effort that will directly affect their future.

DISCUSSION:

In connection with the Monterey County Office of Education, the Sustainability Program will host a series of Zoom meetings with local students to form a Youth Leadership Climate Action Council. Those meetings will kick off on January 28 and will be hosted from 4:00 to 5:00 on the following dates thereafter: February 25, March 25, April 29, and May 20.

These meetings are open to students of all grade levels and adult allies. The program is designed to empower our local youth to help research, advocate, plan, and implement a program they design that will ultimately feed into the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

No financing is requested to support this effort at this time. The County has received a grant from the Department of Conservation for Climate Action Planning and some funding may be used for this program.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The Sustainability Program is designed to support the County's environmental, social, and economic well-being through comprehensive planning and stakeholder engagement. Youth engagement is a critical and inspirational part of this effort.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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