



DATE: February 8, 2024

TO: Climate Action Commission

FROM: Patrick Carter, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Recommendations for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Climate Action Commission Discuss and Provide Recommendations for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality

BACKGROUND

Starting with the Climate Emergency Framework, approved by the Petaluma City Council on January 11, 2021, the City set a goal of carbon neutrality by 2030. In 2020, the City launched a General Plan Update, designed to include a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Through a competitive Request for Proposal and selection process, Raimi and Associates was selected to assist in the creation of both the General Plan update and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Recognizing the urgent timeline for achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, the City placed the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan on an expedited timeframe ahead of the General Plan update, and that plan eventually morphed into a document now known as the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality (Blueprint).

The preliminary version of the Blueprint was shared with the Climate Action Commission at the October 12, 2023 meeting, offering a comprehensive overview and eliciting initial questions and comments. At that meeting, Commissioners created a Blueprint ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Atchley, Baker, and Edminster for the purpose of consolidating feedback on the Blueprint and generating a unified document representing the collective views of the Commission.

The ad hoc received the individual feedback matrices from the Commissioners at the December 14th, 2023, meeting. At the January 11, 2024 Commission meeting, staff from Raimi and Associates agreed to consolidate the feedback about the Blueprint's cornerstone actions from the ad hoc and all other Commission members into a document for the Commission's consideration at the February 8, 2024 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Attachment 1 consists of 1) the original 19 cornerstone actions recommended by the ad hoc, 2) refined and additional cornerstone actions discussed at the January 11, 2024 Commission meeting along with staff-recommended edits, 3) timeframe for implementation, 4) Blueprint strategy alignment, and 5) notes.

The requested action from the Commission for this item is to review the cornerstone action with an emphasis on the Proposed Revised Cornerstone Actions and determine whether the Commission recommends these changes to be incorporated into the Blueprint. If Attachment 1 does not represent the majority view of the Commission, staff recommend changes be made during the meeting so the Commission's feedback can be incorporated with the other feedback received for the Blueprint and readied for Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Climate Action Commission Cornerstone Action Recommendations