



SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/OPEN SPACE,  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMISSION AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

STAFF REPORT  
BUSINESS  
**ITEM NUMBER: 1.**

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**TITLE**

Napa Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and File RCAAP Presentation

**CONTACT**

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**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS**

Climate change is intensifying local weather patterns and creating serious challenges for communities across Napa County. These impacts are evident in more frequent heat waves, prolonged droughts, increasingly severe rain events, and elevated wildfire risks.

Hazards such as wildfires, extreme heat, drought, and flooding pose growing threats to residents, infrastructure, and essential community services. Their frequency, intensity, and duration are expected to increase over time. Recent wildfires—including the Pickett, Atlas, Tubbs, Nuns, and Glass Fires—have burned hundreds of thousands of acres, destroyed thousands of structures, and caused widespread public health, economic, and agricultural damage.

In response, Napa County and its cities and town—American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville—have worked together through the Napa County Climate Action Committee to develop the Napa Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (RCAAP).

The RCAAP is a strategic roadmap designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen the region's resilience to climate impacts. The public draft of the RCAAP was released on August 1, 2025, and is available at [www.climateactionnapa.konveio.com](http://www.climateactionnapa.konveio.com). The public review and comment period runs through September 30, 2025.

Ascent Environmental, the lead consultant who prepared the RCAAP, will present an overview that mirrors the information shared with the Napa County Climate Action Committee at its August 22, 2025 meeting. Supporting materials include:

- Attachment 1: Staff report from the August 22 CAC meeting, detailing the plan's background and content.
- Attachment 2: City Council/OSATS RCAAP Presentation.

## **COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS**

Public Safety: "Ensure American Canyon remains a safe community."

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Level 3: Broad Communication

County staff's extensive public outreach and community engagement efforts resulted in responses and input from 310 individuals to an introductory survey which helped to gain a better understanding of how residents feel about climate change and how it affects their daily lives. Four community meetings were held in the summer of 2024 to identify existing conditions and key areas of concern for participants. 20 organizations partnered with the project team to hold focused group conversations to further explore the needs of the community.

### **Recent Open House Events**

- Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Yountville Community Center, Heritage Room 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Thursday, August 21, 2025 American Canyon Public Library, Community Room 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, August 27, 2025 Napa Main Library, Community Room 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### **Presentations**

- Tuesday, August 05, 2025, Napa County Board of Supervisors Friday,
- August 22, 2025, Climate Action Committee
- Tuesday, September 02, 2025, Napa City Council
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025, Yountville Town Council
- Tuesday, September 16, 2025, American Canyon City Council and Open Spaces, Active Transportation, and Sustainability Committee
- Friday, September 23, 2025, St. Helena City Council

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [CAC RCAAP Presentation Staff Report 08.22.25](#)
2. [RCAAP Presentation 9-16-25](#)