



TITLE

Napa Countywide Climate Action Committee Regional Climate Action and Adaption Plan Implementation

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction to the Napa Climate Action Committee regarding the Regional Climate Action and Adaption Plan.

CONTACT

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

Vice-Mayor Joseph and Council Member Lamattina are the City's appointees to the Napa Countywide Climate Action Committee (CAC). The CAC is a non-binding consortium of local government representatives organized through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) (Attachment 1).

Over the last two years, the CAC has overseen the preparation of a Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (RCAAP), using Ascent as the primary consultant and Napa County providing staff support. The final draft of the document is complete, public comments have been received, and Ascent/County Staff are preparing responses and revising the final document. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has also been prepared and will be released shortly.

Assuming no legal challenges to the IS/MND, the next phase is implementing the plan. The CAC believes there should be a basic approach that all jurisdictions follow, but each jurisdiction should also develop its own implementation plan. This allows us to address our specific needs and circumstances. For example, American Canyon has no agriculturally zoned land, so we don't need to spend a lot of time or money focusing on agriculture-related strategies.

The CAC is currently preparing its annual budget and needs direction from each jurisdiction on the amount it is prepared to spend. The CAC staff report for the February 27 meeting is attached (Attachment 2).

The proposed budget consists of two elements: a baseline amount and an optional amount. The baseline amount covers the costs to provide support to the CAC, as well as the cost to finish the RCAAAP and related tasks. It does not include any funding for legal challenges—if needed, a budget amendment request may be needed. These costs are allocated based on an agreed upon fair share from each jurisdiction. The ratios and next year totals are shown in the table below:

Jurisdiction	Fair Share %	Amount
County	33.0%	\$47,670
Napa	29.9%	\$43,192
American Canyon	12.8%	\$18,490
St. Helena	8.5%	\$12,279
Calistoga	8.3%	\$11,990
Yountville	7.5%	\$10,834
Totals	100.0%	\$144,455

The optional costs relate to the implementation plan for each jurisdiction. Ascent has proposed a lump sum of \$60,000 for each of the smaller jurisdictions (By contrast, Napa County is budgeting \$144,000 with Ascent), and the County has estimated \$15,891 in additional County staff costs to coordinate and assist each jurisdiction in completing their implementation plan. The optional cost to American Canyon, therefore, is another \$75,891, and combined with the baseline amount, the total budget would be \$94,381.

If the Council pursues this approach, a more detailed scope of work will be prepared, and the actual costs could vary. On the other hand, the City is currently recruiting a part-time Sustainability Analyst. Depending upon the experience and abilities of the individual selected, we could pursue an in-house approach, using some of the \$75,000 to increase his/her hours, as well as budget funds for limited consulting time or County staff.

In either case, staff requests Council direction regarding the amounts for the upcoming FY 26-27 Budget.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Environmental Sustainability: "Demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability."

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

15378(b) - The action is not a "Project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")

because it does not qualify as a "Project" under Public Resources Code Sections 21065 and 21080 and in Section 15378(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

COMMUNICATION

Level 0: No Further Public Communication Needed

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [CAC Agreement 2021-41](#)
2. [CAC Agenda 2026.02.07](#)