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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
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Item Number: 2.1

MEETING DATE: 02/24/2026

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Celina Stotler

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Abraham Prado

SUBJECT:

(THIS MATTER WILL BE CONTINUED OFF CALENDAR)

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PLANNING AND BUILDING - A. PRADO

(To be Heard at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)

1. Receive presentation on the Climate Roadmap, the County's first climate action planning document, which outlines key measures and actions aligned with County climate priorities and community engagement efforts; and
2. Adopt the San Benito County Climate Roadmap to advance greenhouse gas reduction goals in the unincorporated areas of the County and to support additional opportunities for funding and regional collaboration; and
3. Adopt a Resolution adopting the San Benito County Climate Roadmap and directing staff to use the Roadmap as a non-binding planning framework to guide future climate-related planning, grant applications, and regional coordination, subject to future Board approvals and available resources.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 790

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-26

AGENDA SECTION:

PUBLIC HEARING

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The County of San Benito partnered with the County of Santa Clara for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Program Grant (CPRG) and was awarded one million dollars. The grant was used to produce a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the San Jose–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara, CA metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which is comprised of San Benito and Santa Clara Counties. The PCAP and CCAP include ambitious

policies and programs aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The PCAP was completed and delivered in March 2024 and the CCAP was completed and delivered in December 2025.

Additionally, through the CPRG grant, the County of San Benito received a subaward of \$280,000.00 for the development of its own climate action plan (Roadmap) to align with the overall CCAP and further support the CCAP goals locally. The Roadmap strategies, measures, and actions are based on the CCAP but focus on how San Benito County can support the overall CCAP goals locally. The Roadmap will be the County of San Benito's first climate planning document and will provide direction to County staff to help align with various State regulations, identify and secure grant funding, and prepare the County and its communities to address climate challenges. The Roadmap includes policies, actions, and programs to support climate actions within the community in the following sectors: Buildings, Transportation, Carbon Sequestration, Waste, Agriculture, and Social and Governance.

The Roadmap is a non-binding planning framework intended to provide strategies and actions to help the County meet goals defined in the CCAP through partnerships and regional collaboration. These actions will still require separate Board decisions and funding approvals and will follow the standard public process. Implementation will depend on available staffing, funding, and alignment with the County's fiscal constraints and long-term plans.

The County of San Benito solicited feedback from various stakeholders regarding the Roadmap Measures and Actions from July 9, 2025 to July 31, 2025. Staff received feedback from many of the stakeholders, and their comments were reviewed and incorporated into the Roadmap where possible. Staff provided an overview of the CCAP process and the Roadmap Measures and Actions to the Planning Commission on August 20, 2025, and to the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2025. A public comment period for the full draft Roadmap was held from November 7 to December 8, 2025, where comments from agencies and the public were received and incorporated into the main document and appendices

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Authorized under Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, this two-phase program provides \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and approximately \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants. San Benito County was provided a subaward from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete its own climate action plan (Roadmap), consisting of \$280,000. Having a complete Climate Roadmap may also make the County more competitive for other climate funding from the State, including the California Climate Bond (Prop 4) with an initial budget of \$3.4 billion. Implementation of the Roadmap will cost money upfront but can help provide long term savings and health benefits. Implementation of the Roadmap will be contingent on the available resources.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Board Agenda Fact Sheet - Climate Roadmap
Presentation - Climate Roadmap
Resolution - Climate Roadmap
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Notice of Public Hearing - Climate Roadmap