

Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee
September 18th 3:00 - 5:00pm PT Meeting Minutes

I. I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Marie Jones. Marie also let the Committee know that a reporter, Lana Cohen, would be recording the conversation.

- **Present:** Cathy Monroe, Jennifer Mayne, John Nickerson, Mac Lojowsky, Marie Jones, Michael Potts, Shai Larsen, Susan Sher, Tess Albin-Smith.
- **Absent:** Elisha Hardy (resigned), Javier Silva, Patrick Henshaw (resigned), Ellen Drell.

II. II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Comment from Michael A'Diar: Newspaper Reporter Willits Weekly, he is paying attention to climate issues.
- Richard Hubacek: Thank you to Walter Smith.

III. III. Climate Action Committee Introductions, Review of Agenda, and Consider Approval of Minutes from the May 15th MCCAAC.

- A motion was made by John Nickerson and seconded by Susan Sher to approve the May 15 Meeting Minutes as written. The minutes of the May 15th MCCAAC meeting were approved unanimously.

IV. IV. Receive Verbal Report and Discuss the Baseline Study for Urban Forests in Mendocino County

- John Nickerson reported to the Committee on the urban forest industry, which includes the urban areas defined by the US Census Bureau, Ukiah, Willits & Fort Bragg. John will follow up with a written report.

V. V. Receive Report and Consider Making a Request to the BOS to Seek Funds to Implement Baseline GHG Analysis for Natural and Working Landscapes, Energy, and Transportation. Cathy & John (Attachment 2)

- John Nickerson kicked off this conversation regarding seeking funds to pursue a baseline GHG analysis. The Committee discussed broadening grant seeking efforts to other focus areas as well, and the formation of a related subcommittee.
- The Chair formed an Ad Hoc Grant Committee with Marie Jones and Walter Smith (former MCCAAC member). Cathy Monroe, Tess Albin-Smith and John Nickerson offered to help.
 - As a first step, the Ad Hoc Grant Committee will develop a one pager covering the types of grants we would apply for, the framework and support needed for managing grants, answering questions and concerns with the goal of submitting this to the Board of Supervisors for permission to pursue funding grants in general.
- Public Comment: Randy MacDonald asked to change the Zoom settings so people are not stuck in the waiting room unable to get into the meeting. Marie Jones to follow up with the County on this.

VI. VI. Discussion Regarding Adopted First Recommendation Action Items.

- Marie Jones reviewed why this was on the agenda and the concern brought to her from some inland members of the MCCAAC. Marie recommended we move on.

VII. VII. Receive Brief (10 minute each) Presentation from each Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Proposed Work Plan and Activities to Date. Presented by Ad Hoc Committee Chairs Michael Potts, Cathy Monroe, and Susan Sher

- Michael Potts provided an update from the Coastal Ad Hoc Group, including the September 2 meeting with supervisors Gjerde and Williams on the strategy for taking the First Recommendation Action Items document to the full Board for initial discussion on September 22. Supervisors Gjerde and Williams proposed that they would set up meetings with the heads of the General Services and Planning and Building departments for further discussion. Marie Jones offered to send a letter for policy options to be addressed at the September 22 meeting.
- Shai Larsen will connect with Randy MacDonald to discuss early warning / emergency notification systems in the County.
- Public Comment from Randy MacDonald on the development of a strategic framework for the County to address climate-related issues. Members of the MCCAAC discussed the relationship between the First Recommendation Action Items document and a strategic framework, as well as the political support needed for developing a Strategic Plan. Randy discussed the role of focus groups on building a broader political base.
- John Nickerson offered to create a simple graphic to help galvanize the thinking of what we're doing and how it all fits together.
- Jennifer Mayne reported on the Community Education Ad Hoc committee, and asked for feedback from the MCCAAC on the idea of a public facing website and the idea of building a consortium.
- Members of the public inquired about getting on the MCCAAC's email list. Michael Potts will add a sign up feature to the MCCAAC's website.

VIII. VIII. Discuss Climate Action Committee meeting attendance and upcoming term endings and make a recommendation to the Chair.

- Marie Jones discussed term endings.
- Marie asked all members of the MCCAAC to look at the County website, review their individual term limits, and reach out to their respective Supervisors if they'd like to continue serving.

IX. IX. Discuss possibly Agenda Items for November Meeting and Provide Direction to the Chair (Action).

- Two agenda items:
 - 1) Discussion of a committee strategy for the best way for us to impact change.
 - 2) Report on the structure for grants.

X. X. Consider Identification of a Meeting Date for October (Action).

- Next meeting is confirmed for Friday, October 16th, 2020 from 3pm to 5pm, and ongoing at a monthly cadence on the third Friday.

XI. XI. Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm (Action)