

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
TOWN OF CORTE MADERA
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 12, 2020
4:00 P.M.

Corte Madera Town Hall
300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), the October 12, 2020, meeting of the Climate Action Committee will occur via videoconference only. All committee members will be participating remotely, and residents are urged to follow the orders issued by the Marin County Public Health Officer and Governor and participate in the meeting remotely as well. As allowed under the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), during the duration of the COVID emergency the Town of Corte Madera will no longer offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend.

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Anyone wishing to speak on non-agenda items will be recognized at this time. These items can legally have no action as they are not on the agenda. There is a three minute time limit.)

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

(Anyone wishing to speak on agenda items will be recognized after the Committee has concluded their initial discussions. There is a three minute time limit for public comment per item.)

- A. Approve Reorganization and Appointment of Sarah Goody as Chair and Amy Rouas as Vice Chair
The Committee will be asked to consider reorganization and appointment of Sarah Goody as Chair and Amy Rouas as Vice Chair, as nominated by Committee Co-Chair Eli Beckman
- B. Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Revised Climate Action Plan
The Committee will review the latest draft and consider approval and recommendation to Town Council for final review and adoption
- C. Discussion of Sub-Committee Action Item Recommendations To Forward To Town Council
Sub-committees will each present one item for recommendation to the Town Council for Committee discussion. The Committee members will be asked to vote on which items to forward to the Town Council for possible action.
- D. Discussion and Possible Recommendation To Town Council Regarding Climate Emergency Resolution
The Committee will discuss and consider providing a recommendation to Town Council regarding adoption of a Resolution declaring a Climate Emergency.

4. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

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BUSINESS ITEM 6.B.

Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Revised Climate Action Plan

The Committee will review the latest draft and consider approval and recommendation to Town Council for final review and adoption

Please note that the attachments related to this item were not available at the time of agenda publication. The agenda packet will be updated on Monday, October 12, 2020, to include the revised Climate Action Plan, if available.

BUSINESS ITEM 6.D.

Discussion and Possible Recommendation To Town Council Regarding Climate Emergency Resolution

The Committee will discuss and consider providing a recommendation to Town Council regarding adoption of a Resolution declaring a Climate Emergency.

In preparation for discussion on this item, Committee members are asked to review the following links to Climate Emergency Resolutions/Declarations Recently Approved or Discussed by Local Municipalities:

In Marin County, hyperlinks below and pdf copies of the approved documents are included with this packet:

[Town of Fairfax](#), March 6, 2019

[Town of San Anselmo](#), February 11, 2020

Nearby Counties and Municipalities, hyperlinks below:

[City of Berkeley](#), June 12, 2018

[City of El Cerrito](#), August 20, 2019

[City of Oakland](#), October 30, 2018

[City of Petaluma](#), May 6, 2019

[City of Richmond](#), July 24, 2018

[City and County of San Francisco](#), April 2, 2019

[City of Santa Rosa](#), January 14, 2020

[City of Sebastopol](#), December 3, 2019

[County of San Mateo](#), September 17, 2019

RESOLUTION 19-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX ENDORING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE

WHEREAS, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

WHEREAS, the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, as well as the United States’ Fourth National Climate Assessment, and the USGS Scientific Investigations Report 2018–5131 were all released in the Fall of 2018, the latest among many thoroughly vetted reports to sound the call for immediate, bold and transformative action; and

WHEREAS, the death and destruction already wrought by global warming of approximately 1°C demonstrate that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice as attested by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, climate change and the global economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the sixth mass extinction of species, which could devastate much of life on Earth for millions of years; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate and ecological crises and has repeatedly obstructed global efforts to transition toward a sustainable economy, and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to rapidly solve these crises; and

WHEREAS, restoring a safe and stable climate requires emergency mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors at wartime speed, to rapidly and safely draw down or remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and species from the consequences of abrupt human-caused climate change; and

WHEREAS, justice requires that frontline communities, which have historically borne the brunt of the extractive fossil-fuel economy, participate actively in the planning and implementation of this mobilization effort at all levels of society and that they benefit first from the transition to a renewable energy economy; and

WHEREAS, fairness demands a guarantee of high-paying, good-quality jobs with comprehensive benefits for all, and many other tenets of a Green New Deal effort as the mobilization to restore a safe climate is launched; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax seeks to become a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed, and by catalyzing a unified regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax declares that a climate emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council commits to a town wide just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort which ends town wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and no later than 2030, immediately initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere to reverse global warming, and accelerates adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council, together with its Climate Action Committee, will seek appropriate financial and regulatory assistance to these ends from public and private sources including the Town of Fairfax, the County of Marin and State and Federal authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council, together with its Climate Action Committee, commits to educating its residents about the climate emergency and working to catalyze a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort at the local, state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for our residents as well as all the people and species of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion and support; and recognizes that the residents of Fairfax, and community organizations, faith, youth, labor, business, academic institutions, homeowners' associations and environmental, economic, racial, gender, family and disability justice and indigenous, immigrant and women's rights organizations and other such allies will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to all just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort planning processes and to inviting and encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs along with the need to avert global climate disaster; and

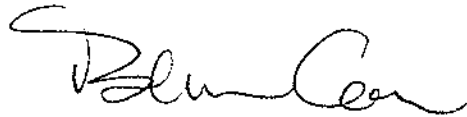
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council joins a nationwide call for a regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization collaborative effort focused on transforming our region and rapidly catalyzing focused action at all levels of government and society to restore a safe climate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town just transition calls on the State of California, the United States of America, and all governments and peoples worldwide to initiate a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort to reverse global warming by restoring

near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations, that immediately halts the development of all new fossil fuel infrastructure, rapidly phases out all fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them, ends greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, transitions to regenerative agriculture, ends the sixth mass extinction, and, as much as possible, creates high-quality, well-paying jobs for those who will be impacted by this transition.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6th day of March 2019 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: ACKERMAN, COLER, GODDARD, LACQUES, REED
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



BARBARA COLER, Mayor

Attest: 

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 4325

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO DECLARING
A CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY IN SAN ANSELMO**

WHEREAS, the Town Council has an interest in protecting and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town General Plan and Climate Action Plan seeks to improve, enhance, and preserve the environment and to promote the Town's long-term environmental sustainability and livability; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council agrees with the consensus among climate scientists that the climate and ecological crises are underway; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2015, all the members of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) signed on to the historic "Paris Agreement" at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the UNFCCC to "strengthen the global response to the threat of climate chaos by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius" and "strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change."

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, the State of California's Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-55-18, which establishes a goal for California to achieve greenhouse gas neutrality (net zero emissions) by 2045 and after that, maintaining net-negative emissions (sequestering more greenhouse gases than are being emitted) and, on the same day, Senate Bill 100 was passed, which sets a 100% clean electricity goal for the state by 2045; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the 4th Annual National Climate Assessment and California's 4th Climate Change Assessment warned that extreme weather and climate-related events in the United States are worsening, predicting increased drought cycles and heat waves in the western U.S. with a resulting three-fold increase in intensity and magnitude of wildfires, declined water supply and snow pack, increased flooding, impacted agriculture, as well as substantial damages to the U.S. economy and human health, unless greenhouse gas emissions are immediately and dramatically curbed; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 Degrees Celsius (October, 2018) to the UNFCCC found that to avoid long lasting or irreversible climate change impacts and stay below 1.5° C warming since the industrial era, global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases need to fall by about 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching around 2050 'net zero' emissions (greenhouse gas emissions balanced with carbon

removal from the atmosphere) and roughly 500 billion tons of human-caused CO2 emissions already in the atmosphere must be removed over the decades ahead;

WHEREAS, an inadequate response to our climate emergency will threaten human life, healthy communities, and critical infrastructure due to increased economic and environmental disruptions. These include, but are not limited to: accelerated species extinction rates, food and water shortages, severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, longer and more severe droughts, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated spread of human and environmental pathogens, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, increased floods, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands.

WHEREAS, the critical tipping points that we are rapidly approaching must be avoided, as they will have cascading effects that our species may be unable to survive.

WHEREAS, common sense and morality indicate that humanity can no longer safely emit GHGs and must demand an emergency mobilization effort to rapidly reach zero emissions across all sectors to safely remove excess greenhouse gases from the atmosphere; to preserve and restore the Earth's biodiversity; to implement safety measures to protect all people and species from the consequences of abrupt warming in the near-term; and to cultivate a shift toward climate resiliency that prioritizes conservation, community, and independence from fossil fuels and other petroleum products; and

WHEREAS, the Town of San Anselmo has taken a number of important actions to reduce GHG emissions and enhance quality of life in our community including sustainable land use planning, adoption of green building requirements in 2010, adoption of its first Climate Action Plan in 2011, and securing 100% renewable energy with MCE Deep Green for town facilities in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of San Anselmo, on June 11, 2019, adopted local Climate Action Plan 2030 with and interim Greenhouse Gas emission reduction target of 54% emissions reductions from a 2005 baseline emissions level by the year 2030 (45% below 1990 levels) and goal of carbon neutrality by 2045 and to develop, adopt and implement actions that aim to achieve the interim 54% emission reduction target by 2030 and that align with the 2045 carbon neutrality/post-carbon community goal; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, the Town Sustainability Commission held a public meeting to consider this resolution and recommended the Town Council adopt this resolution;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Town Council declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our town, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of San Anselmo affirms the need for the understanding, participation and collaboration of the broader San Anselmo community for all actions and initiatives the Town may adopt in response to the climate emergency and commits to providing outreach, information and education for San Anselmo residents, businesses, and Town staff on the urgency of climate responses, reduction of GHG emissions, the policies and strategies to advance sustainability and resilience; and to regularly assess its GHG reduction goals, actions and policies and provide progress reports and metrics annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council directs the Town Manager to work with staff to include consideration and prioritization of consistency with the Town Climate Action Plan 2030, as amended or updated, in all relevant staff reports, just as it currently considers fiscal impact, General Plan consistency and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council directs the Town Manager to work with staff to earmark specific funds for greenhouse gas and climate change mitigation for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and all subsequent years in which atmospheric carbon and carbon equivalents are in excess of 350 parts per million, the amount considered "safe" by climate experts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of San Anselmo joins and will advocate for a nation-wide call for a regional, national, and international climate emergency mobilization effort at all levels of government to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the San Anselmo Town Council held on February 11, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Greene, Colbert, Fineman, Wright, Burdo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Ford Greene, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carla Kacmar, Town Clerk