

RESOLUTION NO. 45/2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA
APPROVING THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA'S
2020 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 - Resource Conservation and Sustainability of the Corte Madera General Plan contains specific sections which discuss Climate Change, its causes and potential impacts and Community Sustainability. It also contains goals, policies and implementation programs to establish visions for a sustainable Corte Madera; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.7 of the Resource Conservation and Sustainability chapter of the Corte Madera General Plan identifies the Town's primary use of non-renewable energy sources and outlines goals, policies and implementation programs to reduce the consumption of non-renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.10 Solid Waste Management and Recycling outlines goals, policies and implementation measures to increased recycling participation by Town residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.11 Natural Area Resource Conservation outlines goals, policies and implementation measures to develop sustainable resource management practices; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.12 Water Quality outlines goals, policies and implementation measures to protect, restore and enhance the quality of surface and groundwater resources to meet the needs of all beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.14 Air Quality outlines goals, policies and implementation measures to attain the required Air Quality standards in the San Francisco Bay Air Basin; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Town of Corte Madera adopted Corte Madera's 2005 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera collaborated with the Marin Climate and Energy Partnership (MCEP) and the MCEP Sustainability Coordinator to prepare the Draft Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera Planning Commission, at its December 17, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, recommended additions to the plan and approved a resolution recommending the Town Council approve the 2016 Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera Town Council, at its February 16, 2016 Council meeting, directed staff to add the following language to page one on the 2016 Climate Action Plan: *"This document does not and is not intended to create specific or enforceable obligations by the Town. Rather it is intended as a reference tool for possible future actions"* and directed staff to bring the revised 2016 Climate Action Plan back to the Council for final approval; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2016, the Corte Madera Town Council held a public hearing on the 2016 Climate Action Plan and approved the plan as presented; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2018, the Corte Madera Town Council requested that an item be placed on its agenda to discuss possible revisions to the 2016 CAP, removing the language on page one: *“This document does not and is not intended to create specific or enforceable obligations by the Town. Rather it is intended as a reference tool for possible future actions”*, formally approving the plan and suggesting methodologies and timing for updating the plan for 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Corte Madera Town Council held a public hearing and formally approved the Revised 2016 Climate Action Plan and requested that staff begin updating the plan with the goal of completing the update by 2020; and .

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte contracted with Christine O’Rourke of O’Rourke and Associates to update the 2016 Climate Action Plan.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Corte Madera Climate Action Committee, at its November 18, 2020 meeting recommended additions to the plan and unanimously recommended that the 2020 Climate Action Plan be presented for approval to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, approval of the 2020 Climate Action Plan is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) as the activity is not a project as defined in Guidelines Section 15378, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment directly or indirectly; and


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on December 15, 2020, the Corte Madera Town Council held a public hearing and formally approved the 2020 Climate Action Plan which is attached to the December 15, 2020 staff report.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council of Corte Madera at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of December, 2020 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers: Beckman, Casissa, Kunhardt, Lee, Ravasio
NOES: Councilmembers: - None -
ABSENT: Councilmembers: - None -


Eli Beckman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk

