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To: Members of the Board of Supervisors, Humboldt County
 From: Beth Burks, Executive Director
 Re: **Revised Proposal for Completion of the Countywide
 Climate Action Plan** (BOS 10/17/23 meeting, Item I.3.
 Department Reports)

Dear Chairperson Madrone and Honorable Supervisors:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), I am writing in support of the Planning & Building Department's recommendation to redraft the existing draft regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) to enable achieving a Qualified CAP per CEQA Guidelines (California Environmental Quality Act).

HCAOG is reassured in supporting this recommendation based on fact that the collaborating cities and county staff deliberated the issues of the existing draft CAP, and by consensus agreed to propose this path forward for their respective City Councils and Board of Supervisors to consider.

HCAOG understands that the objective is to develop a "qualified" CAP that provides streamlining for applicable future projects that will be subject to CEQA assessments. The goal is to accelerate the types of projects and policies that will help reach the State's greenhouse gas reduction targets.

With respect to the State's Regional Early Action Program (REAP) funds which HCAOG is responsible for administering, the goal of the funding is to accelerate housing production. An unqualified CAP could not achieve this benefit. HCAOG has contacted the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and received approval for reallocating the subject funds as recommended by the County's Planning & Building Department.

If you have any questions or need clarifications regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (707) 444-8208 or by email at beth.burks@hcaog.net.

Sincerely,

Beth Burks
Executive Director

From: Beth Burks <beth.burks@hcaog.net>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 5:00 PM
To: COB; Ford, John
Subject: Comment on Board Agenda Item I.3 Department Reports- Regional Climate Action Plan
Attachments: 10.16.2023 Regional CAP .pdf

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Hello,
Please accept my comments on the above agenda item.
Thank you,
Beth

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From: Maggi Draper <maggi@humboldt1.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 5:53 PM
To: COB
Subject: Climate Action Plan - no magic tricks, but hard work

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Dear County of Humboldt,

It has come to my attention that old events are being provided to the state as current climate effect mitigation. In the face of what the world is facing, that is plain silly. I'm speaking of the 1980s mill closure, which the county played no role in. Point source pollution actions that fail to take into account fireplace burning, cars, trucks etc is bait and switch. As we move to zero emissions by 2045, not far away, tricks do nothing to prepare us for paring down on emissions. Since 2018, when the Climate Action Plan began, we have not made progress, but backslipped.

As a taxpayer facing fires and the potential loss or reduction of fire insurance, I ask that the County take serious measures to follow the law. This county has a lot of people who know an awful lot about this subject: we should get them in on the work and set an example. We need a plan that get results!

Thanks for all you do.

Best

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