



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/26/2025

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**To:** Planning Commission

**From:** Planning and Building Department

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds.  
Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 000-000-000  
Record No.: LRP-2019-15593  
Humboldt Countywide.

The Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) includes strategies, measures, and actions addressing countywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across unincorporated and incorporated Humboldt County and establishes a target of a 40 percent reduction in GHG emissions below 1990 levels by 2030 and a longer-term goal of carbon neutrality by 2045. The 2030 GHG emissions target was selected to be consistent with California Senate Bill (SB) 32 State emissions targets and the CEQA Guidelines for a qualified GHG emissions reduction strategy, and to be achievable by the actions identified in the RCAP. To achieve the 2030 GHG emissions reduction target, there are 30 measures related to carbon-free energy, building energy use, transportation, waste, water/wastewater, carbon sequestration, and refrigerants.

The RCAP has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5, which allows the streamlining of GHG emissions analysis for projects that can show consistency with the RCAP. In addition, the County proposes to adopt quantitative CEQA GHG emissions thresholds for use in evaluating whether a future plan or project's GHG emissions would result in a potentially significant environmental impact under CEQA when they are unable to show consistency with the RCAP. Both the RCAP and quantitative thresholds will be applicable for the assessment of projects with pre-2030 buildout or operational years, and will be updated prior to 2030.

A Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been prepared for the RCAP and CEQA GHG emissions thresholds (SCH#2024081319) finding potentially significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics, air quality, noise, utilities/service systems, cultural resources and Tribal cultural resources, biological resources, and agriculture and forestry resources.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Planning Commission:

1. Continue the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds discussion until August 7, 2025.