



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/4/2025

File #: 25-1087

To: Planning Commission

From: Planning and Building Department

Agenda Section: Special Presentation

SUBJECT:

Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds.

Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 000-000-000

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Countywide

Continuation of a Public Workshop on the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Thresholds. The RCAP includes strategies, measures, and actions addressing Countywide 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.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. Request that Staff present the full list of measures and actions in the RCAP; and
2. Deliberate and comment on the RCAP (Attachment 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D) and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds (Attachment 3); and
3. Provide comments on any areas of concern on the RCAP or CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds.

DISCUSSION:

Executive Summary:

This item is a continuation from the August 7, 2025, Planning Commission meeting where a Public Workshop was held on the Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) and proposed CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds. At the August 7th public workshop Staff presented the RCAP structure, targets and measures, and the proposed CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds. Public comment was received, and a request was made by the Planning Commission (PC) to continue the Workshop to the September 4th

PC hearing to go over the full list of measures and actions in the RCAP Table 32.

This workshop is intended to provide the Planning Commission with detailed information on the RCAP measures and actions, to understand the concerns raised during the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) review process and to provide the commission with the ability to ask questions and provide comments on the RCAP and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds to identify any areas of major concern. The EIR that was prepared for the RCAP and CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds will be brought back to the Planning Commission for decision at a future date.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP) is a regional plan which requires the involvement of the incorporated cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Fortuna, Ferndale, Trinidad, and Rio Dell, as well as the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA), the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA), and the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMMA). The RCAP and measures were developed through meetings, interviews, and review from all partners of the RCAP.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - RCAP PC Workshop Staff Report 8.7.2025

Attachment 2A - Humboldt RCAP Updated August 2025

Attachment 2B - RCAP Appendix A - Climate Regulatory Context

Attachment 2C - RCAP Appendix B - GHG Emissions Inventory, Forecast, and Targets Report Updated August 2025

Attachment 2D - RCAP Appendix C - GHG Emissions Measure Reduction Quantification and Substantial Evidence Report Updated August 2025

Attachment 3 - CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds and Guidance Report

Attachment 4 - Comments Received on DEIR

Attachment 5 - CEQA GHG Emissions Streamlining Checklist

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