



Resource Management Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan 2023/2024 Annual Progress Report

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the Climate Action Plan 2023/2024 Annual Progress Report.

SUMMARY:

On August 28, 2012, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors adopted the General Plan Update 2030. The Update was challenged in court by the Sierra Club. After extensive negotiations, the lawsuit between the County and the Sierra Club was settled in March of 2015. Pursuant to the settlement, Tulare County retained a qualified, professional consultant to perform a scope of work addressing the following tasks:

- (1) An Emission Inventory Update
- (2) Climate Action Plan (CAP) Monitoring and Tracking
- (3) Assistance with Annual Progress Reports

The annual report measures growth changes in population and housing, that result in increases in energy uses for housing, transportation, and utilities. The increases in development-related emissions are offset by statewide, regional, and local measures adopted to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from existing and new sources.

The CAP uses growth projections to predict the emissions that would occur in the 2030 milestone year without controls in place. This is known as a business as usual (BAU) scenario. The reductions needed to achieve consistency with state targets are calculated as a percentage reduction from BAU.

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Section I of the CAP Annual Report is required to report on the following two requirements in relation to the:

- (1) Emissions Inventory including Vehicle Miles Traveled (“VMT”).
- (2) If the Annual Review concluded there is an increase in GHG emissions or VMT for two (2) consecutive years, the County Board will hold a noticed public hearing to consider staff recommendations to reduce GHG/VMT’s. There has not been an increase in GHG emissions to date.

The Climate Action Plan 2023/2024 Annual Progress Report provides findings and concludes in accordance with the two (2) requirements mentioned above, that there has not been an increase in GHG emissions or VMT for nine (9) consecutive years.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed Climate Action Plan 2023/2024 Annual Progress Report, showing no increases in GHG emission, as part of the implementation of the Settlement Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Climate Action Plan 2023/2024 Annual Progress Report is funded in the adopted budget for FY 2023/2024.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County’s five-year strategic plan includes the (i) “Economic Well Being Initiative - to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management and a quality standard of living”; and (ii) “Quality of Life Initiative – to promote public health and welfare, educational opportunities, natural resource management and continued improvement of environmental quality.”

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Aaron R. Bock

Aaron R. Bock, MCRP, JD, LEED AP
Assistant Director
Economic Development & Planning

/s/ Michael Washam

Michael Washam, A.C.E.
Associate Director

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment: A – Climate Action Plan 2023-2024 Annual Progress Report