

Climate Action Committee



Report to City Council

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Term Limits

- Committee requests that Council establish set terms for appointees
- Majority of committee members prefer a 2-year term
- Appointing on same schedule as other city committees/commissions would be efficient for those members who would renew or move to/from other city committees/commissions

Community Upcycled Art Project

- Process: involvement and collaboration of youth and other members of our community in creative projects that center around interconnectivity
- Product: upcycled art projects throughout Sebastopol that engage the public - locals and tourists alike - about climate-related topics with the goal of educating and empowering



CivicSpark Fellow

Project 1: Research and assemble Climate Action Framework for the City

The fellow will coordinate with the working groups of the Sebastopol CAC and use the Regional Climate Protection Authority's Climate Mobilization Strategy to create a unified document detailing the current resources of the City of Sebastopol and outlining policy and planning recommendations and goals as well as defining standards by which progress toward goals will be measured.



CivicSpark Fellow

Project 2: Feasibility study for clean energy resiliency project

The CAC has been actively researching the possibility of microgrid development as a climate adaptation and disaster resiliency measure. While there are multiple barriers to microgrid development, adding energy-generation and storage to critical city infrastructure and/or sites that the larger community uses during power outages and fire events would support the health and well-being of the people of the Sebastopol area, especially those without the financial resources to generate their own power. The fellow will explore siting options for a microgrid, collect data, engage stakeholders and utilities, and write a feasibility study that will position the city to be able to apply for grant funding for the project.



New Gas Station Moratorium



Banning the development of **new** gas stations as well as new infrastructure in already existing gas stations inside the city limits

Incentivising the use of electric vehicles and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels

Petaluma

RCPA

Funding Climate Mitigation/Adaptation Projects

Funding working group is actively exploring funding options including

- Utility user tax
- Property transfer tax
- Grant options



Outreach and Education

Education: Community upcycled art project

Outreach: Article in the newsletter, connecting with other news sources about the Climate Action Committee's work

HELP REDUCE THE LOCAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY PARTICIPATING ON THE SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE



The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is coming together to advise the city council on ways to address the climate emergency. Your ideas, expertise and support are essential to reducing the local impacts of climate change.

We invite you to join us in bettering our local environment with your skills and passion by:

- **Joining one of our sub-groups:** Education and Outreach, Energy, Carbon Sequestration, Funding, Equity, Transportation and Research
- **Attending the bi-monthly committee meetings as a member of the public.**

For more information visit the [Sebastopol Climate Action Committee](#) page.

Energy



Electrification of existing homes

Adding storage for better grid balancing

All-electric or Electric-ready reach code

Microgrid project research