

To: Sebastopol Climate Committee
RE: Prioritizing Local Climate Action
From: Energy Subcommittee
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This is an information update from the Energy Subcommittee. After spending some time on brainstorming ideas and collecting information for local climate action, we found that there are quite a few possibilities for action and it can be difficult to make decisions. We have started focusing on prioritizing actions. We tried not to get lost in the details and focused on subjective individual and group assessment of impact, difficulty, level of controversy, cost, and completion time.

When the City Council formed the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee, they included a list of suggested actions. We started with that list and added a few other actions, but by no means is this a complete list of actions that might make sense for Sebastopol.

The prioritization was meant to be a quick exercise initially taking no more than 30 minutes per person. First, we individually gave each action a rank of high, medium, low and trivial, then we got together and decided the ranking as a group.

Our plan is then to assess the high ranking actions and try to prioritize them with an emphasis on identifying low-hanging fruit. We will also capture new ideas and add them to the ranking. The hope is that we can then quickly move to focusing on specifying tasks to move on actions and identifying resources to help us on the way. We are passing on how we are trying to approach these challenges to make an impact in our small town.

Please see our draft priority assessment in the document titled **Energy Subcommittee Priority List Summary.pdf**

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