
12/17/2024 SEBASTOPOL CITY
COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:

CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

- Background Provided 12/3/24 CC Meeting
- CAC Input provided with Attachment:
“CAC Accomplishments”





STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Stand Alone Committee:
2. Continue Financial Support:
 - Reduced committee size and
 - Limitation on use of staff time

FY 23/24 CAC RELATED WORK “COST” SUMMARY (24/25 RATES)

Option 1: Stand Alone Committee:

- \$0 dedicated funds; \$50,000 cost savings/a year in direct staff costs
- Capture of staff time to focus on other initiatives and obligations

Option 2: Continue Financial Support:

- \$15,000 dedicated funds/year in direct staff costs
- Actual impact includes lost opportunity costs associated staff time diversion

CITY WORK-RELATED OPPORTUNITY COSTS:

- Legal and State obligations
- Revenue and other financial opportunities
- Simplification of City Permitting supportive of economic development
- Other Council (Work Plan) Priorities



Council Action Item - Recommendation:

- 1) Discuss Staff's report, CAC's Accomplishments, take public comment; and
- 2) Take action based on Council fiduciary/Work Plan considerations:
 - Option 1:** Formally Revoke City Appointment of Committee
 - Option 2:** Continue CAC as City-appointed body with Reduced fiscal/staffing allocation
 - Option 3:** Take no action/Status Quo (not recommended by Staff)



THANK YOU

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Additional Reference Slides

Option 1:

- Council would need to disband the CAC. Director could then convene a Director's Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Climate Issues
- Director would call meetings as the need arises
- Climate Advisory Group could continue to do climate work, in collaboration with the Director



Additional Reference Slides

Option 1, continued:

- Climate Advisory Group would be advisory to the Director rather than to the City Council
- Additional changes may be needed to comply with Brown Act
- Calculated savings of up to \$50,000
- Recovered staff time (259 hours)





OPTION 2:

- All CAC functions and procedures would remain the same, but members would have a monthly budget of 10 staff hours inclusive of meetings
- Members use public access tools to monitor Department Reports for relevant topics for CAC comment
- Calculated savings of \$15k annually
- Recovered staff time could be spent in pursuit of economic development incentives, revenue-generating work, and other Council directives.

OPTION 3:

- Meeting commitments and staff support hours would not be changed at this time
- No savings of staff hours would result
- Staff not available to work on revenue-generating projects
- Additional costs could accrue as outside consultants may be needed to complete state-mandated work by deadlines (for example, implementation of Housing Element programs)