

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE DRAFT
SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol completed a comprehensive General Plan update with adoption of a new General Plan on November 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, codified at Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR, § 15000 *et seq.*), on November 15, 2016, the City Council certified and adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sebastopol General Plan (the “Project”; State Clearinghouse No. 2016032001); and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Climate Emergency Resolution on December 3, 2019 (Resolution 6274-2019) declaring a climate emergency and committing to ongoing actions to restore a safe climate; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020 the City Council approved the creation of a Climate Action Committee to focus on climate efforts and make recommendations to the City Council. One duty of the Climate Action Committee was to create a Climate Action Framework to guide the City’s next steps in meeting the goals of the Climate Emergency Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City’s CivicSpark Fellow, in conjunction with the Climate Action Committee and with the support of the Planning Department and the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA), has developed a Climate Action Framework to address the issues stated in the Climate Emergency resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Framework is consistent with the City of Sebastopol General Plan as follows:

Goal COS 1: Make Proactive, Forward-Thinking Environmental Protection and Resource Management the Cornerstone of Sebastopol’s Identity

Goal COS 2: Protect and Enhance Sebastopol’s Ecosystem and Natural Habitats

Goal COS 3: Protect and Enhance Water Resources in Local Creeks, Riparian Habitat, Wetlands, the Laguna De Santa Rosa Watershed, Atascadero Creek, and Aquatic Habitat

Goal COS 6: Conserve, Protect, and Enhance Trees and Native Vegetation

Goal COS 8: Reduce Emissions of Greenhouse Gases from City Operations and Community Sources

Goal COS 9: Promote Conservation of Energy and Other Natural Resources

Goal CIR 1: Provide a Transportation System that Promotes the Use of Alternatives to the Single-Occupant Vehicle and Facilitates the Efficient and Environmentally Responsible Movement of People and Goods Within and Through the City of Sebastopol

Goal CIR 2: Maintain and Expand a Safe and Efficient Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit Network that Connects Neighborhoods with Key Destinations to Encourage Travel by Non-Automobile Modes while also Improving Public Health

Goal CIR 3: Coordinate Circulation Facilities with Land Use and Development Patterns to Create an Environment that Encourages Walking, Bicycling, and Transit Use

Goal CIR 5: Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in Order to Reduce Congestion and Help Achieve Regional Efforts to Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Goal SA 2: Reduce Risks to Human Life, Property, and Services Associated with Flood Hazards

Goal SA 3: Protect the Safety of Life and Property by Ensuring Emergency Preparedness

Goal SA 4: Reduce Fire Hazards and Maintain Effective Fire and Emergency Response Services;
and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Climate Action Framework is exempt under the “common sense” exception in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which establishes the general rule for projects concerning which it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Such activities are not subject to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Committee held a duly-noticed public meeting at its June 22, 2022 meeting and considered the draft Climate Action Framework, including hearing a staff report and considering public comment, and will continue to review the draft Climate Action Framework at its July 13, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly-noticed public meeting, heard a staff report, took public testimony and considered the draft Climate Action Framework, and considered a Resolution recommending the City Council adopt the Climate Action Framework at its July 12, 2022 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Sebastopol hereby recommends the City Council of the City of Sebastopol adopt the Climate Action Framework.

Approved on July 12, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Oetinger, Commissioners Burnes, Fritz, Kelley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Fernandez

Certified: _____



Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director