

CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE
Approved **WORK PLAN 2023-24**

(Not in any priority)

Description of Climate Action ¹	Timing	Responsible CAC Working Group and City Department(s)	Related General Plan Actions/Policies
<p>BE 1.3 Promote residential electrification and energy efficiency programs such as those from BayREN, Sonoma Clean Power, and Sonoma County's Energy and Sustainability Division. (To also incorporate related actions BE 2.1, BE 3.3, C 1.6, and C 1.7).</p> <p>Specific actions taken under this item may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community electrification survey to assess residents' knowledge of and interest in electrification (In progress). • Developing a green buildings tour to showcase sustainable homes or other buildings, share lessons learned, and encourage electrification and adoption of other sustainable building features (Target launch in Spring 2023). • Improving/updating resources available on the City website (C1.1, C1.2) 	Varies	Energy WG Building/Planning	Action COS 9f
<p>Design and implement a climate engagement series beginning in early 2023. May incorporate the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1.6 Continue to promote electrification, water efficiency, solar, and other sustainability programs, such as those offered by Sonoma Clean Power, the Sonoma County Energy and Sustainability Division, and BayREN. • C1.7 In partnership with these groups, work to create and implement outreach campaigns to increase knowledge of building electrification benefits. • C1.8 In all climate communications, strive to promote positive narratives about climate change, human agency, and the interconnectivity of all living beings. • C2.5 Schedule, format, and locate community workshops and meetings to be convenient and accessible for community members, including by offering childcare and refreshments when appropriate. • C2.7 Explore new and innovative outreach methods to better involve all community members in climate efforts. 	Begin Jan. 2023	Education and Outreach WG Planning	Action COS 8d

¹ The lettered and numbered actions in this column refer to items from Appendix A of the Sebastopol Climate Action Framework.
CAC Workplan

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<p>T3.1 In the upcoming Countywide Active Transportation Plan/Sebastopol Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update, prioritize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of protected (Class IV) bike lanes. - Development of more shared use paths that connect Sebastopol to regional destinations. - Understanding of community needs and priorities. <p>Evaluate whether this process can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T2.3 Create a citywide survey to assess residents’ transportation needs and barriers to alternative transit AND • T3.4 Improve access to bike parking in downtown Sebastopol, commercial areas, and other destinations. 	2023 (County-led project)	Transportation WG Engineering/ Planning	Policy CIR 2-1 Action CIR 2g
<p>Explore ways to promote daytime charging for electric vehicles (EVs), so that cars are charging when electricity is cleaner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term: Support interested workplaces in Sebastopol in participating in Sonoma Clean Power’s workplace charging research program. • Long term: Continue research into this topic and propose options. Consider T5.3 Evaluate the possibility of an on-street EV charging pilot program. 	Research project launches Jan. 2023	Energy WG/Transportation WG Building/Public Works/Planning	Policy CIR 5-3 Policy COS 9-7
<p>Support Community Garden revitalization. Incorporates the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LU2.6 Promoting regenerative landscaping practices, including mulching and composting, through community education and implementation on City-owned properties. • LU2.8 Encourage local, sustainable agriculture and home gardening to improve food security and soil health. 	Launch March 2023	Sequestration WG Planning/Public Works	Policy COS 12-19 Action CHW 3f
<p>CW1.1 Create a Zero Waste Strategy that sets measurable goals for organics diversion and waste reduction, outlines how the City will achieve these goals, and includes data gathering methods for tracking implementation. To incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase efforts to educate residents and businesses about SB1383 and proper waste sorting. • CW1.2 Work with Recology and Zero Waste Sonoma to improve data collection on waste production in Sebastopol. 	2023-24	Zero Waste WG Engineering	Policy COS 9-13 Policy COS 9-14

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<p>Pursue options to increase installation of electric appliances/fixtures, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE 1.6 Support workforce development programs, such as those from Sonoma Clean Power, to increase the number of workers who can implement electrification and efficiency upgrades. • Develop methods to address contractor concerns about electrification and electric appliances/fixtures. • Consider lowering permit fees for installing electric options. 	2023-24 (BE 1.6 dependent on SCP)	Energy WG Building/Council	
C1.4 Expand climate and sustainability social media efforts.	2023-24	Education and Outreach WG City Admin	Action COS 8d
<p>Review citywide stormwater management system and look for multi-benefit solutions that will help to reduce flood risk, promote water retention, and increase carbon sequestration. Incorporates the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LU3.1 Reduce impervious surface cover citywide, with a preference for replacement by green infrastructure where possible. • LU3.2 Require and/or incentivize green infrastructure in future developments. 	2023-24 (CAC work) (TBD Master Plan)	Sequestration WG Planning/Engineering /Public Works	Action CD 1i Action COS 3d Action COS 3e
CO4.2 Provide up-to-date information on climate progress on the City website, including data on the City's progress towards carbon neutrality for municipal operations and other metrics included in the Framework document.	2023	CAC Planning/Citywide	Action COS 8d

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CAC Working Groups (WGs)

1. Transportation Working Group
2. Sequestration Working Group
3. Energy Working Group
4. Zero Waste Working Group
5. Education and Outreach Working Group
6. Funding/Finance Working Group

Other CAC Priorities

Actions in this section were highly ranked by the CAC, but are not “projects” that they can take on.

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CO2.1 Fund a full- or part-time sustainability staff position to implement climate actions, coordinate and engage with stakeholders, and oversee progress.		Council	Policy COS 9-17
CO1.3 Analyze each climate action through an equity lens, to ensure that mitigation actions (1) do not have detrimental effects on Sebastopol’s vulnerable populations; (2) are targeted to serve vulnerable community members, and therefore are accessible to the larger community; and (3) distribute the benefits of climate action equitably.	Ongoing	CAC/Citywide	Policy COS 9-17

Ongoing Working Group/Staff Projects

Description of Climate Action	Working Group or Department
LU3.5 Continue conducting compost giveaways and expand education about benefits of composting.	Sequestration WG
Coordinate monthly publication of climate article in the Sebastopol Times and include link to article in City newsletter.	Education and Outreach WG
Continue running the Upcycled Art Project.	Education and Outreach WG
City website update. CAC recommends that this update include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1.1 Provide clear, multilingual climate resources for residents on the City website, at City Hall, and at all community events where the City is present. C1.2 Improve organization and content of the City website as it relates to sustainability and climate change. 	City Admin/Planning
CO1.4 Align permit approvals with Framework goals.	Planning/Building/Engineering
CO3.6 (3.8) Assess the possibility of installing additional solar and battery backup systems at City-owned sites, including at City-owned wells.	Public Works/Building/Engineering

APPENDIX A: Other Working Group Priorities

Actions in this table were prioritized by individual working groups, as noted in the second column, but did not emerge as priorities for the entire CAC at the November 9th workshop meeting. These items are not proposed as part of the 2023-24 Workplan and may be prioritized in future Workplans.

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C3.5 Host or co-sponsor climate-friendly community-building events, such as climate fairs, clothing swaps, plant and produce exchanges, community service days, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to have one large climate event in 2023. 	Education and Outreach		Action COS 8d
LU2.2 Develop an urban forest plan to increase canopy coverage by planting native, drought tolerant trees. The plan should identify areas in need of additional trees using tools such as the Tree Equity Score and Bay Area Greenprint, set coverage goal dates, and address funding and community engagement needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additionally, there is a need to inventory existing street trees to determine health and replacement/maintenance needs. Short term: Look for grant funding. 	Sequestration	Planning/Public Works	Action COS 6d
Review citywide parking policies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T1.4 Explore updates to on- and off-street parking policies that could encourage active transportation, such as demand-based pricing and improved monitoring. T1.5 Build no new City-owned off-street parking and consider transitioning existing lots to more beneficial uses, such as multifamily housing or parks. 	Transportation	Engineering/Police/Planning	Action CIR 6b
T3.2 Explore micromobility options such as bike or e-bike share programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially working with bike shops in the City. 	Transportation	Engineering	
T1.1 Evaluate the possibility of establishing temporary and/or permanent car-free street areas in community-determined locations.	Transportation	Planning/Engineering	Policy CIR 1-3
CW1.3 Increase education and enforcement of the City's Disposable Food Serviceware ordinance.	Zero Waste	Engineering	Policy COS 9-14
CO3.6 Replace City gas yard equipment and other tools with electric alternatives at end-of-life. AND CO3.6 (3.7) Continue implementing and strengthening the City's environmentally preferable purchasing policy, including by incorporating a climate-friendly food policy for City events and evaluating the fossil fuel consumption of all City contractors.	Funding/Finance	Public Works/Council	Policy COS 9-17
CO1.1 Add a "climate impacts" section to every staff report. Develop a checklist or other tool to help staff evaluate potential climate impacts.	Funding/Finance	Council	Policy COS 9-17

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