

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting: January 13, 2026

To: Climate Action Committee

From: Climate Action Committee Chair

Subject: Draft Work Plan for the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee for 2026-2027

Recommendation: The Climate Action Committee reviews and amends the workplan that will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Funding: Funding Needs: NA

Funding Source(s): NA

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Interim City Manager Gourley has requested that the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee formalize their work plan for 2026-2027. This work plan is similar to what the Planning Commission submits every few years.

All of the items listed, except existing ongoing tasks such as public education and the compost giveaway events, are expected to go through a process of submitting proposals to the Climate Action Committee for approval. Since the proposals have not been submitted yet to the Climate Action Committee, the work plan submitted to the City Council is the “expected” work plan.

POLICIES:

The items listed in the work plan include references to the General Plan adopted on November 16, 2026, and/or Climate Action Framework adopted on July 19, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

FUNDING NEEDS:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Committee review and discuss the proposed 2026-2027 Action Plan.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A

CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE DRAFT WORKPLAN For 2026 - 2027

In Priority Order (TBD)

#	Description of item	Timing/Responsible Department and review body(s)
	<p>Public education on climate issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles in local press Tabling events SRJC Climate Night promotion and participation <p>Policy CIR 1-4: Promote public education and participation in transportation issues and decisionmaking.</p> <p>Policy CIR 2-16: Promote public education to help create an atmosphere of respect for bicycles and pedestrians.</p> <p>COS 9: Promote Conservation of Energy and Other Natural Resources</p> <p>Policy COS 8-1: Recognize that successful climate action planning efforts are dependent upon a wide range of factors and strategies detailed throughout this General Plan, including programs that promote energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources.</p> <p>Climate Action Framework CW2. Reduce emissions from the consumption of goods and services through education and advocacy.</p>	Ongoing/ CAC
	<p>Identify “quick build” items for active transportation that enhance public safety and facilitate the use of non-automotive transportation.</p> <p>Climate Action Framework T3. Make biking, walking, and other active transportation options safer and easier by implementing a Complete Streets approach to street design.</p> <p>GP Policy CIR 2-10: Increase the safety of popular bicycle and pedestrian routes to schools, downtown, and other destinations in the City that don’t involve riding on SR 116, SR 12 and/or Bodega Avenue including enhanced crossings of SR 116, SR 12 and/or Bodega Avenue.</p>	Winter 2026/Public Works/Traffic Safety Group/City Council
	<p>Coordinate and implement public compost giveaway event</p> <p>Climate Action Framework LU2.6 Promoting regenerative landscaping practices, including mulching and composting, through community education and implementation on City-owned properties</p> <p>LU3.5 Continue conducting compost giveaways and expand education about benefits of composting.</p>	Ongoing/Zero Waste Sonoma/Public Works

	<p>Review and possibly revise the Tree Protection Ordinance in co-ordination with the Design Review Board. The effort is intended to strengthen monitoring provisions for re-planting efforts, to help ensure the long-term health and viability of re-planted trees. Revisions should also address the current fee structure for violations of the TPP to ensure that violations are more costly than compliance with the TPP requirements while addressing equity issues for homeowners needing to follow their home insurance requirements.</p> <p>Action COS 6c: Review and possibly revise the Tree Protection Ordinance in order to strengthen monitoring provisions for re-planting efforts, in order to ensure the long-term health and viability of replanted trees.</p>	Planning Dept/ DRB/Planning Commission
	<p>Identify and report to staff on outdated or incorrect information on the City's website related to climate.</p> <p>Climate Framework C1.2 Improve the organization and content of the City website as it relates to sustainability and climate change. 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.</p>	Planning Dept
	<p>Review existing Chapter 15.120 Municipal Code for permit requirements for EV charging sites. Compare current requirements with nearby cities that have streamlined their requirements. Make suggestions to the city for changes that make the process easier and faster.</p> <p>Policy CIR 5-3: Support the establishment and expansion of a regional network of electric vehicle charging stations and encourage the expanded use of electric vehicles.</p> <p>Policy COS 9-7: Promote efforts and programs, including increased access to clean technologies such as electric vehicles and charging stations, to encourage residents, businesses, and local organizations to use clean energy sources to supplant dirty technologies.</p>	Building & Safety Dept
	<p>Research and propose a Traffic Hazard Reporting Form for on-line public submission of suggestions to improve local traffic safety.</p> <p>Action CIR 1k: Ensure regular monitoring of traffic accidents, traffic levels of service, and intersection capacity to update base data and respond to safety problems and changing conditions. Prioritize locations with high collision rates for safety improvements. Action CIR 1r: Coordinate with Caltrans to implement traffic calming, vehicle safety, and bicycle/pedestrian network improvements throughout Sebastopol. Also encourage Caltrans to maintain good pavement conditions on State Highways within Sebastopol, in order to reduce traffic-related roadway noise. Policy CIR 1-4: Promote public education and participation in transportation issues and decisionmaking. Policy CIR 2-10: Increase the safety of popular bicycle and pedestrian routes to schools, downtown, and other destinations in the City that don't involve riding on SR 116, SR 12 and/or Bodega Avenue including enhanced crossings of SR 116, SR 12 and/or Bodega Avenue.</p>	City Council/ Traffic Safety Group

	<p>Research possible ordinance on gas powered landscape equipment to reduce air and noise pollution and reduce GHG emissions. The initial emphasis is on gas powered equipment used by City Public Works and contracted service providers.</p> <p>Policy N 2-3: Ensure that maintenance activities in the Downtown area do not pose a noise nuisance.</p> <p>Climate Action Framework CO3.6 Replace City gas yard equipment and other tools with electric alternatives at end-of-life.</p>	CAC/Public Works
	<p>EV and E-Bike Education and Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public charging infrastructure needs assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing and assessment of existing public EV charging network ○ User survey of public chargers in Sebastopol to identify where the users are coming from, and survey opinions of the local charging infrastructure. ○ Report on City owned public charger reliability, usage, revenue and expenses. ● Public EV and E-bike event sponsored by The City in collaboration with other local groups to showcase EV vehicles and bikes and present the results of the EV charging assessment and survey. <p>Policy COS 9-7: Promote efforts and programs, including increased access to clean technologies such as electric vehicles and charging stations, to encourage residents, businesses, and local organizations to use clean energy sources to supplant dirty technologies.</p>	Public Works/Administrative Services
	<p>CAC attends a Design Review Board meeting and a Planning Commission Meeting to inform about our workplan and CAC role in the city to help identify areas of collaboration.</p>	DRB/Planning Commission and Planning Department
	<p>CAC reviews and recommends one of the four alternatives for the downtown Reimagining The Core project funded by a Caltrans grant.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>CIR 3: Coordinate Circulation Facilities with Land Use and Development Patterns to Create an Environment that Encourages Walking, Bicycling, and Transit Use</p>	Planning Department

	<p>CAC works in coordination with Sonoma Clean Power board and staff to analyze and make recommendations on public financing for assisting building electrification and purchase of electric assisted active transportation equipment.</p> <p>Policy COS 9-6: Promote regional efforts and partnerships, such as Sonoma Clean Power, to increase opportunities for residential and business customers across the county to access environmentally friendly power generated by renewable sources (like solar, wind, and geothermal) at competitive rates.</p>	<p>SCP staff, board and SCP Community Advisory Committee</p>
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