

# CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2026-2027

Adopted by the Climate Action Committee at their March 10, 2026, regular meeting

## In Order of Priority

| # | Description of item   | Timing/Responsible Department and review body(s)         |
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| 1 | <p><b>Compost Giveaway Events</b></p> <p>Coordinate and implement the public compost giveaway events. This item does not require a CAC project proposal.</p> <p><u>Climate Action Framework LU2.6:</u> Promoting regenerative landscaping practices, including mulching and composting, through community education and implementation on City-owned properties</p> <p><u>LU3.5:</u> Continue conducting compost giveaways and expand education about the benefits of composting.</p>   | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Zero Waste<br/>Sonoma/Public Works</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Public Education on Climate Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles in local press</li> <li>• Tabling events</li> <li>• SRJC Climate Night promotion and participation</li> </ul> <p><u>Policy CIR 1-4:</u> Promote public education and participation in transportation issues and decision-making.</p> <p><u>Policy CIR 2-16:</u> Promote public education to help create an atmosphere of respect for bicycles and pedestrians.</p> <p><u>COS 9:</u> Promote Conservation of Energy and Other Natural Resources</p> <p><u>Policy COS 8-1:</u> 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><u>Climate Action Framework CW2:</u> Reduce emissions from the consumption of goods and services through education and advocacy.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>CAC</p>                                |
| 3 | <p><b>Laguna Cleanup Day Public Event</b></p> <p>CAC organizes and implements a publicized Laguna Cleanup Day public event. This item does not require a CAC project proposal.</p>  | <p>Underway</p> <p>CAC/Public Works</p>                  |

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|          | <u>COS 4</u> : Proactively Manage, Protect, and Restore the Laguna de Santa Rosa   |   |
| <b>4</b> | <p><b>Spare the Air Day City Website Link Creation</b></p> <p>CAC, working with the planning staff, researches and implements a change to the City’s website that indicates when a Spare the Air Day is in effect and/or a link to sign up for notifications, which is announced and managed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. This item does not require a CAC project proposal.</p> <p><u>Policy COS 7-5</u>: Continue to enforce air quality standards in collaboration with the BAAQMD.</p> <p><u>COS 7</u>: Improve Air Quality in Sebastopol and Reduce Air Quality Impacts from Future Development</p>   | <p>Complete</p> <p>Planning Department</p>  |
| <b>5</b> | <p><b>Free Compost Kitchen Buckets</b></p> <p>CAC, working with the planning staff, publicizes in the City newsletter and on the City website the public availability at City Hall of free kitchen compost buckets provided by SCRR. This item does not require a CAC project proposal.</p> <p><u>Policy COS 9-13</u>: Continue the citywide recycling program, actively encourage recycling citywide, including the recycling/composting of food waste, and advocate for a regional composting facility.</p>  | <p>Underway</p> <p>Planning Department</p>  |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>Tree Protection Ordinance</b></p> <p>Review and possibly revise the Tree Protection Ordinance in coordination 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. This item does not require a CAC project proposal.</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> | <p>Underway</p> <p>Joint Subcommittee with DRB</p> <p>Planning/ DRB/Planning Commission</p> |
| <b>7</b> | <p><b>Quick Build Items for Active Transportation</b></p> <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><u>GP Policy CIR 2-10</u>: Increase the safety of popular bicycle and pedestrian routes to</p>   | <p>Complete by Winter 2026</p> <p>Public Works/Traffic Safety Group/City Council</p>        |

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|           | 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.   |  |
| <b>8</b>  | <p><b>EV and E-Bike Education and Promotion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public charging infrastructure needs assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Testing and assessment of existing public EV charging network</li> <li>○ User survey of public chargers in Sebastopol to identify where the users are coming from, and survey opinions of the local charging infrastructure.</li> <li>○ Report on City-owned public charger reliability, usage, revenue, and expenses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><u>Policy COS 9-7:</u> 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> | Planning/Public Works/Administrative Services          |
| <b>9</b>  | <p><b>Gas-powered Equipment versus Electric-powered Equipment</b></p> <p>Research trade-in options for gas-powered landscape equipment to electric-powered and research available incentives, and share with City staff to inform vendors and Public Works.</p> <p><u>Policy N 2-3:</u> Ensure that maintenance activities in the Downtown area do not pose a noise nuisance.</p> <p><u>Climate Action Framework CO3.6:</u> Replace City gas yard equipment and other tools with electric alternatives at end-of-life.</p>   | CAC/Public Works                                       |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>Collaboration with Sonoma Clean Power</b></p> <p>CAC works in coordination with the Sonoma Clean Power board and staff to analyze and make recommendations on public financing for assisting building electrification and the purchase of electric-assisted active transportation equipment.</p> <p><u>Policy COS 9-6:</u> 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>  | CAC/SCP staff, Board/ SCP Community Advisory Committee |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>EV Charging Sites</b></p> <p>Review existing Chapter 15.120 Municipal Code for permit requirements for EV charging sites. Compare current requirements with nearby cities that have</p>  | Building & Safety Dept                                 |

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|                  | <p>streamlined their requirements. Make suggestions to the city for changes that make the process easier and faster.</p> <p><u>Policy CIR 5-3</u>: Support the establishment and expansion of a regional network of electric vehicle charging stations and encourage the expanded use of electric vehicles.</p> <p><u>Policy COS 9-7</u>: 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> |                                     |
| <p><b>12</b></p> | <p><b>City Website Updates</b></p> <p>Identify and report to staff on outdated or incorrect information on the City’s website related to climate.</p> <p><u>Climate Framework C1.2</u>: Improve the organization and content of the City website as it relates to sustainability and climate change.</p> <p><u>CO4.2</u>: 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>  | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Planning Dept</p> |