



Marin Climate Action Plan Update

Community #1

April 14, 2014 and April 29, 2014

Summary of Public Comments

The following is a summary of the input received (both verbally and via comment card) from the community meetings held on April 14 and 29, 2014. Feedback that was submitted via email or letter from those unable to attend the meeting in person has also been included in the summary. This summary does not represent the opinions of County staff, but rather public opinion based on feedback received.

Meeting Summary

A total of 39 attendees signed into the April 14th meeting and 17 attendees signed into the April 29th meeting; however, many more were in attendance at each event that chose not to sign in. Numerous oral comments were received at the meeting. Below is a summary of recurring topics expressed in oral and written comments. Comment cards from the events were also scanned and posted to the County climate page (www.marincounty.org/climate).

- High-density housing as a mitigation measure
- Opportunities to change land use policy as part of the CAP, such as transit oriented development and affordable housing.
- Non-genuine reductions: reductions that may occur in Marin County that don't change the overall net emissions at more regional/global scale
- Figures on reductions attributed to transit vs. cars should be scrutinized; concerns that reduction amounts generated by transit are artificially inflated
- Restoration of the watershed to reduce emissions
- GHG sources other than transportation (such as building energy) should be given equal attention
- Life-cycle emissions, such as how fuel gets to Marin County
- Incentives for transit participation
- Increased use of grey water to reduce wastewater treatment needs (reduce regulatory barriers to grey water use, etc.)
- More electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure
- Opportunities for the County to lead by example such as replacing existing fleet vehicles with electric vehicles and encourage employees to switch to electric vehicles
- Trends toward higher density housing, more solar, and other changes occurring outside of this process

- Coordination with local communities, cities, neighborhood associations, etc.
- Actions that would reduce emissions through 2050 and beyond; not just 2020
- More ambitious reduction goal, since the county is already 15% below 1990 levels
- Ordinance to reduce/ban idling vehicles
- Streamlined permitting for solar
- Strategies/actions that reduce emissions of higher density housing and affordable housing units
- More sequestration actions and coordination with the agricultural industry
- Restoration of forests, watersheds and other open space areas owned by the County
- Need for behavior change and deep look at “Marin Culture”
- Need for economic change – bring jobs to community
- Provide climate education in primary and secondary schools
- Create interactive website that has incentive program
- Encourage cluster housing with zero-impact architecture by setting fees based on square footage rather than living unit

The following specific process requests were made:

- Publish all public comments
- Publish the models used to develop the CAP
- Publish preliminary draft CAP for review in advance of the public draft

Next Steps

The County staff and their consultants will review and consider the public’s input from the April 14, 2014, and April 29, 2014 meetings and incorporate it, where feasible, into the development of the CAP update.

In August 2014 the draft CAP update is scheduled to be released and another public meeting will be held to discuss its content. In fall 2014, the final CAP update is scheduled to be released and presented to the County for adoption. The County welcomes public input via phone calls, written comments, and emails, both at and apart from public meetings, throughout the update process.