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TO: Interested Stakeholders

RE: Climate Action Plan for Unincorporated Napa County: Next Steps

Thank you for submitting comments regarding the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) for unincorporated Napa County. As you know, the Napa County Department of Conservation, Development & Planning released the draft on January 28, 2011, and accepted comments through the close of business on April 4, 2011. Since that time, staff and consultants have been reviewing the wide variety of comments and suggestions we received, and have been considering how to address the comments in revisions to the CAP.

It seems clear that we will first and foremost have to make the revised CAP more understandable, with user-friendly worksheets. We will also have to reassess the vineyard development projections upon which our forecast of emissions was based, and better explain the purpose of the plan, and the interplay between emissions from construction, transportation, and changes in carbon sequestration. Several commenters asked basic questions about the need for a CAP (why now?), and the methodology that was used. These will have to be addressed, and we will have to reaffirm our goal to reduce emissions to 15% below 2005 levels in a way that accounts for changes in carbon sequestration as well as direct emissions of green house gases (GHG).

With limited resources and staff time available for this project, this work will take longer than we hoped and we now expect to have a revised CAP, including revisions and responses to comments received on the draft, available in late July or August. At that point, we will be able to set a date for the public hearings necessary to adopt the plan. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions before then. We would also be happy to present a status report on the CAP your organization or community service group.

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