

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR UNINCORPORATED NAPA COUNTY

The Napa County Departments of Conservation, Development & Planning and Environmental Management, working with consultants at ICF, have prepared a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for unincorporated Napa County. Copies of the CAP are available on the County website at <http://www.countyofnapa.org/Planning/> and upon request at the Department's offices at 1195 Third Street, Suite 201, Napa, CA 94559.

On January 18, 2012, the Napa County Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisor's adopt the CAP after a trial period. The Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 AM on April 3, 2012 in Suite 305 at 1195 Third Street in downtown Napa to consider whether to adopt the CAP or to extend the trial period.

The CAP provides a baseline inventory of green house gas (GHG) emissions from all sources in unincorporated Napa County as well as strategies for reducing those emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 consistent with California Assembly Bill 32. Emission reduction strategies included in the plan would be implemented by the State and the County itself, as well as by individual project applicants. Specifically, the plan would require discretionary projects approved by the County to reduce their "business as usual" emissions by 38%. Checklists would be used by project applicants to select their emission reduction strategies and would allow staff and consultants to calculate project emissions and emission reductions.

In addition to reducing Napa County's GHG emissions consistent with State policy, the revised plan is intended to (a) reduce uncertainties and risks for individual projects being reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); (b) give project applicants the information and the flexibility they need to meet plan requirements by selecting emission reduction strategies that are consistent with their objectives and lower in cost than other possible strategies; and (c) lay the foundation for a local offset program so that any resulting habitat restoration, land conservation, and energy efficiencies would accrue to Napa County rather than elsewhere.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to review the CAP and to provide comments at the meeting on April 3, 2012. Once adopted, the CAP will be reviewed and revised as necessary. Compliance with its requirements will constitute the County's CEQA significance threshold pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7, and incremental contributions to cumulative GHG emissions from complying projects would not be "considerable" per CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(h)(3).

In accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines (Sections 15168), the County is proposing to use the program level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update (SCH# 2005102088, certified June 2008) as the EIR for the Climate Action Plan. As discussed in a separate memorandum and checklist (initial study) dated January 28, 2011, this

approach is consistent with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines because (1) the proposed plan is within the scope of the General Plan approved in 2008, and (2) the program EIR prepared for the General Plan Update adequately describes the activity for purposes of CEQA. In addition, (3) the County has not identified any changes in the General Plan, changes in circumstances under which the General Plan Update was adopted, or new information of substantial importance that would necessitate subsequent environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.

A copy of the General Plan Update EIR may be reviewed during business hours at the offices of the Department of Conservation, Development and Planning, 1195 Third Street in Napa, or on the County's website at <http://www.countyofnapa.org/Pages/DepartmentDocuments.aspx?id=4294967660>. Reviewers are particularly directed to Section 3.4.4 of the Final EIR (on the website, see the document called "FEIR Responses Intro" and scroll to p. 3.0-49).