



AGENDA + MEETING MINUTES* Climate Action Task Force Meeting

May 11, 2023 @ 1:30 pm
City Hall | Planning Conference Room 107 + Virtual

*Meeting minutes/notes are in blue

1:30 – 1:50 pm Introductions + Good News in Climate

- Mayor welcome group participants in person and virtual
 - Mayor: emphasized the role and importance of government(s) (City of Santa Cruz) in addressing the challenges brought on by climate change.
 - The CATF should function as an advisory body for putting the CAP into action (operationalizing).
- Introductions / Good News in Climate
 - Mayor/Tiffany invites all in person participants to introduce themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any) and share any good news in climate (in 1 minute or less each).
 - Good news in climate is tradition with this group to share and celebrate climate successes, bolster hope and optimism, and improve coordination across sectors.
 - Good news in climate can be anything participants feel is worthwhile to share with the group, e.g., event announcements, grants landed, project milestones, etc.

Attendees:

In-Person: Mayor Keeley, CCmember Newsome, Sally C, Jackie L, Jonathon H (Seymore Marine Director), Val Cole, Phil B (UCSC Engineer), Bodie S. (UCSC student), Ayo Banjo (Climatize/SC Black) - the in-person list may be incomplete.

Teams participants: Cindy Rubin, Sahm White, Trish Pinnella, Steve Palmisano, Bob and Michele Kibrick, Pauline Seales, Jonathans Al

1:50 – 2:05 pm Review Purpose of CATF + Meeting Schedule

- Share slide deck on Teams/in room
 - Purpose: Help City Implement 2 Climate Plans, for example:
 - Feedback on initial planning of initiatives
 - Feedback on deliverables of initiatives
 - Working sessions on particular facets of initiatives
 - Guest speakers on relevant topics/projects
 - These 2 Plans have assessed, prioritized and sequenced projects, policies and programs to meet City targets and goals.
 - City Council adopts workplans based on these plans that direct staff work
 - Climate Action Plan 2030 - 3 year workplan / 2023 departmental plans

- Climate Adaptation Plan - update and current workplan largely related to coastal resilience, flood control and climate change.
 - Health in All Policies - 2023 - 2024 workplan (related due to sustainability pillar)
- Some CATF members expressed interest in forming subcommittees that would address different aspects of the CAP. However, city staff explained the feasibility of creating subcommittees is unlikely due to limited City resources and staff. Staff are looking for assistance with the Implementation Partners Roundtable later in the year.
- Review schedule and nail down a regular time (August, October, December 2023; February, April, 2024), e.g. Second Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm for 1 hour?
 - Do we need to make accommodations for outside of work hours for optimal in person participation?
 - Do we need a doodle poll?
 - Are there other accommodations needed by the group?
- Most CATF participants stated that the scheduled time of Second Thursday 1:30-2:30pm worked with their schedule. One participant was unsure but felt that they could attend virtually.
- Some members proposed making CATF attendance in-person only. City staff (Berny and Tiffany) informed the group that allowing people to attend virtually is important for ensuring that the general public has access to the meetings.

2:05 – 2:20 pm Share Survey Results and Suggested Work Plan

- 8 of 10 voted on topics from workplan. Share member interest results slide
- Share proposed Work Plan by Month / Have discussion
- Looking for small subcommittee to work outside of meetings on Implementation Partners Roundtable in early December



CATF reviewed survey results and the proposed workplan and topics to be discussed during future meetings. Multiple CATF members proposed making some changes to the proposed

workplan and the topics addressed. The Group suggested some initial potential changes to the workplan but no concrete changes were agreed upon. City staff agreed to follow up and create a poll to identify potential changes.

2:20 – 2:30 pm Wrap up + Encourage CATF to enroll in Resilient Santa Cruz

- [Resilient Santa Cruz](#) is the City’s climate action hub with resources, carbon footprint tools and a way to create a team...CATF team?
- Currently at 260 enrolled. Pursuing more funding to expand outreach piece
- Can CATF members act as ambassadors to encourage folks to enroll?
- Tiffany will provide notes and action items after this meeting.
- Thank you for your time and commitment to this task force

A CATF member reported an issue with the Resilient SC registration process. Tiffany and Berny agreed to follow up on this issue.

2:30 pm Adjourn

Action Items:

- Action Item: email CATF members links to the City’s Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan [DONE]
 - Climate Action Plan:
<https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/city-manager/climate-action-program/climate-action-plan>
 - Climate Adaptation Plan:
<https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/city-manager/climate-action-program/climate-adaptation-planning>
- Action Item, Scheduling: CATF members requested a meeting in June to review the Fleet Electrification Plan and potentially provide input. The proposed June meeting would also provide a brief update on West Cliff. [DONE]
- Action Item: (Potentially) Create a poll/survey to identify other potential topics/areas of the CAP that CATF members may want to address.
- Action Item: Berny and Tiffany will follow up on the Resilient SC registration issue. Berny has corresponded with RSC and will follow up with as needed. [DONE]