



SONOMA ECOLOGY CENTER

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Strategic Growth Council
Sustainable Communities Program
c/o Department of Conservation
801 K Street, MS Floor 18-01
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear SGC staff and reviewers,

On behalf of the North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative, I am writing to urge the Strategic Growth Council to fund Sonoma County to produce a comprehensive climate action plan. Because Sonoma County's leadership in setting targets for greenhouse gas reductions has been deservedly highlighted in the media and in planning circles, Sonoma County has the capability to continue leading the way in climate response: success in Sonoma County will help many other counties take action to reduce and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

The North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative is a group of natural resource managers and scientists working to identify, test, and implement effective climate adaptation strategies that sustain ecological and human communities of North San Francisco Bay watersheds. Sonoma Ecology Center is one of the core members of the Initiative. I have been participating, as the Initiative's representative, with Sonoma County's Regional Climate Protection Authority for the last two years to enlarge the climate conversation in Sonoma County to integrate climate adaptation together with climate mitigation. The Initiative's participation in the proposed project will bring a wealth of adaptation and natural resource management expertise to Sonoma County's planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Dale", written in a cursive style.

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