


Agenda Report Reviewed by:  
City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2020  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers  
**From:** City Administration  
**Subject:** Appointment - City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives  
**Recommendation :** That the Mayor and City Council Provide Recommendation to the City Council Liaison For Appointment  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No XX N/A  
Net General Fund Cost: N/A  
Amount: \$0

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

**INTRODUCTION:** This item is to request that the City Council Provide Recommendation to the City Council Liaison For Appointment - City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives

**BACKGROUND:**

At the December 12, 2016 Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA)/Regional Climate Protection Agency (RCPA) Meeting, the Board of Directors, in response to SCTA/RCPA staff’s request, established a Climate Action Advisory Committee to provide expert citizen input on implementation of the climate action initiatives. The purpose of the CAAC is to provide information and advice to the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) Board, staff and project consultants during the development and implementation of climate action programs.

CAAC members work with RCPA staff to develop and implement GHG reduction programs and measures in Sonoma County communities. This includes reviewing and considering materials, proposals, ideas, and concepts introduced to them by RCPA and jurisdiction staff. CAAC members also foster communication outside of the CAAC regarding progress and outcomes of RCPA initiatives – particularly as they relate to a member’s jurisdiction or sector.

Two representatives are chosen by each RCPA Board member from their respective jurisdictions. The CAAC does not take official votes or make direct recommendations to any hearing body and consists of stakeholders selected by the RCPA Board of Directors, to represent a diversity of viewpoints and areas of technical expertise.

Sectors sought for representation in the Advisory Group include:

- Renewable Energy
- Agriculture
- Viticulture
- Business
- Community Non-profits
- Environmental
- Transportation
- Social Justice
- Environmental Justice
- Real estate
- Health
- Economic Development
- Education
- Open Space
- Waste
- Water
- Building Efficiency

The CAAC meets quarterly on the 2nd Friday in January, April, July, and October.

**DISCUSSION:**

Earlier in the evening, the City Council conducted an interview with applicant Zeno Swijtink. The item before the City Council is to provide direction to the City Council Liaison to SCTA/RCPA Councilmember Gurney on recommendation for appointment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council Provide Recommendation to the City Council Liaison For Appointment - City of Sebastopol Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee to Provide Expert Citizen Input on Implementation of the Climate Action Initiatives.

**Attachments:**

None