

SJC Comprehensive Plan 2036 Update

Climate Change Loose Ends

Planning Commission

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Purpose

To brief the Planning Commission and get preliminary recommendations on:

- Proposed “Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Strategies in the Plan” section in Section A, Introduction
- Proposed climate change policy in Element 1, Governance

SJC Vision

Our community sets an example with its response to climate change. We prepare to address the negative effects in advance before they become crises. Our community encourages voluntary efforts and enacts incentives and regulations if necessary to reduce our carbon footprint.

- San Juan County Vision

Climate Change in the *Plan*

- The *Plan* addresses climate change through goals and policies throughout the *Plan* elements
- Goals and policies are implemented through regulations and programs

Loose Ends

- Planning Commission briefings on Climate Change: February and March, 2021
- Planning Commission requested:
 - More information about climate change in Section A, Introduction
 - A policy in Element B.1 Governance
 - A climate change Town Hall to gather public input

Section A, Introduction

Proposed new section: Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Strategies in the *Plan*

- Main issues: sea level rise, water availability, extreme weather events and natural disasters, and fossil fuel dependence/greenhouse gas emissions
- Summarizes how issues are addressed throughout the Elements
- Guide to locating climate change mitigation and resilience strategies in the *Plan*
- Clarifies the County's approach to planning for Climate Change

Section A, Introduction

Preliminary Recommendation

Option A: Add the proposed new “Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience Strategies in the Plan” section to Section A, Introduction.

Option B: No change.

The Planning Commission will gather public feedback on preliminary recommendations at the planned Climate Change Town Hall.

Element B.1 Governance

Proposed new policy:

10. Consider climate change resilience and mitigation planning a high priority when amending County goals, policies, and regulations.

Element B.1 Governance

Preliminary Recommendation

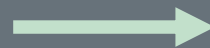
Option A: Add the proposed policy stating, “Consider climate change resilience and mitigation planning a high priority when amending County goals, policies, and regulations.”

Option B: No change.

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Next Steps

Gather public input at
Climate Change Town
Hall event



Refine Plan during
2022 Planning
Commission Work
Sessions

Thank You

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