

# **Sonoma County Climate Summit**

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### **Introductions**

Most organizations represented at the meeting:

Occupy Sonoma County  
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Daily Acts  
Friends of Public Banking, Santa Rosa  
Regional Climate Protection Authority  
Citizens Climate Lobby  
John Mutz (sheriff candidate)  
Northern California Climate Mobilization  
Sonoma Solidarity with Standing Rock  
350 Bay Area, 350 Sonoma  
Occupy Sonoma County  
North Bay Organizing Project  
Oakmont Democratic Club  
Peace and Justice Center of Sonoma County  
Eco-Leaders Environmental Club  
Schools for Climate Action  
sonomacounty.recovers.org  
Transition Sonoma County  
Sonoma Valley Climate Coalition  
Zero Waste Task Force  
CPFM  
Community Alliance Farmers Commission  
Green Party  
Clean Energy Alliance  
Democratic Socialists of America  
International Socialist Organization  
Community Action Coalition of Sonoma County

### **Ratification of agenda**

The following agenda was ratified by the group:

1) Introductions

- 2) Ratification of agenda
- 3) Structural Agreements (7-10 minutes)
- 4) Name of Group (5 minutes)
- 5) Brainstorm Points of Agreement (15 minutes)
- 6) Call for Proposals or Support for Campaigns (25 minutes)
- 7) Adopt a campaign (25 minutes)
- 8) Facillitator for next meeting (5 miniutes)

## Structural Agreements

What structure should this group have for making decisions?

**Proposal 1: Simple majority rule.** 51% support passes a proposal.

**Proposal 2: Consensus.** Proposal for “objections method of consensus”: When a proposal is made, we ask if there are any objections. If there are no objections, the proposal passes.

**Proposal 3: Supermajority vote.** 70% or 80% of vote must support a proposal for it to pass. Could be done with 70% of individuals present or 70% of groups present.

**Proposal 4: Consensus-ish.** Could try for consensus, if not go for a supermajority.

**Proposal 5: Pluralism.** Different groups can back different proposals.

We decided to put off this decision until later.

### Do we want to be a coalition or a spokescouncil?

Coalition has a loose meaning, while spokescouncil encourages each group to send a person to the meeting.

**Proposal 1: We should be a spokescouncil.**

**Proposal 2: We could just be people who showed up at the movies.**

**Proposal 3: We could be a forum.** Or, we could call ourselves a forum unti we decide to be something more.

We decide to put this decision off until we have a better idea about what we are doing.

## **Name of the Group**

We decide to table this item until later in the meeting.

## **Brainstorm Points of Agreement**

At this point, meeting attendees called out things they believed might be points of agreement for the whole group.

### **Possible points of agreement**

Need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions  
Move the economy away from fossil fuels  
Public banking, divestment from fossil fuels  
Change how we eat, how we farm  
Drop partisan divides in order to address the climate  
Affordable housing  
Political unity to have a green rebuild of Sonoma County  
Rent freeze  
100% renewable energy  
Hold electives accountable on climate policy  
Listen to indigenous wisdom on fire  
Collective power  
Independence from government  
Carbon sequestering, bio-mediation  
Urgency  
Vulnerable people and climate change  
Solutions that recognize and build community  
Carbon-negative Sonoma County  
Include people of low socio-economic status  
Climate literacy in schools  
Climate crisis action  
Sustainable systems  
Zero waste  
Major disaster declarations  
Just transition  
Transition of workers to clean energy economy  
Public investment in green jobs  
Put a price on carbon  
Sustain our educational system  
Comprehensive, transparent greenhouse gas inventory  
Population reduction  
Work in multiple scales  
Hold Santa Rosa accountable to its climate action policies  
Livable wage for politicians  
Democratization of issues that relate to people affected by climate  
Farmed animal population reduction.

## Name of the Group revisited

Group name either starts with “Sonoma County” or ends with “of Sonoma County”. We agreed on “of Sonoma County”.

First word is either “Climate”, “Crisis”, or “Climate Crisis”. We decided to go with “Climate”.

Second word is either “Action”, “Solutions”, “Resilience”, or “Response”. We did not agree on which one to use, though “Solutions” and “Response” were the most popular.

Third word is either “Alliance”, “Network”, “Summit”, “Coalition”, “Spokescouncil”, “Conference”. “Council”. We did not decide which one to agree on yet.

What we have left looks like this:

Climate	Action	Alliance
	Solutions	Network
	Resilience	Summit
	Response	Coalition
		Spokescouncil
		Conference
		Council

We agreed to continue this discussion in a later meeting.

## Call for Proposals or Support of Campaigns

**Proposal 1: Green rebuild of Sonoma County.** Trying to affect rebuild of Sonoma County after fires, so the rebuild is sustainable and affordable. This proposal is being put forward by 350 Sonoma in conjunction with Citizens Climate Lobby. There is a lot of time urgency around this proposal. People involved: Darius Anderson, James Lee Witt, Walter McGuire. James Lee Witt, former FEMA director, accused of profiteering and fraud with the Hurricane Katrina cleanup.

Not everyone in the group is 100% supportive of this proposal.

**Proposal 2: Meatless May.** Educate people about greenhouse gas impact of agriculture, challenge people to eat a plant-based diet for a month. Make fliers and promotional materials starting in March. Get restaurants on board to participate in this.

**Proposal 3: Carbon Pricing.**

**Sub-proposal to Proposal 1: Don't rebuild on areas if there is no defense from natural disasters.** Create alternative sources of financing to help homeowners. Adopt Bay Area solar pd ordinance. Prohibit installation of natural gas. All electronic alternatives to gas.

**Proposal 4: Public Bank of Santa Rosa.** Public Bank of Oakland is already underway. Germany is committed to being on all renewables, and 72% of the funding for this is through public banks. Santa Rosa has \$350 million invested in banks, and most of those banks funded the Dakota Access Pipeline.

**Proposal 5: Drive Evergreen.** Through Sonoma Clean Power. Best way to get an electric or hybrid car.

**Proposal 6: Making sure the cleanup process after the fires is in compliance with environmental and labor law.**

**Proposal 7: Zero Waste Ordinances for City and County.**

**Proposal 8: Climate Friendly Food Policy.** Put food policy up on your websites. Make sure it is socioeconomically equitable.

**Suggestion:** Worry that we spend so much time trying to stop contributing to climate change, we won't spend time trying to reverse the damage that has already been done.

**Suggestion:** Climate activists are not using the media enough. Contact Elaine Holtz at Women's Spaces radio show if you would like to leverage the media to broadcast your message.

## Adopt a Proposal

The group decided to go with a version of **Proposal 1: Green Rebuild of Sonoma County.**

**Action Plan:** Tuesday Nov 7th at 4pm, Santa Rosa City Council is meeting with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in a joint meeting. We should show up there wearing green and make the case for a green rebuild of Sonoma County.

What really gets the council's attention is a large group of people who make the same talking points and visibly show they are part of a coalition by, e.g. wearing the same color.

If the rebuild of Sonoma County is not on the agenda, we can always speak during Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

Hoi-An is going to take care of the spreadsheet about the organizations in this coalition and what they are focusing on.

We should add cleanup and workers' rights to our pitch to the BoS/CC. We don't want to be rebuilding on a toxic soup.

**Next Meeting of 350 Sonoma.** 350 Sonoma meets on the third Wednesday of the month, November 15th, 6:30pm at the Peace and Justice Center. If you want to help out with 350's rebuild Sonoma project, go to this meeting.

## **Facilitator for next meeting**

350 Sonoma will be facilitating our next meeting, which will be Monday, January 29th at the Peace and Justice Center.