



# Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority A Climate Resilience District (SB852)

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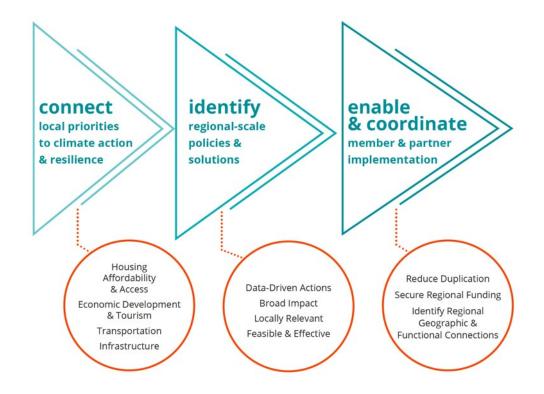






"An alliance for combined action"





## **RCPA Milestones**





## 2009

RCPA established as the nation's first local government agency created specifically to address climate change.

No funding authority is granted in the State statute.



## 2016

Climate Action 2020 and Beyond published by RCPA



# 2021

BayREN Water Upgrades \$ave program launched

Sonoma Climate Mobilization Strategy adopted

Climate Emergency
Resolutions adopted by all
Sonoma County jurisdictions

Sonoma County recognized as a Climate Action Champion by the White House

2014

RCPA Strategic Plan adopted

Climate Emergency Resolution adopted by RCPA Board

2019

## **RCPA Milestones**





# 2021

RCPA begins exploring what it would take to establish a local funding measure dedicated to climate change work.



# 2022

RCPA creates structure for community engagement and expenditure plan development for a local climate measure.



# 2023

Next steps for funding measure:

- Assess best funding mechanism
- Develop priority projects
- Gauge community support

RCPA works with Senator Dodd and CivicWell on SB852 to grant RCPA funding authorities in the bill SB852 (Dodd) goes into effect and establishes Climate Resilience Districts (CRD), including RCPA in the legislation makes us the first CRD in the State.



2023



Initiative	Strategy
Transportation	<ul> <li>Drive Less Sonoma County Campaign</li> <li>EV Access for All Partnership</li> <li>Sonoma County Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Bank</li> </ul>
Buildings	<ul><li>All-Electric Buildings Campaign</li><li>Carbon-Free Electricity</li></ul>
Land and Water	<ul> <li>Protect Existing Carbon Stocks</li> <li>Increase Carbon Stocks</li> <li>Scale Up Infrastructure for Sequestration</li> </ul>

**Environmental Justice and Community Engagement** 



# FUNDING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE





## **Community-Led Steering Committee**

RCPA Chair, RCPA Vice-Chair, Committee Leads, EJ Advisors, RCPA Staff Support

### **Environmental Justice Advisors**

### Transportation Committee

#### Leads:

- Alexa Forrester
- Fris Weaver

## Staff support:

- Suzanne Smith
- Dana Turrey

## Buildings Committee

#### Leads:

- Panama Bartholomy
- Ann Edminster Staff support:
- BC Capps
- Tanya Narath

### Land & Water Committee

#### Lead:

- Caryl Hart
   Staff support:
- BC Capps
- Suzanne Smith

Government Partners Committee



