

LARES COUNCIL WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

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LARES Council Working Group



The LARES working group serves as an advisory group to County Council for the purpose of identifying **LARES recommendations** for County Council approval.



The working group held 7 meetings between September 21 – October 21.



The recommendations selected by the LARES Working Group focus on initiatives that will **accelerate carbon emission reductions** in County operations and mitigate climate change.



The LARES Working Group selected 14 recommendations and in November 2023 County Council selected 11 of those recommendations to **boost climate action** in advance of the completion of the comprehensive climate action plan



The **Action Plan was approved** by County Council January 2024 and CMO was asked to return with budget options during FY25 budget process



Recommendations focus on: Overarching Policy Statements, Partnerships, County Policy, Strategic Investments and Advocacy

LARES Recommendations Highlights

During the FY25 budget process Council invested \$1.2M in climate action initiatives

- NG -11: \$100K to solicit for a qualified contractor to provide energy audits
- TM-3: \$550K to deploy EV chargers
- TM-3: 65K to replace two gas powered vehicles to electric vehicles
- TM-4: \$400K to develop an electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan and fleet conversion plan
- WCNR-2: \$80K to solicit for educational, marketing and outreach services focused on GHG reduction

Completed Actions

- GR-7 – Form a partnership with LANL and LAPS with the specific intention of collaboration on greenhouse gas reduction
- NG-11 – Make energy audits to other relevant information available to property owners through County government
- TM-3 – Increase publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- WCNR-2 – Reduce consumption-associated GHG emissions through sustainable purchasing and consumption/disposal of food, goods, and services

Next Steps

- Remaining action items and strategies have been incorporated into the Draft Climate Action Plan Implementation Matrix

Thank you! Questions?

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