

Exhibit 4. Ventura County Climate Emergency Council Proposals

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

March 18, 2025

VENTURA COUNTY CLIMATE EMERGENCY COUNCIL PROPOSALS

Date presented to Board of Supervisors (Board): September 20, 2022

Proposal No. 1: Recommendation to the Board to Create a Climate Change Public Outreach and Education Program.

Action taken: Direction from Board to support the Public Outreach and Education Program as recommended and reach out to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to partner in that effort. Public outreach and education related to climate change are ongoing activities by several County agencies including but not limited to: County Executive Office, Sustainability Division; Resource Management Agency, Planning Division; Public Works, Transportation Agency; and General Services Agency. The Sustainability Division collaborates with APCD staff on several climate change outreach and education initiatives, including regional Climate Action Planning, building decarbonization, and zero emission transportation.

Proposal No. 2: Recommendation to the Board to Adopt a Resolution Supporting Efforts to Cap Methane Leaks from Oil and Gas Wells and Pipelines.

Action taken: Board directed County Executive Office legislative staff to continue to work with state and federal partners to seek funds to cap wells; and continue efforts to ensure that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are quantified consistent with existing, applicable Ventura County General Plan policies and the Climate Action Plan.

Date presented to Board of Supervisors: September 12, 2023

Proposal No. 3: Recommendation to the Board to Create a Program to Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Residential and Nonresidential Buildings.

Action taken: No new action was taken regarding this proposal, consistent with staff's recommendation that existing County efforts addressed the proposal's intent. The Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN), delivers residential and nonresidential, including commercial and public sector buildings and the agricultural sector, energy-saving programs that help reduce energy use and carbon dioxide emissions. In addition to these programs, 3C-REN also provides tools, support, and resources to reduce energy use and carbon dioxide emissions. The Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) also identifies and promotes existing nonresidential and residential energy programs administered by the investor-owned utilities and Clean Power Alliance.

Proposal No. 4: Recommendation to the Board to Create a Policy to Reduce GHG Emissions from New and Existing County of Ventura-owned Buildings and Facilities.

Action taken: Board directed County staff to evaluate the existing policies included in the County of Ventura Administrative Policy Manual, determine whether to prepare a new policy or amend an existing policy, and return to the Board for consideration of approving amending an existing policy or adding a new policy to the County Administrative Policy Manual. As a result of Proposal No. 4, CEO Sustainability Division staff will be returning to your Board in 2025 with a proposal to amend the County of Ventura Administrative Policy Manual to add language to reduce GHG emissions from new and existing county-owned buildings and facilities.

Date taken to Board of Supervisors: Not applicable.

Proposal No. 5: Request to the Board to Adopt a Goal for Use of One Hundred Percent Battery Electric Powered Landscape Equipment at County Facilities.

Action taken: Proposal No. 5 was replaced by the passage of Assemble Bill (AB) 1346: Air pollution: small off-road engines in 2021. AB 1346 requires the California Air Resources Board to adopt cost-effective and technologically feasible regulations to prohibit engine exhaust and evaporative emissions from new small off-road engines (SORE), and have the regulations apply to engines produced on or after January 1, 2024. Accordingly, the County will retire existing gas-powered SORE as it ages out and purchase new electric SORE, when feasible.