



COUNTY *of* VENTURA

County Executive Office
Sustainability Division

Ventura County Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 12, 2023

Agenda Item No. 65

Subject: Receive and File a Presentation from the CEO Regarding Two Proposals from the Ventura County Climate Emergency Council (CEC) Requesting that your Board:

- (1) Create a Policy to Reduce GHG Emissions from New and Existing County-owned Buildings and Facilities, and (2) Create a Program to Reduce CO₂ Emissions from Existing Residential and Nonresidential Buildings; and
- Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the CEC's Proposals.

Climate Emergency Council

- **District Representatives**

1. Phil White (Vice Chair)
2. Rashid Syed*
3. Sylvia Munoz-Schnopp (Chair)
4. Scott Detorre*
5. Vacant

- **Disadvantaged Community Representatives**

- Saticoy: Dora Girela*
- Piru: Keith Gurrola
- El Rio-Del Norte: Marianne Parra

- **At Large Members**

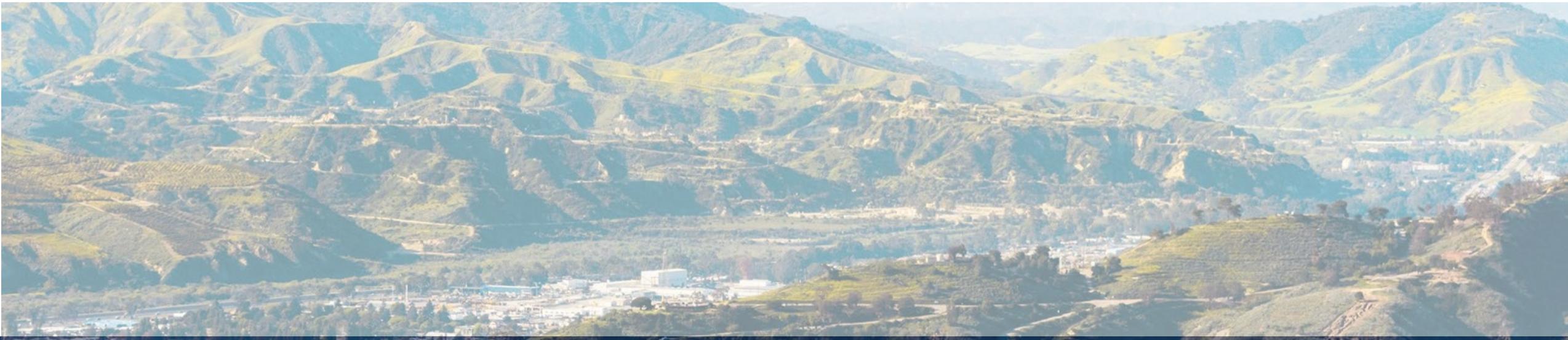
- Bill Camarillo*
- Eric Kroh*

* Members that Joined the CEC Subsequent To Approval of the Proposals



Purpose of the CEC

In October 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution, which established the CEC to research, develop, and advise the Board regarding potential subprograms and policies to implement the CAP and the General Plan's GHG reduction strategy for the unincorporated area of Ventura County that would result in quantifiable GHG reductions that further the County's progress toward achieving the 2030, 2040 and 2050 GHG reduction targets and goals established in the General Plan.



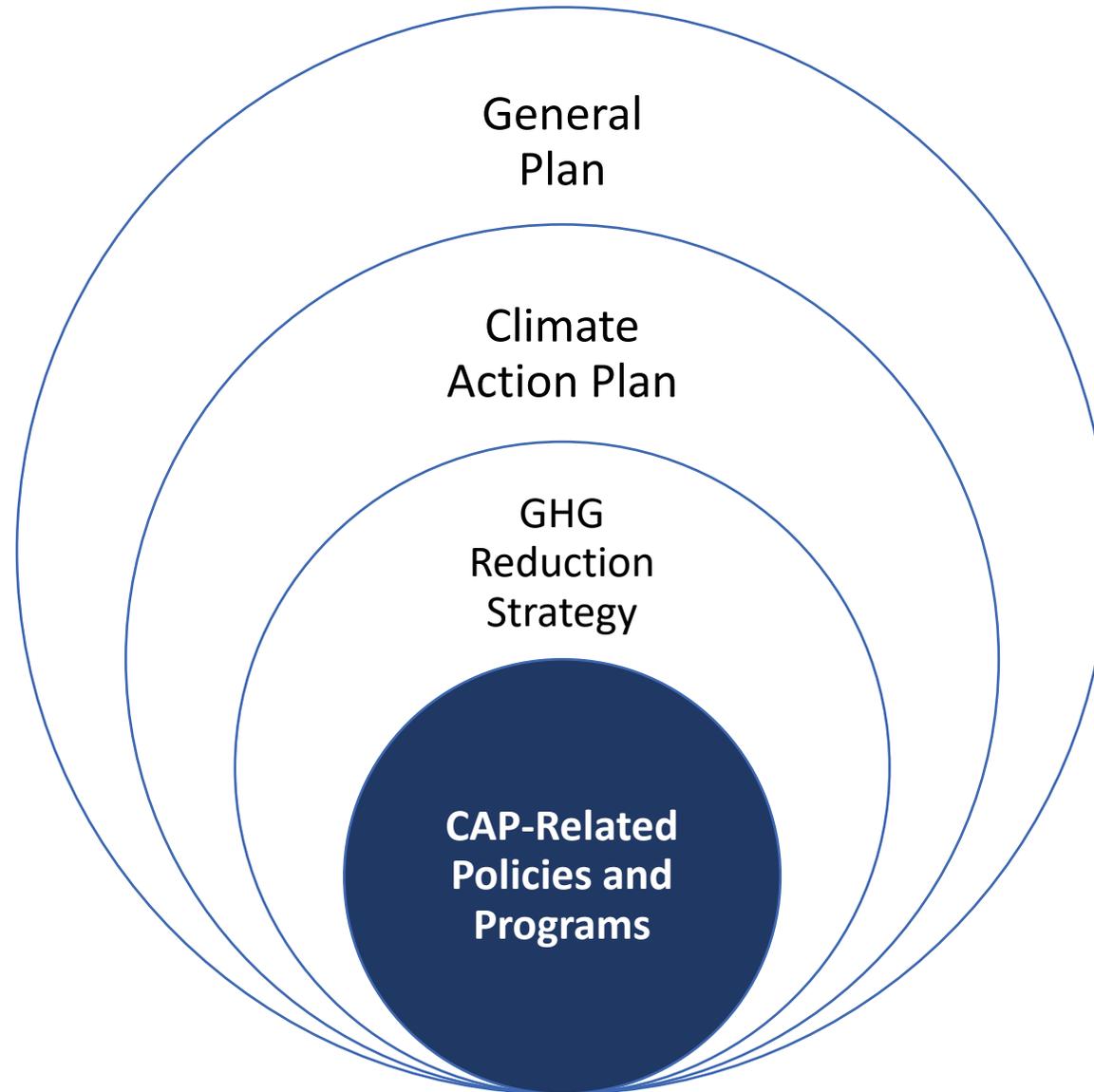
Presentation to the Board

The CEC Recommendations shall, with the assistance of County staff, be presented to the Ventura County Planning Commission at a public meeting for its review, consideration, and formulation of a recommendation to the Board.

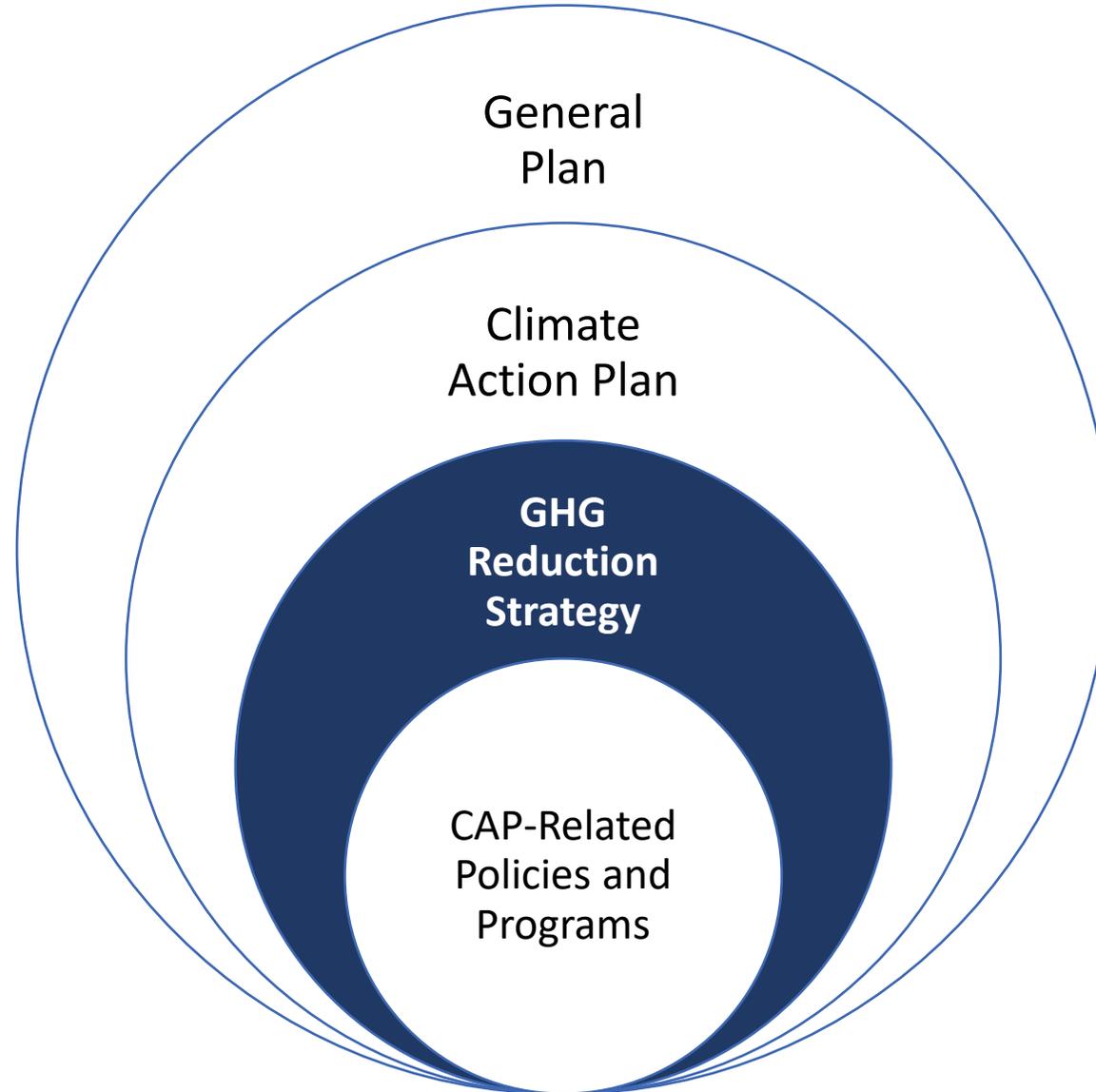
The CEC and Planning Commission Recommendations shall thereafter be presented together to the Board at a public meeting for its review, consideration and action no later than the end of 2022 and every two years thereafter until the CEC's work is completed.



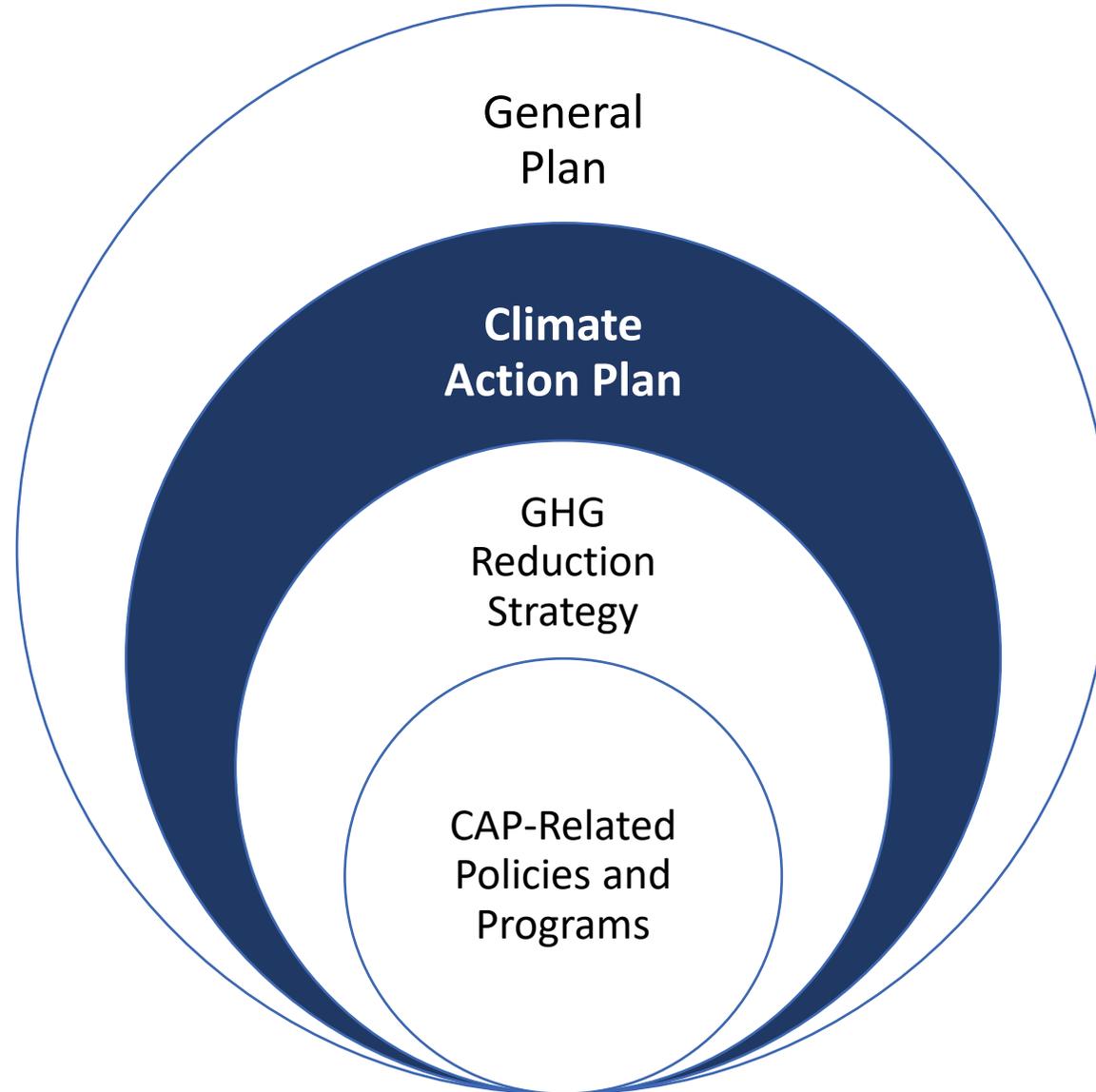
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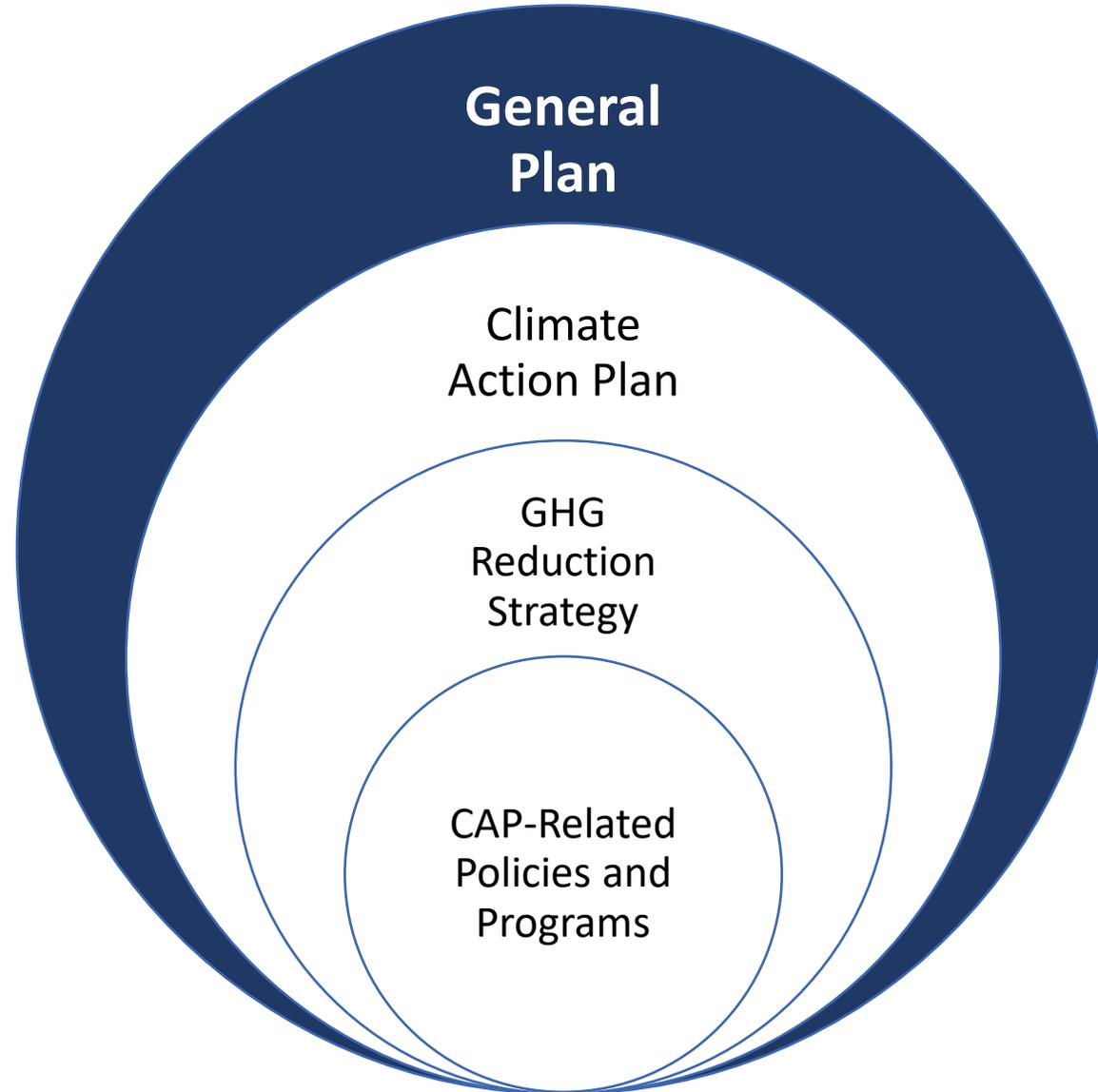
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CEC Proposal No. 1

CEC Proposed Policy Description: The County shall develop a policy to support planning for moving towards electrification and decarbonization of new and existing County-owned Government buildings and facilities, where feasible, including:

- a. Give conceptual support for electrification and decarbonization of County Government buildings and facilities, where feasible, and seeking grants and other financial incentives for this purpose, recognizing that reducing natural gas and propane use and reducing embodied carbon in building materials will help the County achieve its climate change goals.
- b. Direct County staff to proceed with the next steps in preparing for future electrification/ decarbonization efforts, including building inventory and analysis, and identification of grants and other funding opportunities.
- c. Direct County staff to return to the Board with budget requests as necessary to implement this policy.
- d. Recognize that County policies regarding “cost effectiveness” should be updated to provide flexibility for incorporation of these measures.
- e. Express a willingness to consider having the General Fund cover the higher costs of electrification/ decarbonization measures.

Staff Observations for CEC Proposal No. 1

Observations from staff:

- Extent to which the Proposal would result in specific, quantifiable GHG emissions reduction is unclear.
- Portions of the Proposal may be duplicative of ongoing County activities working to address climate change and resiliency.
- Portions of the Proposal may reiterate existing Ventura County General Plan and Administrative Manual policies and programs.

Staff Observations for CEC Proposal No. 1

Observations from staff:

- CEO staff will continue to support County agencies and departments with their efforts to move towards electrification and decarbonization of County-owned buildings and facilities, where feasible, with policies already in place.

CEC Proposal No. 2

CEC Proposed Program Description: Recommends the County develop and implement a program to promote the voluntary retrofit electrification of existing residential and nonresidential buildings in unincorporated Ventura County by:

- Strengthening and expanding the existing 3C-REN energy efficiency and electrification program, and
- Incorporating funding opportunities contained in the new Inflation Reduction Act.

The goals of the program are to reduce natural gas-related CO₂ emissions from existing buildings inline with the General Plan's GHG Emissions Reduction targets.

The program, which would strengthen and expand existing efforts, would be housed in the CEO's Sustainability Division, and one additional full-time technical staff position would be needed to support the program, particularly for educational, promotional, and outreach efforts.

The program would continue to identify grants and other incentives to help finance the implementation of energy efficiency and electrification retrofits and would communicate those incentives and the County's climate goals to building owners and residents, to encourage voluntary electrification efforts.

Staff Observations for CEC Proposal No. 2

Observations by staff:

- Proposal is subject to choices made by building owners and operators to implement electrification and decarbonization efforts. It cannot be stated with certainty that the Proposal would result in GHG emissions reduction.
- Portions of the Proposal may reiterate ongoing County activities working to address climate change and resiliency and may be duplicative of an existing General Plan Program.

Staff Observations for CEC Proposal No. 2

Observations by staff:

- Staff believes that existing efforts by County agencies and departments in addition to the CPUC approved expansion of 3C-REN's program offerings will address the intent of the CEC's proposal.

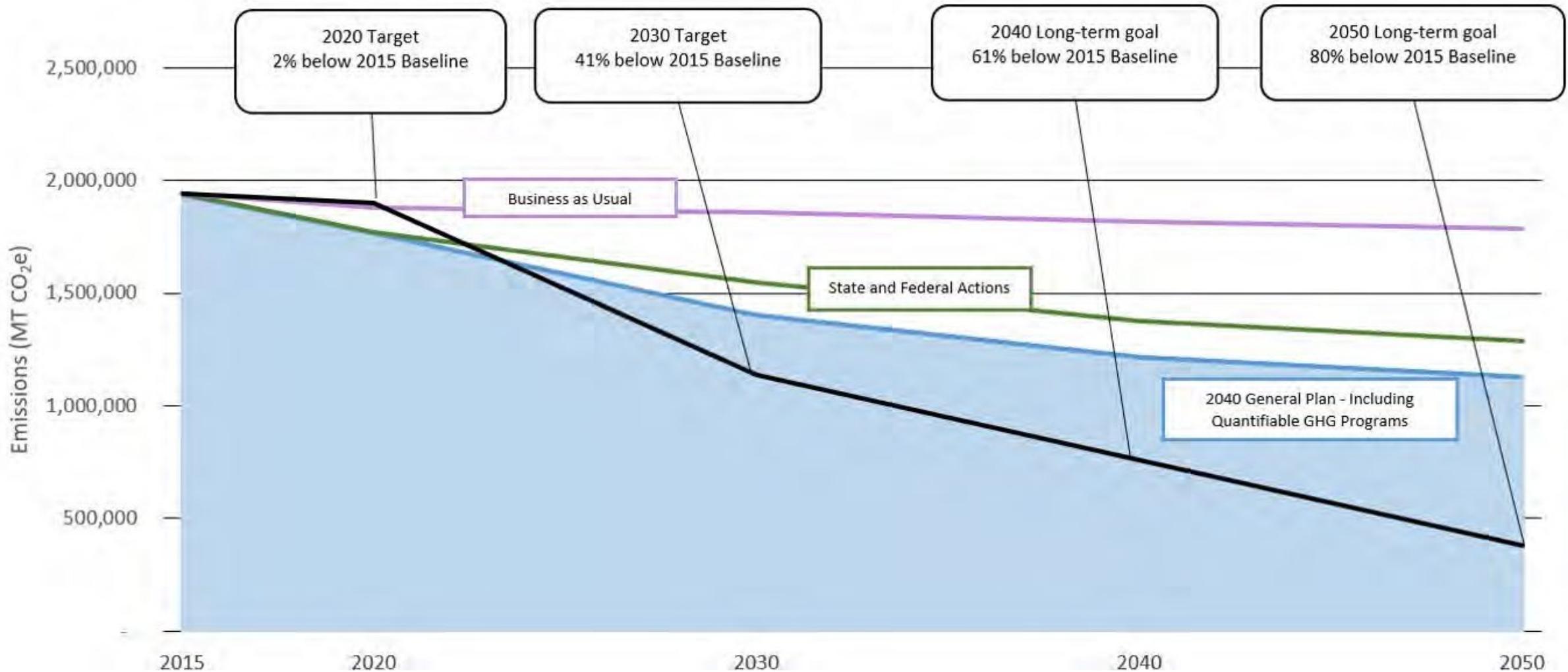
Questions?



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Reference Slide No. 1 - VC General Plan, Appendix B, Figure B-2: Community Legislative Adjusted Business-as-Usual GHG Emissions Forecast and Reduction Targets and Goals



Reference Slide No. 2 - VC General Plan, Appendix B, Figure B-1: 2015 GHG Emissions in Unincorporated Ventura County, by Sector

