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**From:** Kathleen Wheeler <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
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Re: Item #37 Staffing

Thank you for supporting the work of the Ventura County Climate Emergency Council (VCCEC) and specifically that of the Temporary Advisory Committees (TACs.) It is these small groups whose work will enable you to make informed decisions about which climate actions will be most productive. In order for them to support you most effectively, they will need staff time (regular staff, or consulting hours *for a temporary period of time*) to make quantifiable the various subprogram options for decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. These are the groups who will enable the Board to prioritize actions based on BOTH the amount of emissions reduction possible AND the likelihood of adoption/implementation.

They can also coordinate with the cities to scale the work, allowing the County to be a major factor in the progress toward addressing climate change.

Please also recognize the need for consistent education to help the public understand the need for long term thinking beyond the immediate extreme weather events. Climate change is a gradual phenomenon, thus the importance of consistent and repeated messaging to help with this understanding. Only through consistent investment and consistent messaging can we collectively make a real impact.

In your position, you regularly meet opposition from all sides. We want you to know we appreciate your steady, patient, reasoned response to that opposition. It takes courage and persistence. If you believe that decisive and effective action to address climate change is important, please match that belief with adequate support for the VCCEC.

Thank you.