

County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Five
Supervisor Liz Kniss



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: *Liz Kniss*

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SUBJECT: Bay Area Climate Action Compact

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Refer to administration a report back to the HULET Committee and subsequently the Board of Supervisors regarding the Bay Area Climate Action Compact to include its mission, purpose, leadership call to action, action area goals, and charter; also to include how the Compact will fit with the Boards policy and goals related to climate change, and identify any fiscal impacts should the Board choose to sign onto the Compact.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

I would like the Board to consider joining the recently announced and recently developed Bay Area Climate Action Compact. To do so, in a thoughtful and policy driven manner, I am requesting a report and discussion of the merits, actions, and fiscal impact to the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee.

On September 10, 2008 the Silicon Valley Leadership Group presented "Clean and Green," a major community forum on the response to climate change by regional employers, communities and individuals. A focal point of the conference was the forthcoming "Bay Area Climate Change Compact", a collaborative effort to address the climate-related challenges facing our region and our world. I was pleased to participate in the presentation that day and feel this approach is one that fits with the past accomplishments and planned future efforts of the County.

Also in September, the Joint Policy Committee, a group that coordinates efforts of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission considered the the Bay Area Climate Action Compact. The Joint Policy

Committee will work with the individual entities as they consider signing onto the Compact. The Board has delegates on each of these entities and as such they will benefit from having a position from which to represent the COunty as this process moves forward.

Later this month the cities of San Jose, Oakland, and San Francisco are expected to kick-off the region-wide public-private partnership that is the hallmark of the Compact with a signing event.