

## Grassroots Institute - Climate Crisis Workgroup

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Attending: Carrie Durkee, Garth Saalfield, Jim Schoonover, George Reinhardt, Marcy Snyder and Peter McNamee

- The meeting began with a discussion and adoption of the following agenda:
  - Report on the response by the City Council to Grassroots Institute (GRI) - Climate Crisis Workgroup's (CCW) recommendations to the City of Fort Bragg,
  - Helping the City on GRI-CCW's proposed projects,
  - Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee (MCCAAC),
  - Announcements re upcoming climate action events.
- ***Report on GRI-CCW's recommendations to the City Council of Fort Bragg*** - At the Monday March 22nd meeting of the Fort Bragg City Council, GRI-CCW's recommendations for American Rescue Act funding for PV Systems on Municipal Buildings, Increased Electric Charging Stations and Conversions to an Electric MTA Fleet, were generally well received by the city, with Council members Tess Albin-Smith and Jessica Morsell-Haye in support. But at least three council members need to support a proposal before the City will commit staff to begin work on a project. The GRI-CCW agreed that Carrie & Marcy should followup with Tess Albin-Smith to find out how best to secure at least a third council member's (but hopefully the entire council's) support in order to get GRI-CCW's proposals implemented. Carrie & Marcy will report back on what they find out at the next GRI-CCW meeting.
- ***How can GRI-CCW help the City implement the proposed projects*** - Tess Albin-Smith and Jessica Morsell-Haye indicated the city lacked staff & expertise needed to successfully implement Climate Change mitigation projects. GRI-CCW wants to help the city resolve this problem, but clarification is needed as to what kind of GRI-CCW assistance would be valuable. Carrie & Marcy volunteered to meet with Tess Albin-Smith and report back at the next GRI-CCW meeting as to how GRI-CCW could assist the City to implement GRI-CCW's recommendations.
- ***Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee (MCCAAC)*** - The MCCAAC has submitted its initial report to the County Bd. Of Supervisors. It's unclear what action the county now intends to take. County Bd. Of Supervisors Chair, Dan Gjerde will be meeting with the GRI on Saturday, April 3rd. At that meeting, the GRI-CCW should get clarification on the best way to support the MCCAAC's work at the

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county level. The MCCAAC report will be discussed at the Coast Democrat Club meeting Thursday April 1st (see announcements).

- **Announcements re upcoming climate action events -**

**Tuesday** - March 30, 2021

**RSVP to join Women's Marchers for our mass organizing call this Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. ET. On the call, we'll all learn how to plug into efforts to advocate for COVID recovery and relief in our communities.**

Tuesday 7pm KZYX will host a talk show featuring the work of the Trail Stewards - tune in and call in to show support and ask questions.

**WEDNESDAY** - March 31, 2021

**Support the Green New Deal**

**Time to THRIVE Mendocino Coast Rally**

**4:30 Wednesday, March 31st**

**In front of FB's Town Hall**

**Thursday** - April 1, 2021

**Coast Democrat Club Zoom Meeting - Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 6 pm. Tess Albin-Smith and Randy MacDonald discuss the recent report of the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee to the Bd. Of Supervisors.**