

## Notes Grassroots Institute (GRI) - Climate Crisis Workgroup (CCW) April 3, 2021 Meeting

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The CCW met in a zoom breakout session to review and accept the notes from the last meeting and to assess next steps:

- The notes from the Sunday, March 28, 2021 CCW meeting were discussed
- It was noted that Carrie Durkee and Marcy Snyder would be meeting with Tess Albion-Smith to discuss how to secure majority support among Fort Bragg City Council members for the GRI-CCW's three Climate Change project recommendations. And, also how GRI-CCW can assist the City to successfully implement the proposals.
- There was also a discussion about how GRI-CCW could work with the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to allocate the \$16.8 million the county will receive in American Rescue Act (ARA) funds. Supervisor Gjerde requested a representative from the GRI meet with County Staff, MCCAAC, Sonoma Clean Power, and himself in the coming week to explore how ARA funds could best be utilized to expand Photovoltaic (PV) system use, expanding Charging Stations installations and electrification of public transit using clean renewable electricity. Peter McNamee was designated to follow up with Supervisor Gjerde.
- The CCW also discussed the possibility of setting up a librarian function to retain meeting notes and useful documents related to the CCW's work. Marcy Snyder said she was interested in helping in such a task but felt she lacked the computer skills required. It was generally agreed that CCW should explore the possibility of using the GRI web site to host the library "IF" that was possible.
- It was suggested that CCW find a way to reach out to local companies that do solar PV and Charging Station installations and include them in a discussion about how green clean energy jobs and commerce can be expanded in Mendocino County.
- It was also suggested one obstacle to progress promoting green clean jobs and commerce is the lack of solid research regarding the green energy economy in the county and what obstacles are retarding economic expansion in this area. Research would also be helpful to educate the public on meaningful ways they can support and expand a local green jobs economy.