

## **Grassroots Institute - Climate Crisis Workgroup (GRI-CCW) Meeting Notes 7-6-21 6:30 pm**

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The following CCW members attended the meeting: Carrie Durkee, Marcy Snyder, Garth Saalfield, George Reinhardt, Jim Schoonover and Peter McNamee. Items discussed and action taken:

- Carrie Durkee called attention to events since the last meeting: The Coast Democrat Club hosted a meeting and the GRI Climate Action Proposals were featured and discussed by the club members - the GRI Climate Action Petition was circulated and signed by individual Coast Dem Club members. GRI had an information table at the Casper Community Center's July 4th celebration where signatures were collected for the GRI Climate Action petition and GRI members discussed the proposals with interested attendees. Also a solar activist (Crispin Hollinshead) contacted GRI regarding work in the Ukiah area and on the Coast to promote micro-grids based on local solar electricity generation.
- Marcy Snyder noted that Jim Schoonover, Peter McNamee and herself have been using call-in radio shows on KZYX to conduct public education and raise awareness re the GRI Climate Action proposals. Carrie Durkee also reported that the Mendocino Women's Political Caucus monthly newsletter has a story about the GRI proposal.
- At the request of Mendocino County BoS Chair Dan Gjerde, Marcy Snyder and Jim Schoonover have signed up to receive announcements re state grant funds for renewable energy projects, screen them for application in Mendo County and then make regular on-going recommendations to Supervisor Gjerde.
- Marcy Snyder reported that based on recent conversations and emails from Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) and Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) staff all the available funding from their funding agencies have either been committed or expensed and there are no current funds available for new EV charging stations.
- The Fort Bragg City Council will have a zoom meeting on Monday evening on 7-12-21. Marcy Snyder and Peter McNamee agreed to call into the zoom to discuss the lack of alternative funds available for EV charging stations (Marcy) and the economic and strategic advantages of PV & EV charging stations (Peter). Marcy Snyder reported that Jessica Morsell-Haye indicated to her in a recent conversation that the American Rescue Plan Act funds available to Fort Bragg might be better

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spent on the Mill Site. Lindy Peters indicated in a recent conversation with Peter McNamee that putting PV systems on the roofs of the city's buildings might cause problems for firefighter firefighters and that the roofs were old and might not support the added weight of PV panels. Despite the fact the city has made Climate Change Action a city goal since 2018 - it hasn't installed PV systems on its buildings, or added new EV chargers or reached out to MTA to electrify the bus fleet.

- The Mendocino BoS will have a zoom meeting on Tuesday morning 7-13-21. Supervisor Gjerde intends to put the GRI proposal on the Bd's agenda for action. Marcy Synder will present the case for using ARPA funds for EV Chargers since all of the prior funding has been committed. Peter McNamee will make the economic case for the using PV/Battery systems on county buildings. Carrie will contact the Crispin Hollinshead in Ukiah to ask if he will call in to support the additional installation of PV in order to build additional supply sources for local micro grids. Carrie will also contact the LWV & the Inland Dem Club to urge them to provide testimony in support of the GRI proposal at the 7-13-21 meeting.