

# Consider Approval of Yolo County 2022-2025 Climate Early Action Grant Strategy



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# BACKGROUND

- On June 7, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved six early action projects recommended by the Yolo County Climate Action Commission.
- Staff developed the Yolo County 2022–2025 Climate Early Action Grant Strategy to match grant opportunities to five of these actions.
- The Grant Strategy will leverage the County’s investment in achieving the goal of a countywide carbon negative footprint by 2030 by directing staff to secure grants to implement these early action projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon in unincorporated Yolo County.



# CLIMATE EARLY ACTION PROJECTS

The five early action projects included in the grant strategy:

- Carbon Farming Partnership
- Electrification Retrofit Rebate Outreach Program
- Home Energy Labeling
- Inventory and Feasibility Study to Remove Fossil Fuels from Yolo County Operations
- Zero Emission Vehicle Master Plan



Not included in grant strategy:

- 100% Renewable Electricity Accounts
- Yolo Agricultural Retrofits Early Action Project (coming before Board in September)



# IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGY

- This is a living document and may be updated as projects change or as funding sources evolve.
- At least six months prior to an application due date, staff will coordinate internally to decide whether to apply for the grant.
- If the County decides to apply, the County Staff will:
  - Develop partnerships/leverage existing collaboratives.
  - Develop detailed scope/budget for project.
  - Identify matching funds (potentially from ARP funds).
  - Complete the work necessary to develop a competitive application.



# RECOMMENDED ACTION

## Approve the 2022-2025 Climate Early Action Grant Strategy

- Asking for approval of the strategy; not asking for approval of any specific grant application.
- County is committing to evaluate whether to apply; not committing to apply to all grants identified.



# NEXT STEPS | Climate Action and Sustainability

## July 2022

- Release of RFP for Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

## Sept. 27, 2022

- Consider Yolo Agricultural Retrofits Expansion Early Action Project
- Update from Climate Action Commission Chair to Board

## Fall 2022

- Begin Applying for Grants to support Early Action Projects
- Launch CAAP Process

