

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Yolo County, California

Meeting Date: May 4, 2021

To: Comm. Svcs. ✓

34.

Receive presentation and approve Yolo County Climate Action Commission. (No general fund impact) (Echiburu)

Adelita Serena, Lupita T., Scott Steward, Robin Datel Melissa Moreno and Juliette Beck addressed the Board of Supervisors on this item.

Minute Order No. 21-62: Approved establishing the Yolo County Climate Action Commission with the addition of alternates. Directed the members of the Commission to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as to how many alternates, with the proposal returning to a future Board meeting for approval.

MOVED BY: Barajas / SECONDED BY: Saylor
AYES: Barajas, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.



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To: The Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

Regular-Community Services 34. Community Services

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: 05/04/2021

Brief Title: Update on September 2020 Climate Crisis Resolution

From: Taro Echiburu, Director, Department of Community Services

Staff Contact: Taro Echiburu, Director, Department of Community Services, x8775

Subject

Receive presentation and approve Yolo County Climate Action Commission. (No general fund impact) (Echiburu)

Recommended Action

Establish the Yolo County Climate Action Commission and authorize staff to begin empaneling the body.

Strategic Plan Goal(s)



Sustainable Environment

Outcome: Climate Action and Resilience

Reason for Recommended Action/Background

On September 29, 2020, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring a climate crisis requiring an urgent and inclusive mobilization of countywide resources to initiate a just transition to an inclusive, equitable, sustainable, and resilient local economy while also supporting and advocating for regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse the climate, social justice, and economic crises (Resolution 20-114, provided as Attachment A). The emergency resolution called for a future advisory body to include representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underrepresented communities, from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions, from community organizations and from experts in the field of climate change and that the group would be charged with engaging the broader Yolo County community to ensure inclusivity and to advise Yolo County and its partners on the implementation of the Yolo County Climate Action Plan.

Following the climate emergency resolution, staff, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors Subcommittee on Climate, analyzed potential compositions of the advisory body. This included a review of a number of existing climate action and sustainability advisory bodies, including local and non-local groups, to get a better understanding of what other municipal jurisdictions and community climate groups were doing to address climate change. Staff and the Board Subcommittee on Climate then considered the ability of the future group to best help the County and its partners to initiate an equitable climate mobilization without replicating any ongoing climate efforts by other local groups involved in sustainability and resiliency planning. Additionally, staff and the Board Subcommittee on Climate conferred with and received feedback from stakeholder groups with questions and recommendations regarding the draft

group's composition through two virtual public meetings held in March and April of this year. At the first meeting, staff discussed a number of other jurisdictions climate groups' compositions and returned to the second meeting with the Board Subcommittee on Climate and stakeholder feedback incorporated to discuss the recommended composition.

To achieve the goals listed in the resolution, staff and the Board Subcommittee on Climate incorporated best practices identified during the review of other jurisdictions and community groups, including number of members, organizational structure, and each groups' charge. The proposed name of the body is the Yolo County Climate Action Commission (YCCAC), which is intended to distinguish the group from other advisory bodies, because at its core, this group would function as a working body and not simply as an advisory group that makes recommendations. Similarly, many advisory groups have a finite limit on membership, the proposed YCCAC has a finite limit on its voting members but does not include a membership limit for non-voting members that will participate in the process to update the Climate Action Plan.

The draft composition for the Yolo County Climate Action Commission is outlined in the table below.

Category of Membership	Number of members	Appointment	Voting Status
Supervisory District Community Members	5	Appointed by BOS	Yes
At-large Community Members	2	Appointed by 5 YCCAC members	Yes
Technical Lead (Climate Scientists/Subject Matter Experts)	1	Appointed by BOS with staff recommendation	Yes
Climate Scientists/Subject Matter Experts	2	Appointed by YCCAC	Yes
Environmental Justice Lead	1	Appointed by BOS with staff recommendation	Yes
Total	9 – 11		

The eleven-member voting commission would receive administrative support from County staff and be supported by the Board Subcommittee on Climate, who would serve as non-voting liaisons between the commission and the remaining County Board of Supervisors. Additionally, one Ex-Officio non-voting member representative from the University of California, Davis would serve on the Commission. Upon implementation, there may be additional Ex-Officio members designated by the Board of Supervisors upon request by staff or the YCCAC.

County staff will recruit applicants to fill the Technical Lead and Environmental Justice Lead categories and will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Up to two additional subject matter experts in the field of climate science or sustainability may be appointed by the YCCAC to serve as members upon creation of the group.

Each of the Board of Supervisors will work with their staff to nominate a representative from their district to serve as one of the five community members, and the five YCCAC members appointed by the Board will then appoint the remaining two at-large members with the intent of ensuring the composition of the commission reflects the demographics of the County, including representation and participation from groups including, but not limited to, historically under-represented and disproportionately impacted communities.

A non-exhaustive list of institutional partners that staff contemplates participating in the process without formal membership are listed below:

- Cities of Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento and Winters;
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG);
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation;

- Other local, regional, state, federal agencies whose mandates overlap with sustainability.

The YCCAC would be able to create project specific working groups to further components of the emergency resolution declaring a climate crisis, which outlined specific need for representation from and engagement to vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities, and the need to create a new Climate Action Plan to achieve a carbon negative footprint by 2030. The working groups would not require technical experience in the sense of needing to be formally educated on a topic to be considered a subject matter expert. While not an exhaustive list, staff contemplates that the working groups could include such topics as Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, Mobility, Agriculture, Energy, and Metrics. Once the YCCAC is fully empaneled, the group would be able to create working groups as the need arises and projects are identified.

As described, staff envision the YCCAC as a working group that will require its members to participate on action items in between meetings and to report back on any progress at regularly scheduled advisory body meeting. Staff intend to use the group’s meetings to facilitate conversations between the group and other agencies involved in matters related to climate change and sustainability and to report on actions that Yolo County departments have planned or are currently involved in, so that engagement is embedded into the group’s processes.

Given the scope and scale of coordinating with the YCCAC, the Board may want to consider a dedicated position to support the implementation and ensure there is a dedicated point of contact to collect data from County departments who are involved with one or more of the eight sustainability elements, evaluate progress towards sustainability goals, coordinate with the future advisory committee and other stakeholders, and identify and apply for grants that could defray the cost of the position and advance implementation goals and objectives. The Board previously allocated \$50,000 for staffing this initiative in the FY19-20 budget. Those funds have yet to be obligated and could be used to fund a position for the remainder of the fiscal year, following the creation of a classification that reflects the duties of the position. Absent a dedicated position, implementation will likely be spread across multiple FTEs in multiple departments, requiring additional internal coordination and administration.

Staff recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed Yolo County Climate Action Commission and authorize staff to begin recruiting individuals to serve as members per the recommended composition.

Collaborations (including Board advisory groups and external partner agencies)

Staff collaborated with the Board Subcommittee on Climate to develop a proposed composition for the Yolo County Climate Action Commission. Additionally, staff have met with representatives of local community and non-profit groups involved in matters related to sustainability.

Fiscal Information

No Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact of this Expenditure

Total cost of recommended action

Amount budgeted for expenditure

Additional expenditure authority needed \$0

On-going commitment (annual cost)

Source of Funds for this Expenditure

General Fund

Further explanation as needed

Approval of the Yolo County Climate Action Commission will result in no fiscal impact but subsequent implementation actions will require General Funds and outside funding support. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors with a corresponding fiscal analysis for future implementation actions.

Attachments

Att. A. Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis Requiring Urgent and Inclusive Mobilization in Yolo County

Att. B. 9/20/2020 Staff Report

Att. C. Presentation

Form Review

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October 13, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20-114

BY 
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

A Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis Requiring an Urgent and Inclusive Mobilization in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Yolo County, like other communities across California, is at risk of experiencing the devastating effects of extreme heat and weather events caused by climate change, including increased frequency and magnitude of wildfires and associated air pollution, health impacts, utility and transportation services interruptions, economic disruption, property loss, dislocation, housing shortages, food insecurity, gaps in education due to school closures, impacts on agricultural production; and increased demand on public sector resources and emergency response capacity;

WHEREAS, the COVID19 pandemic has spurred a health and economic crisis that has exposed and amplified pervasive social and economic disparities that will be further amplified by the climate change crisis;

WHEREAS, historically Yolo County actions have put it in the forefront of the green movement including adoption in 2009 of the Yolo County 2030 General Plan with more than 350 climate change related policies; among them: the 2011 adoption of a Climate Action Plan(CAP) to: reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, 27% below 1990 levels by 2030, 53% below 1990 levels by 2040, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; address economic and social adaptation to the effects of climate change; and implement detailed strategies and measures to achieve these goals and contribute to State and international climate protection efforts;

WHEREAS, Yolo County can continue its leadership by initiating with urgent speed, a Climate Mobilization of countywide resources to effect a just transition to an inclusive, equitable, sustainable, and resilient local economy while also supporting and advocating for regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse the climate, social justice, and economic crises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Yolo County declares climate change a crisis requiring urgent and immediate mobilization of public and private resources to develop and implement a climate and sustainability plan that identifies and integrates current and future actions needed to achieve a just economic recovery and transition to a countywide carbon-negative (climate-positive) footprint by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County commits to an inclusive plan development and implementation process that engages and empowers all stakeholders, including historically under-represented and disproportionately impacted communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County shall, by March 1, 2021 create a working advisory body to develop and propose a new Climate Action Plan (Yolo County 2022 Climate Action Plan) designed to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions in Yolo County and achieve a carbon negative footprint by 2030. The advisory body shall include, but not limited to, in addition to appropriate county staff, one or more county supervisors, representatives from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions, community organizations, experts in the field of climate

change, and representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities. The advisory body shall be charged with engagement with the broader Yolo County community, including public meetings, to ensure all voices are heard. The proposed Yolo County 2022 Climate Action Plan shall be delivered to the Board of Supervisors by March 1, 2022. Upon adoption, the advisory body will advise Yolo County and the cities regarding the implementation of the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County staff will work with the Yolo Climate Coalition and other stakeholders to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors as to the composition of a working advisory body, consistent with the paragraph above. That recommendation shall include the number of members, the length of time a member may serve, the procedure for applying for membership, categories of membership, and approval of members by the Board of Supervisors. The intent is to create an advisory body that includes, in addition to appropriate county staff, a county supervisor liaison; representation from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions that agree to participate; representation of community organizations; one or more experts in the field of climate change or environmental science, and representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that development and implementation of the plan shall be guided by science, data, best practices, equity, and justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County will consider and adopt sustainability, greenhouse gas (GHG) and co-pollutant carbon-footprint and ecological impact statements for relevant Yolo County Commissions and Board of Supervisor agenda action items in the same manner as fiscal impact statements are currently considered and adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County calls on the State of California, the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and all governments and people worldwide to declare a climate emergency, initiate a Climate Action Mobilization to reverse both global warming and the ecological crisis, and provide maximum protection for all people and species of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of this resolution, Yolo County shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal organizations, and other relevant agencies and request that all relevant support, funding, and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 29th day of September 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Provenza, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy.

NOES: Chamberlain.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

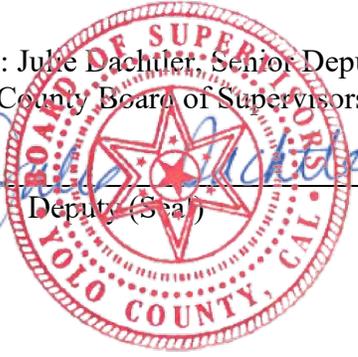


Gary Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Julie Dachler, Senior Deputy Clerk
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

By: 

Deputy (Seal)



Approved as to Form:



Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

Attachment B

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Yolo County, California

Meeting Date: September 29, 2020

To: CAO ✓

38. Receive update on climate change policy and consider approval of climate emergency resolution. (No general fund impact) (Echiburu/Robledo)

Suzanne Reed (W. Sacramento resident), Scott Steward Ragsdale, Lupita Torres, Adelita Serena (Woodland resident), Maria Grijalva, Jesse Loren, Christine Shemaker (Woodland resident), Robin Datel, Lynne Nittler (Davis resident), David Salkoff (Woodland resident) and Juliette Beck addressed the Board on this item. Additionally, Donna Davies' and Tina Gallier's names were read into the record.

Minute Order No. 20-125: Approved recommended action by **Resolution No. 20-114** with the following amendments:

- **Remove:** "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County shall consider recruiting and creating a working advisory body to develop and implement the plan. The advisory body shall include, in addition to appropriate county staff, representatives from cities or other appropriate jurisdictions, community organizations, and public experts, representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities. The advisory body shall be charged with engagement with the broader Yolo County community, including public meetings, to ensure all voices are heard."

- **Add:** “**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Yolo County shall, by March 1, 2021 create a working advisory body to develop and propose a new Climate Action Plan (Yolo County 2022 Climate Action Plan) designed to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions in Yolo County and achieve a carbon negative footprint by 2030. The advisory body shall include, but not limited to, in addition to appropriate county staff, a one or more county supervisors, representatives from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions, community organizations, experts in the field of climate change, and representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities. The advisory body shall be charged with engagement with the broader Yolo County community, including public meetings, to ensure all voices are heard. The proposed Yolo County 2022 Climate Action Plan shall be delivered to the Board of Supervisors by March 1, 2022. Upon adoption, the advisory body will advise Yolo County and the cities regarding the implementation of the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County staff will work with the Yolo Climate Coalition and other stakeholders to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors as to the composition of a working advisory body, consistent with the paragraph above. That recommendation shall include the number of members, the length of time a member may serve, the procedure for applying for membership, categories of membership, and approval of members by the Board of Supervisors. The intent is to create an advisory body that includes, in addition to appropriate county staff, a county supervisor liaison; representation from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions that agree to participate; representation of community organizations; one or more experts in the field of climate change or environmental science ; and representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities; and”

Additionally, staff was directed to return to the Board with a recommendation as to include Sustainability, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and co-pollutant carbon-footprint and ecological impact statements for Board of Supervisor and Yolo County Commission agenda items.

MOVED BY: Provenza / SECONDED BY: Saylor

AYES: Provenza, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy.

NOES: Chamberlain.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



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To: The Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors

**Regular-General Government 38.
County Administrator**

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: 09/29/2020

Brief Title: Climate Emergency Resolution

From: Taro Echiburu, Director, Community Services Department

Staff Contact: Connie Robledo, Associate Management Analyst, County Administrator's Office, x5776

Subject

Receive update on climate change policy and consider approval of climate emergency resolution. (No general fund impact) (Echiburu/Robledo)

Recommended Action

Receive update on climate change policy and consider approval of climate emergency resolution.

Strategic Plan Goal(s)



Sustainable Environment

Reason for Recommended Action/Background

On March 10, 2020 community advocates, known as the Yolo Climate Coalition, presented a climate emergency resolution for the Board's consideration. At this meeting the Board directed staff to work with the community advocates to draft a policy statement that would build upon the sense of urgency within the climate emergency resolution presented to the Board, and do so in a way that aligns with and supports the work in progress on the Yolo County Sustainability Plan.

Over the past few months, staff has worked with the Yolo Climate Coalition to streamline the language in the resolution. The resulting resolution is provided as Attachment A. This resolution urges the County to adopt the following measures:

- Create a working advisory body to develop and implement the Sustainability Plan;
- Include Sustainability, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and co-pollutant carbon-footprint and ecological impact statements for Board of Supervisor and Yolo County Commission agenda items; and
- Transition the County to a carbon-negative footprint by 2030.

These measures fall under the scope of the County's Sustainable Environment goal and Climate Action and Resilience outcome, but would require a change to County policy and require Board action as implementation of some of the proposed measures will require funding that is not currently identified in the County budget. In addition, there is no existing policy for transitioning to a carbon negative County, nor including impact statements on agenda items, the Board will need to establish new goals and policies to implement these measures.

As conversations with the Coalition continue, the County is moving forward with work on its Sustainability

Plan. Staff, along with consultants, are currently in the public engagement phase conducting workshops and interviews with organizations and the public. The Sustainability Plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of December 2020 and will provide actions that the County can implement within the County organization, as well as within the unincorporated communities. While the cities have their own set of policies that guide their environmental work, it is possible that the recommended actions in the final Sustainability Plan will include opportunities for collaboration with the cities.

The Sustainability Plan will identify gaps and opportunities for the County organization and unincorporated communities to become more sustainable in their use of resources in ways that are not captured by the Climate Action plan. The Climate Action Plan identifies actions for reducing GHG's, and it's anticipated the Sustainability Plan will be a more comprehensive plan that will identify other manners of taking environmental action, such as increasing electric vehicle charging stations, planting more trees, supporting locally grown agriculture and encouraging educational opportunities that promote a widespread understanding of the importance of sustainability. The Sustainability Plan does not call for an advisory group; approval of the resolution and the resulting change in policy would potentially alter this work and require additional funding for the consultant working on the plan.

Collaborations (including Board advisory groups and external partner agencies)

Yolo Climate Coalition

Fiscal Information

Potential fiscal impact (see notes in explanation section below)

Fiscal Impact of this Expenditure

Total cost of recommended action

Amount budgeted for expenditure

Additional expenditure authority needed \$0

On-going commitment (annual cost)

Source of Funds for this Expenditure

General Fund \$0

Further explanation as needed

Approval of the resolution could require additional funding to implement proposed measures.

Attachments

Att. A. Climate Change Resolution

Att. B. Amended Resolution

Form Review

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YOLO COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION COMPOSITION OVERVIEW

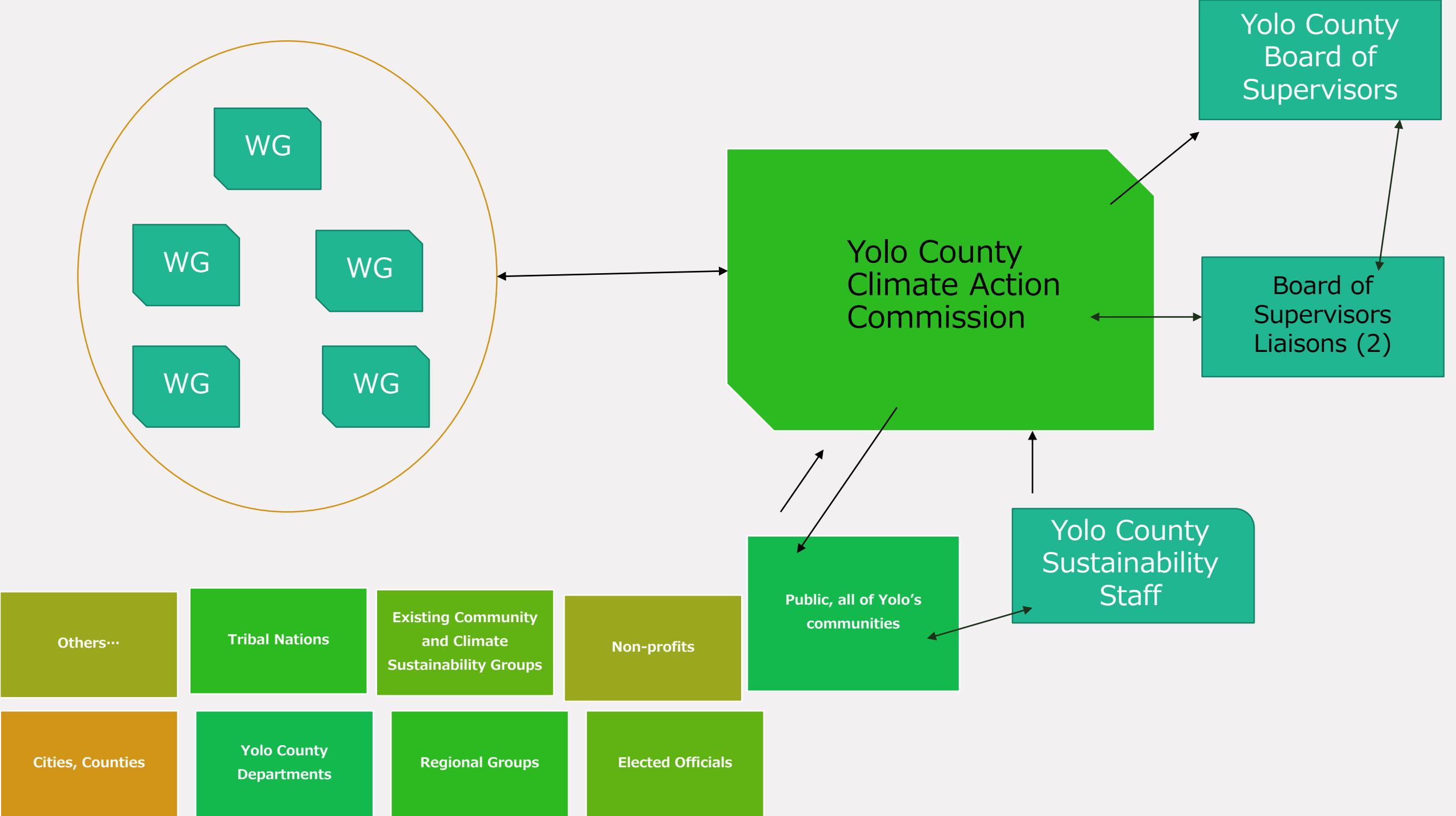
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YCCAC Categories of Membership Breakdown

YCCAC members supported by the groups listed below:

- 2 Board Liaisons
- 1 Ex-Officio UCD Representative
- County Staff
- Public
- Project specific working groups

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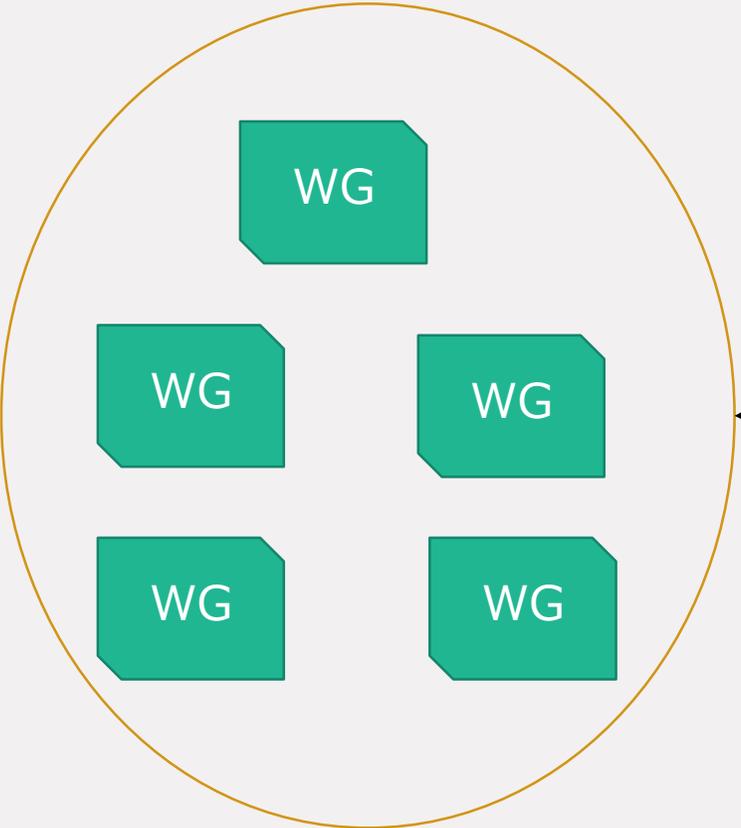
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Board of Supervisors Liaisons (2)

Yolo County Climate Action Commission

Yolo County Sustainability Staff

Public, all of Yolo's communities



Others...

Tribal Nations

Existing Community and Climate Sustainability Groups

Non-profits

Cities, Counties

Yolo County Departments

Regional Groups

Elected Officials