



City of Ketchum

November 1, 2021

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
City of Ketchum
Ketchum, Idaho

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Recommendation to approve Resolution 21-022, ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero

Recommendation and Summary

On September 14, 2021, the regional Sustainability & Climate Advisory Committee approved a proposal to join the ICLEI150 Race to Zero Campaign. Attached is a memo outlining the program. Therefore, city staff recommends the following motion:

"I move approval of Resolution 21-022 outlining the City of Ketchum's support to join the ICLEI150 Race to Zero Campaign."

The reasons for the request are as follows:

- Joining the campaign will enable access to technical resources and data to achieve the city's established clean energy goals
- This action has been recommended by the Ketchum Sustainability Advisory Committee

Introduction and History

On December 21, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution outlining the city's commitment to long-term clean energy goals. This action will assist with the development of an implementation plan.

Sustainability Impact

This topic is a key policy component of the city's sustainability plan.

Financial Impact

None

Attachments:

1. Cross-walk document between current and proposed energy goals
2. Resolution 220-031

RESOLUTION NO. 21-022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM AUTHORIZING TO JOIN THE ICLEI150 CITIES RACE TO ZERO IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM AND BLAINE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Blaine County (the "County"); City Council of the City of Bellevue ("Bellevue"); City Council of the City of Hailey ("Hailey"); City Council of the City of Ketchum ("Ketchum"); and City Council of the City of Sun Valley ("Sun Valley") desire to collaborate on local and regional efforts to reduce contributions to climate pollution, strengthen resilience against climate-related hazards, transition to clean energy, and enhance livability and quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report released in August 2021 states that we must reduce global emissions by 50% by 2030, giving humanity less than a decade in which to take rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented action to stem catastrophic climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Agreement is an international law that aims to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, strengthen resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change, and govern finance toward low-carbon and climate resilient development; and

WHEREAS, the United States has set a target to achieve a 50-52 percent reduction in net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030 from 2005 levels and the federal climate plan aims to create good-paying jobs and securing U.S. leadership in the global transition to a low-carbon economy; and

WHEREAS, climate change is impacting the region as reported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, over the past century most of the State of Idaho has warmed one to two degrees (F); snowpack is melting earlier in the year and diminishing snowpack may shorten the season for skiing; the flow of meltwater into streams during summer is declining; in the coming decades, streams will be warmer and populations of several fish species may decline; wildfires may be more common; and, water may be less available for irrigation; and

WHEREAS, the County and cities of Bellevue, Hailey, and Ketchum adopted ambitious clean energy goals to power the county and cities with 100% clean electricity by 2035 and 100% clean energy by 2045; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Power has committed to supplying 100% clean energy by 2045 and is committed to working with the county and cities to help achieve shared clean energy goals; and

WHEREAS, in August 2021 the County and cities of Hailey and Ketchum established a Regional Sustainability & Climate Advisory Committee comprised of a broad and diverse leadership that is reflective of the county and cities, residents, businesses, technical experts, nonprofit organizations, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2021, the Regional Sustainability & Climate Advisory Committee recommended that the Regional Sustainability Program administered by the County join the ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero and coordinate efforts to achieve commitments throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Cities Race to Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from business, cities, regions, and investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth ahead of COP26 in November 2021 and to build global momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the City Councils of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley have determined it is in the best interest of the region to join the ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero; and

WHEREAS, by joining ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero the County, and on behalf of the cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley, agrees to the pledges set forth in Exhibit A, the ICLEI150 Commitment Form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO TO JOIN THE ICLEI150 CITIES RACE TO ZERO IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT:

SECTION 1. City of Ketchum hereby joins ICLEI150 Cities Race to Zero and has been authorized by the City Council for the Mayor to complete the Pledge Form required for joining on behalf of the Parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Ketchum City Council on this 1st day of November, 2021.

THE PARTIES HERETO have executed this instrument.

Dick Fosbury
Chair, Blaine County Board of Commissioners

Date

Attest: Stephen McDougall Graham
Blaine County Clerk

Mayor Ned Burns
City of Bellevue

Date

Attest:
City of Bellevue Clerk

Mayor Martha Burke
City of Hailey

Date

Attest:
City of Hailey Clerk

Mayor Neil Bradshaw
City of Ketchum

Date

Attest:
City of Ketchum Clerk

Mayor Peter Hendricks
City of Sun Valley

Date

Attest:
City of Sun Valley Clerk