

**TOWN OF TRUCKEE
California**

RESOLUTION 2025-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE UPDATING
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CARBON
NEUTRALITY GOALS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Truckee municipal government is responsible for promoting the public health and safety of Truckee residents, including access to clean air, clean water, and a livable environment; and

WHEREAS, energy resources we utilize as a municipal government and community significantly impact public health and safety, including the economic and social well-being of current and future residents; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the connection to human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other toxins, which contribute to a warming climate; and

WHEREAS, Truckee and its surrounding area are already feeling the effects of climate change through increased temperatures, changes in water systems, extreme weather events, wildfires, changes in snowpack, and other disruptions that threaten our economy, health, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council previously adopted Resolution 2017-29, expanding the Town's commitment to climate action planning and implementation and identifying the 2018 General Plan Update as an opportunity to engage the community at large in a public process to address climate actions and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council previously adopted Resolution 2017-58, establishing community GHG emissions reduction targets and renewable energy goals; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order B-55-18, signed by Governor Brown in September 2018, established a goal of achieving statewide carbon neutrality by 2045; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Truckee is a founding member of the Climate Transformation Alliance, a public-private partnership that promotes regional collaboration and innovation around a shared vision for achieving carbon neutrality in the north Truckee-Tahoe community by 2045; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Truckee adopted its first Climate Action Plan as part of the 2040 General Plan Update in May 2023 to support and implement climate policies ensuring GHG reductions are achieved locally; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to update the Town's adopted renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions goals and to establish a climate neutrality goal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Council of the Town of Truckee hereby rescinds Resolution 2017-58 and establishes the following updated goals related to renewable energy, greenhouse gas emissions, and carbon neutrality:

SECTION 1. Gashouse gas emissions reduction goal: The Town establishes a goal to achieve 80% reduction in total municipal and community GHG emissions by 2040. This goal will be relative to Truckee's baseline GHG emissions as set forth in the town's Community-wide and Municipal Operations 2008 Baseline GHG Emissions Inventories. By 2030, as an interim target, the Town aims to reach a 40% reduction in both municipal and community GHG emissions. The Town will strive to achieve these targets sooner for municipal operations to the extent feasible.

SECTION 2. Carbon neutrality goal: The Town also establishes a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2045 and will incorporate this goal into future climate action planning efforts. Achieving this target will be managed in collaboration with the Climate Transformation Alliance and other local agencies. To the extent feasible, the Town will begin efforts towards achieving carbon neutrality well in advance of the 2045 target and strive to reach these targets sooner for municipal operations. This goal is in addition to achieving the GHG emissions reduction targets in Section 1.

SECTION 3. Renewable electricity goal: The Town will engage all stakeholders and local utility providers to strive for 100% renewable electricity Town-wide by 2030 as sourced from eligible renewable and zero-carbon energy resources as defined by California Public Utilities Code section 399.12 and allow the Town Council at a later date to deem eligible other zero-carbon energy resources not currently defined by California Code. The Town will strive to use 100% renewable and zero-carbon electricity for municipal facilities sooner than the 2030 goal to the extent feasible.

SECTION 4. Renewable energy goal: The Town will engage all stakeholders and local utility providers to strive for 100% renewable or zero-carbon energy by 2045 in alignment with Town efforts towards the 2045 carbon neutrality target and may take leading steps as necessary.

SECTION 5. Climate action planning goal: The Town also commits to updating the Climate Action Plan every five years, which shall include conducting a community-wide GHG emissions inventory and reporting on implementation of the measures outlined in the Climate Action Plan. The Town will strive to conduct municipal operations GHG emissions inventories every year, to the extent feasible.

SECTION 6. Equitable community engagement goal: In alignment with the upcoming Inclusion, Diversity, Equitability, and Accessibility (IDEA) Action Plan, the Town will engage in robust community engagement processes and outreach to establish policies and actions that seek to achieve the goals stated in Sections 1 - 5 above. The Town recognizes such goals have an overarching effect on the community at large and will employ the Truckee Way to provide equitable access to all segments of the community to ensure that these goals and the specific policies and actions needed to achieve them are discussed openly and that all possible input is considered and addressed.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by _____, seconded by _____, at a regular meeting of the Truckee Town Council, held on the 25th day of February, 2025 and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Jan Zabriskie, Mayor

Kelly Carpenter, Town Clerk