



Date: June 14, 2022

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Jennifer Callaway, Town Manager

Title: **Ratification of the Climate Transformation Alliance Charter**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Jen Callaway, Town Manager

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the Town Manager to Endorse the Climate Transformation Alliance as one of the Founding Members.

**Discussion:**

On August 24, 2021 the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with local regional partners (Truckee Tahoe Airport District and Tahoe Donner Public Utility District) to facilitate a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Coalition and authorized a corresponding budget adjustment of \$17,000 to fund professional services provided by Seirra Business Council (SBC) to support development of the coalitions strategic plan and charter. Councilmember Anna Klovstad has represented the Town, in partnership with staff, during the development of this coalition, which directly aligns to the Council's priority to reduce greenhouse gas emission and become a leader in environmental sustainability. The newly establish collaborative officially named the Climate Transformation Alliance (CTA) is a regional public-private partnership of local governments, special districts, community organizations, businesses, and individuals. The CTA is committed to the development of local policy and initiatives that will promote community resilience in response to climate change by focusing on reducing greenhouse GHG emissions, adapting the region to change, and advancing a sustainable economy. The overarching goal of the CTA is for the North Tahoe-Truckee community to be carbon neutral by 2045. The CTA will act as a regional convener and backbone support to network and bring members interested in implementing local action on climate change. The CTA will be an information sharing and learning network while also offering a centralized platform to work together to set a common regional agenda, share resources to help speed climate adaptation and mitigation focused projects, offer peer-to-peer technical assistance to meet goals, measure outcomes, and report successes.

The CTA will work collectively with stakeholders to identify and implement projects that reduce emissions and climate risk and promote adaptation to climate change. These could include a broad range of projects in the built and natural environment, ranging from local electric grid stability, low emission transportation, smoke exposure and public health improvement, community planning and design, to forest and vegetation management and water efficiency and sustainability. The CTA will be run as a regional collaborative, meeting in person for two hours on a quarterly basis, identifying opportunities for adaptation, developing projects to speed adaptation, and supporting partners who seek to take joint action.

The three partner agencies, under the guidance of SBC, have developed a Charter (attachment 1) and Strategic Plan (Attachment 2), and are ready to formally welcome members to the alliance, with all members signing the Charter. The Charter outlines the alliance's vision, mission and guiding principles.

The CTA strategic plan (Attachment 2) outlines the goals and objectives of the alliance. The seven core values of the CTA, as outlined in the strategic plan, are (1) Positivity; (2) Collaboration; (3) Consensus on Action; (4) Respect; (5) Integrity; (6) Equity; and (7) Transparency.

**Conclusion:**

The partner agencies have worked closely with SBC to develop a thoughtful, meaningful alliance with a guiding charter and strategic plan. As partner agencies we are looking forward to launching this alliance and welcoming members to advance the vision of being net carbon neutral by 2045. Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to endorse the Climate Transformation Alliance with signature on the CTA charter.

**Priority:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Core Service

**Fiscal Impact:** In 2021 the Town approved the MOU as one of the three founding agencies of the CTA along with the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and Tahoe Donner Public Utility District. Each of the three founding agencies agreed to contribute seed funding in the amount of \$17,000. Future financial commitments and project participation by the Town will be presented to the Town Council for consideration as projects are identified and become available.

**Public Communication:** Agenda Posting

**Attachments:**

1. Climate Transformation Alliance Charter
2. Climate Transformation Alliance Strategic Plan