



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF REPORT

December 2, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Approve responses to the Civil Grand Jury Report *entitled Climate Change: How Will Marin Adapt?*

RECOMMENDATION

Approve responses to the Civil Grand Jury Report *entitled Climate Change: How Will Marin Adapt?*

DISCUSSION

The Town responses to the 2019-2020 Marin County Civil Grand Jury entitled, *Climate Change: How Will Marin Adapt?* was developed using the *attached responses to the Grand Jury report prepared by the Town's Climate Action Committee (CAC) and draft responses prepared by other jurisdictions such as the County of Marin.*

The Grand Jury requires responses to six findings (F1-F5 and F7) and three recommendations (R1, R4 and R6). The responses to the findings are required to be in the form of “agree or partially/wholly disagree” with the findings. If a jurisdiction agrees with a finding, it has the option to state “agree” with no further response. A “partially or wholly disagree” response does require an explanation. The Town can always provide additional clarification to its “agree” responses which we have done in most cases. The CAC did state “In some measure, we agree” (partially disagree) to the F1 finding because the CAC finds that while adaption planning is important, mitigation efforts are just as or more important than adaption activities. Staff believes that the Grand Jury F1 finding is accurate with regard to adaption efforts because it does not state mitigation efforts are not important. However, the response made clear that mitigation activities should not be overlooked and are probably more important than adaptation.

The Grand Jury recommendations require statements regarding whether recommendations are “implemented, will be implemented, or will not be implemented”. All “will be implemented” responses require stated timeframes for implementation. All “will not be implemented” responses require explanations. Staff responses are within the context of implementation. We could not just state “agree or partially wholly disagree” with the recommendations. However, we did provide additional clarification to the responses.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

ATTACHMENT

Fairfax Climate Action Committee's Responses to Grand Jury Report