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The Grand Jury report makes it abundantly clear what mitigation and adaptation measures have been made and need to be made to protect Marin County from the worst ravages of climate change. So much work has been done, but not implemented. Declaring a "CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION." CER, will motivate people and departments to get the work done. The climate emergency is here. The sooner we make adaptations and mitigations, the less damage will be done to our environment and residents. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will become and harder to implement.

The quotes below from the Grand Jury report pave the way for what needs to be done, but it does not give a timeframe for implementation. Without a timeframe nothing will happen. The CER, declaring an EMERGENCY, will prompt people to **act** for their own good and that of their neighbors.

Please pass the CER now.

Respectfully,  
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Quotes from the Grand Jury Report that Outlines what needs to be done:

The Grand Jury recommends restarting Marin's climate change adaptation planning process and believes that it should follow the roadmap set forth in the California Adaptation Planning Guide. The goal would be to create a single, comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional adaptation strategy for all of Marin.

What the Marin County government needs is an overarching leadership structure that would coordinate the climate-related efforts not only in the Department of Public Works and the Community Development Agency, but also in Health and Human Services, Parks, Agriculture, and all other departments affected by climate change.

It is critical to acknowledge that efforts to combat climate change—especially adaptation efforts—will require much more focus, investment, and coordination moving forward if we are to protect our communities and our standard of living. A dire need for funding has not confronted the county yet because Marin has yet to complete its adaptation planning or develop any timeline for implementation; but as it tackles the large public works projects that will be needed in the future, adequate staff resources and funding expertise will become critical.

Beyond planning and policy development, there is currently no Marin organization on the horizon that will bring together the cities, towns, and other Marin agencies to collaborate on implementing climate change adaptation measures or, in the future, to finance and build the large multi-jurisdictional public works projects that will grow out of adaptation plans. There needs to be such an organization or forum.

Marin Climate Adaptation Task Force-- A task force to create a countywide adaptation plan that can be adopted by cities, towns and other agencies throughout the county.

Marin County Office of Sustainability and Resilience-- An office reporting either to the County Administrator or the board of supervisors to unify mitigation and adaptation efforts within county government.