

## Climate Committee Plan

**Mission:** To educate and persuade San Mateo County and city officials, as well as the public, to take actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and to plan for the impacts of climate change.

### Goals:

1. Research with Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suites (RiCAPs) what San Mateo County and its cities and water districts are doing now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to plan for the impacts of climate change.
2. Persuade at least three San Mateo County cities to adopt one or more of these goals in 2021:
  - a. Create or maintain a sustainability commission to plan and monitor climate actions.
  - b. Adopt an all-electric reach code like San Mateo County.
  - c. Create a network of slow 15-mph streets from the bicycle/pedestrian master plan.
  - d. Implement an equitable plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled.
  - e. Build neighborhood level microgrids.
  - f. Work with communities likely to be impacted by fire, flooding, and extreme heat to develop their own solutions through the general planning process.
  - g. Work with other local entities to develop regional solutions to address sea level rise that include nature-based solutions such as expanded marshlands where feasible.
  - h. Make our communities safe from wildfire by making house exteriors non-flammable, and implementing a 100-foot of defensible space around the house (or whatever is deemed necessary by the state). Provide education, assistance and funding as needed.
  - i. Support green, transit-oriented housing.
  - j. Work with PG&E to replace bare wire distribution lines with insulated above-ground wire or buried distribution lines.
  - k. Discourage new development on the baylands.
3. Keep informed about local climate change opportunities for lobbying.
4. Build a Democratic activist network to lobby local officials to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change.