



## CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION TASK FORCE

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March 19, 2024

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers,

2212 Beach Boulevard, Pacifica, CA 94044

### AGENDA

**I. Call to Order (5m)**

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

**II. Community Communications (TBD)**

Public Comment - *This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Task Force on items not appearing on the agenda. Statements are limited to three (3) minutes.*

**III. Task Force Communications (15m)**

Task Force Member announcements and updates from delegates (RICAPS, LERN, ICLEI, OPR)

**IV. Staff Communications (10m)**

Updates and Announcements from City Staff

**V. Discussion and Action**

Updates and announcements from Subcommittees:

Item 1: Receive update from SAS (5m)

Item 2: Receive report on ICLEI ClearPath Cheat Sheet from RDAS (10m)

Item 3: Receive results from FlashVote Survey, instructions for Stakeholder Engagement  
Including Elevator Pitch, and plans for WhaleFest from COS (30m)

Item 4: Receive update from ERES (10m)

Item 5: Receive update from TLUS (5m)

Item 6: Receive update from RAS (5m)

Standing Item: Formation/Updates to Subcommittee(s) (5m)

**VI. Future Meetings (10m)**

Determine potential future agenda items

**VII. Adjournment**

**Next Regular Meeting:** April 16, 2024, subject to change



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# CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION TASK FORCE

February 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 2212 Beach Boulevard, Pacifica, CA 94044

## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** 6:32pm by Fellow Trevino

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Kimberly Finale, Kai Martin, Monica Meagher, Margo Meiman, Rick Nahass,  
Dave Plumb, Carl Schwab, Nancy Tierney

**Members Absent:**

Maria Barr, Jake Scussel

**Staff Present:**

Elizabeth Brooks - Management Analyst II  
Gabriel Trevino - CivicSpark Fellow

**Approval of Agenda:**

Finale motions to approve the agenda, Martin seconds the motion. Agenda approved without objection.

**Approval of February 20, 2024 Minutes:**

Tierney motions to approve the Minutes from February Meeting. Meiman seconds. Minutes approved without objection.

**Community Communications:**

No community members were present at the meeting.

**Task Force Communications:**

*Nahass:* Summarized takeaways from RICAPS meeting regarding BAYREN; aiming to redesign programs for lower income households, and forwarded them the contact information for Housing For All Pacifica so that locals may take part in the survey process.

*Tierney:* Discussed the Pacifica Environmental Family sponsored talk with the former Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission Charles Lester. Provided details regarding follow up discussion on March 3rd at Pedro Point with author Rosanna Xia. Notified group that Office of Planning and Research meeting postponed as Staff personnel changes occur.

*Meagher:* Attended the LERN meeting on February 13, 2024 and discussed Normalized Metered Energy Consumption by comparing energy used to energy saved from project development aspects such as upgrading energy efficient appliances. Suggested that someone from the Energy Reductions Subcommittee be the new representative such as

Margo Meiman.

- Meiman volunteered to take over attendance for forthcoming LERN meetings.

*Martin:* Notified group that he is in communication with Tree City Pacifica and talked with Cami Pawlak, a researcher with Urban Forest Ecosystem Institute. Described how they will use a tool to calculate urban canopy throughout Pacifica and are ready to begin that process and provide data to our group. Additionally described how his own research for a personal installation regarding heat pump water heaters revealed that some of the best and highest performing models from around the world are not eligible for BAYREN programs because the structure of them deem them not Energy Star certified.

*Plumb:* Described personal anecdote of having solar panels installed and the difficulties of that decision as the installers were not experienced roofers and created issues within his home. Recommends that if the city is going to continue to promote the use of solar panels that experienced roofers need to be involved in the process.

#### **Staff Communications:**

*Brooks:* Discussed with the group the ongoing issues regarding the password changes at a citywide level. Listed the new password requirements and suggested that Task Force members change passwords as soon as possible. She offered assistance if anyone persists to have issues accessing the city emails and resources.

*Trevino:* Provided update from Rincon regarding when to expect the upcoming greenhouse gas inventory for the 2023 year. Suggested the Task Force adjust our Roadmap accordingly to reflect that updated inventory data will be available in the Fall of 2024. Additionally summarized the context of privacy rules protecting certain data from being available on the inventory from 2021; suggested that we follow Rincon's process of requesting a records request from these protected entities. His final update regarding Rincon was a description of their recommendations for measure actions to include in the CAAP draft, specifically regarding Peninsula Clean Energy accounts citywide. Then shifted focus towards summarizing the stakeholder interviews and the results gleaned from these discussions.

- There was discussion between various members of the Task Force about one of the recommendations provided in these stakeholder meetings, specifically about writing draft ordinance/policy
- Brooks provided clarification that this could be added as an Appendix to the Draft CAAP, taking the form of template ordinance or policy. Additionally informed the group that RICAPS is currently working on developing a resource hub for this sort of ordinance and draft policy in a template to update the current CAAP countywide template. Tierney and Finale called to attention that we could look to the other cities around us as a first step for this in the event we get to that portion of the project before the RICAPS update is released, and that these would ultimately be provided in the form of a recommendation

- There was then discussion between Finale and Brooks regarding the issue of complaint driven inspections, how this relates to inspections from the Building Official, and related back to the topic of clear ordinance language

*Trevino:* Described the challenges and drawbacks of current inspection process, as well as how our project should aim to address inspection challenges to make other departments responsibilities as easy as possible through clear, concise ordinance language.

- Martin further supported this idea that along with including recommended or suggested draft ordinance and draft policy examples in the form of an Appendix, there should be an Appendix that delegates responsibilities from the Draft CAAP to the various departments. He highlighted how doing so will enable departments to form a checklist of what it is they need to accomplish to support this goal, and which of those actions are feasible or easiest to implement with current resources
- Meiman requested that attention be called to some statements made by the Building Official, as the reasoning and specific statistics they provided were anecdotal and not at all made for citation purposes. Specifically, the comments the Building Official made regarding energy efficiency and generation/transmission losses. Trevino offered to reach out to the Building Official to invite them to a monthly meeting to answer any more questions, as the Building Official willingly volunteered to speak to the Task Force regarding the Document.

**Discussion:**

**Item 1: Receive update on Subcommittee descriptions and receive Roadmap action detailed document from SAS**

*Martin:* Summarized objectives of the updated and detailed recommended actions.

*Schwab:* In a detailed manner, described the changes he made to the original document provided by City Staff at the beginning of the CAAP project to guide them in the creation of Subcommittees. He described how certain overlaps allowed for the combination of original Subcommittee ideas, and justified the necessity for possible new additions of Subcommittee groups that would be necessary later in the lifetime of the project.

- Finale commented on the need for more education regarding some topics in these Subcommittee groups, such as issues related to waste generation, recycling, and food. She discussed how embedded in the responsibilities of these Subcommittees should be more public education, and how it would be nice for the City Manager to acknowledge issues from the climate. Brooks related what Finale discussed back to the presentation and reminded the group that the primary objective of our project is policy and action recommendation. Education can happen along the way, and community outreach should absolutely be part of the process but it is not the main directive.

- Martin built on this idea and stated that COS can be very influential in this, and separately the Draft CAAP can have other goals that build on this and the City Council can then decide on implementation of those recommendations.

**Item 2: Receive report on current state of CAP actions/completed actions from RDAS**

*Nahass:* Shared the analysis process of documenting goals that were shared in the 2014 CAP document, and how they measured progress on these goals. Shared with the group the sources of information used to compile this information, which included City Staff resources, Rincon data, and existing City documents regarding updates to codes or climate action.

*Meagher:* Shared the second half of this assessment, which covered the effectiveness of the actions that had been taken since 2014. Discussed potential limiting factors in quantifying this effectiveness due to the lack of newer data yet to be supplied by sources such as Rincon.

**Item 3: Receive update on FlashVote Survey, presentation of Engagement Plan, and Instructions for Stakeholder Engagement from COS**

*Finale:* Summarized all communications between COS, City Staff, and FlashVote Survey consultants dating back to December when beginning with the initial draft survey. Described the process of receiving feedback from the Task Force, applying feedback received from Task Force and the consultant, and the input of City Staff during COS meetings to finalize drafts ready for approval.

- Discussion between various members of the Task Force and City Staff Brooks regarding the logistics of FlashVote Survey, such as signing up, what the titles of previous surveys have been, engagement levels, warnings against self selecting a testing population, including an announcement in the City Manager newsletter, and the timeline of the survey distribution and data collection period
- Discussion then took place between members of the Task Force regarding the approval of the current version of the survey and suggested revisions. Meiman suggested adding wildfire as an answer option, Martin requested air quality be another answer option. Further revision suggestions followed from the group, relating to rewording 'global warming' to 'climate change', alternative personal actions residents can take, and grammar
- Finale discussed with the Task Force the possibility of releasing another community survey in the future with different and more detailed questions, to which the Task Force generally agreed would be beneficial

*Finale:* Continued presentation of Engagement Plan and described the four

phases of community engagement and what group responsibilities would be.

- Tierney and others in the group asked questions regarding the logistics with various phases of the community engagement process, and who to contact. Trevino assisted with answering that certain phases include collecting information, sifting through personnel resources throughout the community that would be interested in engaging with the group at some point, and how to go forward with assembling stakeholders to be contacted

**Item 4: Receive update from ERES**

*Meiman:* Summarized general description of the Subcommittee's focus and when to expect deliverables

**Item 5: Receive update from TLUS**

*Schwab:* Summarized general description of this new Subcommittee's focus and when to expect deliverables

*Tierney:* Moved for Task Force approval to add members Schwab and Plumb to their respective Subcommittees. Martin seconded the motion. Seeing no objections the motion was approved.

*Meagher:* Summarized actions for next Task Force meeting and date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

## Introduction

The Climate Action and Adaptation Task Force acknowledges the importance of gathering community input and insights into issues pertaining to the Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). Such issues involve gauging public knowledge about the 2014 Climate Action Plan (CAP), concern levels regarding a multitude of climate change issues, support for potential measure actions to be included in the Draft CAAP, and more. City Staff and the Community Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee (COS) spearheaded communication with surveying consultants FlashVote.

FlashVote consultants provided valuable feedback to initial drafts of a community survey, and upon closer collaboration with City Staff, COS was able to develop a survey draft that would provide members of the Task Force with information on community sentiments. As this survey comes at an early point in the drafting process of the CAAP Project, the Task Force agreed that multiple FlashVote surveys would need to be utilized.

The “FlashVote Survey: Climate Action” was released on Tuesday February 27, 2024, and remained open until February 29, 2024. There were a total of 306 participants; of those, 291 represented 40% of all the total Pacifica community members who signed up to receive FlashVote notifications. There were 15 other participants in the survey as well.

## Survey Specifics

Initially, COS drafted a survey with more questions than the final February FlashVote Climate Action survey. The Task Force and FlashVote consultants provided feedback, and after discussion with City Staff, the final Climate Action survey featured the recommended five questions.

Question 1 is meant to serve as a gauge of public knowledge. It was a key important initial suggestion by COS that the survey contained a question that can quantify the extent to which Pacifica citizens knew of the existence of the 2014 document.

Similarly, the Task Force and City Staff agreed with COS that another question should be used to quantify the level of concern throughout the community. As a result Question 2 polled community members about their concerns with the future impacts of global warming. Responses were recorded from ‘Not at All’ reflecting the lowest level of concern, to ‘Extremely,’ indicating the highest in a 1 through 5 answer format.

Question 3 provided respondents with a list of climate change impacts that could potentially be noticed in the upcoming years. Respondents could select up to four subjects they felt concerned about, if any. This question additionally provided a space for residents to write in other subjects they harbor concerns about, or anything else they would like to communicate to City Staff. All of



the comments submitted across questions #3, #4, and #5 can be found [here](#) where they are cataloged in spreadsheet format.

Question 4 then switched directions in the survey trajectory, where instead of focusing on concerns and impacts, residents could now direct attention towards actions to address them. The Task Force, Staff, and the consultant agreed that a question that could quantify potential actions locals would be willing to support is crucial early on in this process.

Lastly, Question 5 was open-ended and allowed residents to leave any other comments, suggestions, or inquiries about climate action in Pacifica. Including responses to Question 5, the survey as a whole generated over 150 write-in comments. These comments ranged from concerns, suggestions, and questions regarding a plethora of topics of discussion within Pacifica. Topics mentioned in the survey comments involved sea level rise, transportation demand concerns, maintenance of urban canopies and managed lands or open spaces, vehicle electrification, building electrification, alternative energies, waste facilities, youth outreach, impartial data collection, and comments denouncing climate change as an issue that local jurisdictions have a responsibility to address.

# Analysis

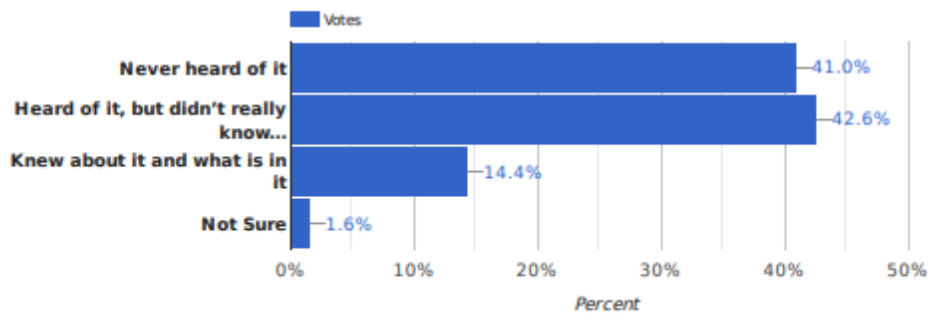
## Question 1

**Q1** In 2014 the City of Pacifica published the "2014 Climate Action Plan" that catalogues existing emissions, analyzes the value of actions which will reduce emissions, sets reduction goals and plans other ways to adapt to climate changes.

Prior to reading this, which best describes what you knew about that plan?

(305 responses)

Options	Votes (305)
Never heard of it	41.0% (125)
Heard of it, but didn't really know what was in it	42.6% (130)
Knew about it and what is in it	14.4% (44)
Not Sure	1.6% (5)



There were a total of 305 answers to Question 1, representing 99% of the participants that engaged with the survey. While a majority of the participants had at the very least heard of the 2014 CAP project, a significant number of residents had not. This can be interpreted as one of the shortcomings of the accountability measures included in the 2014 document.

This can be vastly influential to how the drafting of Pacifica's new CAAP is formed; part of the potential of what makes climate action so powerful at a community-wide scale is accountability. In this context, that would take the form of not only implementation measures and follow up surveys, studies, and analyses into the effectiveness, but also how engaged the community is. Since 2014, climate action initiatives have made significant leaps into informing project writers and stakeholders as to how to engage community members.

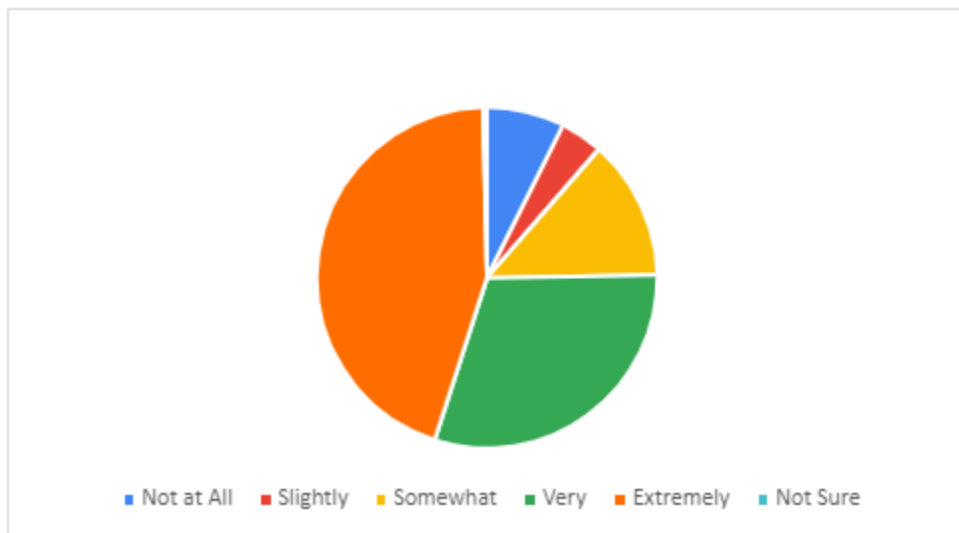
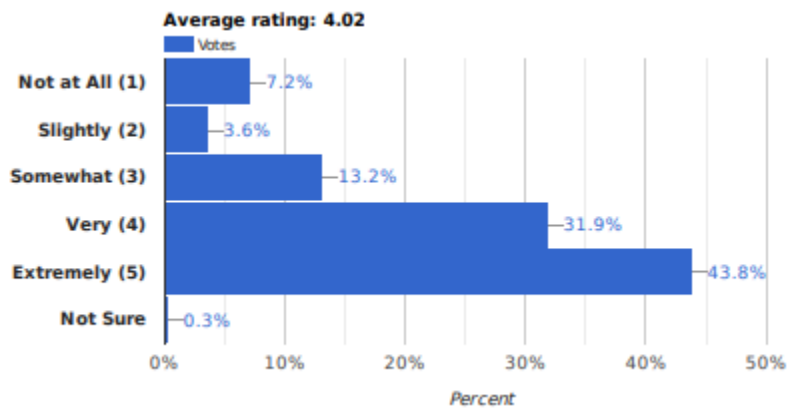
Pacifica is privileged in the sense that there are so many community members that care about where they live. While there may be a population that already is vocal, informed, and empowered about what is going on in their community, this survey result of over 40% of residents having never heard of the 2014 CAP presents an exciting opportunity. The updated Draft CAAP will look to capitalize on this opportunity. Project specifics regarding community outreach can be found in other documents related to the Draft CAAP Project.

## Question 2

Q2 How concerned are you about the future effects of global warming?

(304 responses)

Options	Votes (304)
Not at All (1)	7.2% (22)
Slightly (2)	3.6% (11)
Somewhat (3)	13.2% (40)
Very (4)	31.9% (97)
Extremely (5)	43.8% (133)
Not Sure	0.3% (1)



Question 2 reveals that a vast majority of residents who participated in this question, over 75%, are at the very least 'very concerned' about the future effects to Pacifica from climate change.

While not in the purview of the Draft CAAP, many of the comments received were related to impacts to the community from sea level rise. This topic is addressed extensively in other City capital improvement projects and guiding policy documents that themselves have involved considerable community input. While sea level rise, and the worsening storm surges that result from it, are definitely areas of great impact and concern, where the CAAP Task Force can seize an opportunity here lies within educating the community on the other areas of concern related to climate change. It should be made a priority within community outreach efforts to educate residents regarding possible impacts such as wildfires, drought, impacted air quality, and others.

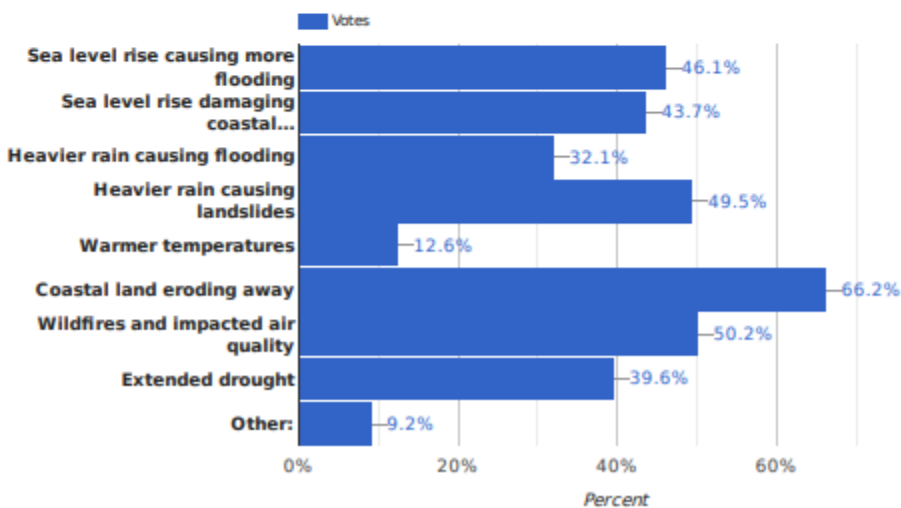
Responses to this question can potentially serve as a critique of what the focus of climate action has been so far in Pacifica. Acknowledging sea level rise is being addressed in other City efforts, the Draft CAAP can then raise awareness of other key impacts of climate change in Pacifica, such as the adverse effects that come as a price of greenhouse gas emissions. To make this point, a significantly large portion of community emissions, approximately 50%, results from vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and this was not a major concern for residents. So while the City manages plans related to sea level rise, the Task Force can inform residents on the importance and significance of altering behaviors and choices to reduce VMT.

### Question 3

**Q3** Which potential climate change impacts in Pacifica are you most concerned about, if any?  
(You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(293 responses)

Options	Votes (293)
Sea level rise causing more flooding	46.1% (135)
Sea level rise damaging coastal buildings	43.7% (128)
Heavier rain causing flooding	32.1% (94)
Heavier rain causing landslides	49.5% (145)
Warmer temperatures	12.6% (37)
Coastal land eroding away	66.2% (194)
Wildfires and impacted air quality	50.2% (147)
Extended drought	39.6% (116)
Other:	9.2% (27)



Similar to the results from Question 2, this reveals opportunities for the City to educate the public on a multitude of issues taking place. Concerns related to sea level rise can be directed towards communications and delivery of information from other City Policy documents and projects such as the Local Coastal Program and the Beach Boulevard Infrastructure resiliency Project.

The Draft CAAP can seek to really make a difference in this subject by proposing certain Nature Based Solutions that may alleviate impacts felt from sea level rise. It is important to recognize the decision-making and research behind plans that are already in progress in Pacifica. With approval from the City Council, the Draft CAAP can potentially write measures for implementing

Nature Based Solutions along the coast at an appropriate moment that enhance and reinforce measures Pacifica is taking to adapt and plan for climate change.

In the meantime, the Draft CAAP can give attention to community insight on the other issues presented in this question. Half of the participants who answered Question 3 indicated that there are concerns regarding wildfires and impacted air quality. The Draft CAAP could call for an update to the Urban Forest, Land, and Vegetation Management Plan.

The CAAP could look to address such concerns by aiming to include measures incorporating Nature Based Solutions that protect California Native Species and promote the growth of more of them. As highlighted in previous CAAP Task Force Staff Reports, California has a plethora of natural fire resistant species to choose from. For example, really strong candidates for Pacifica could include California Buckwheat (well suited for coastal bluffs and slopes), California Sagebrush, Pacific Manzanita, Coast Live Oak, California Black Walnut (well suited for coastal woodlands and riparian habitats).

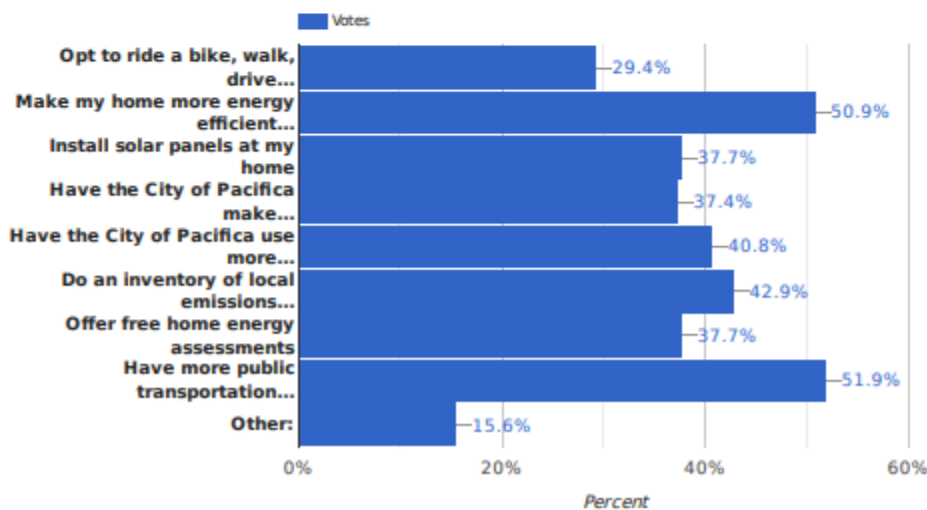
Additionally, residents who indicated concerns around extended drought would be supportive of possible water conservation measures written into the draft. Water conservation measures could resemble changing personal behaviors, installing water efficient appliances, and changing landscaping to drought resistant California native species. At the municipal scale, Pacifica could consider the passing of ordinances that propose a minimum percentage of permeable surfaces on developments to contribute to the water table.

## Question 4

**Q4** Which of the following do you think make the most sense to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO2 and others) in Pacifica, if any? (You can choose up to FIVE, if any)

(289 responses)

Options	Votes (289)
Opt to ride a bike, walk, drive electric car or use public transportation instead of driving	29.4% (85)
Make my home more energy efficient (insulation, energy efficient home appliances, etc.)	50.9% (147)
Install solar panels at my home	37.7% (109)
Have the City of Pacifica make buildings more energy efficient	37.4% (108)
Have the City of Pacifica use more carbon free energy in its operations	40.8% (118)
Do an inventory of local emissions and cost-effective reduction options	42.9% (124)
Offer free home energy assessments	37.7% (109)
Have more public transportation connections and options	51.9% (150)
Other:	15.6% (45)



Answers to Question 4 provide meaningful insight into the discussion of personal action as compared to action taken by the City. Results were scattered with a fair distribution of choices reflecting that some residents would be comfortable with making behavioral changes or investing in services that contribute towards a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. However, a considerable amount of votes were allocated by residents to choices that indicate actions taken by the City.

Half of the residents who responded to Question 4 indicated they would be willing to make their own homes more energy efficient. Within this measurement, Staff should acknowledge that a certain population of residents may have been excluded from indicating this response due to



living in apartments or on properties where they themselves can not make such decisions. The Draft CAAP should then reinforce the willingness of this population by outlining programs (to be approved by City Council) that will provide information on energy efficient homes, possible rebates, or any other assistance the City can provide.

Upon further consideration, the Task Force should realize that answer options such as 'Install solar panels at my home' may not be the strongest candidate for a community-wide survey. In the context of Pacifica, residents already participate in Peninsula Clean Energy. Pacificans already have at a minimum 50% of their energy procurement coming from a renewable source. Installing solar panels may be an obsolete option when weighed against the possibility of upgrading to a PCE100 account which sources 100% renewable energy procurement for one cent more per kilowatt hour.

A substitute to this option could have been supporting a new ordinance or local policy in the Draft CAAP. This ordinance or policy could look to establish the requirement of solar panels at all City-owned facilities, as awning/canopy cover over parking lots, or require the City to upgrade to a PCE100 account themselves. To go along with this, the answer choice regarding the City making buildings more energy efficient is additionally along the lines of a misjudgement. There are already codes in place requiring that City buildings need to make these upgrades, it is just a matter of when Public Works can complete them. Ensuring that the City can lead by example is the best way to convince Pacificans that climate action is feasible and worthwhile. This answer choice could have also been replaced by a draft ordinance or policy option ensuring the City prioritizes low hanging fruit objectives and upgrades around the City, as required by a certain date.

Perhaps the most significant insight gleaned from this survey is that residents are eager to have more public transportation connections and options. This option garnered the most attention, with nearly 52% of respondents selecting it. This is further supported by the numerous comments written in for Question 5 in which many folks expressed a desire for better transportation options.

Meaningful strides can be made to convince the public to switch to electric vehicles; after all it will be required by law in California in the near future. Pacifica faces a unique geographical challenge being situated where it is, so total vehicle miles traveled (electric or not) are going to remain high. However, the upcoming requirement for all California residents to switch to electric cars should not be an excuse to provide a thoughtful update on a transportation demand management plan.

Carefully considered and intricate updates to public transportation could provide local economic benefits, a good first step could be meaningful engagement with the community to gauge where these connections should happen. Residents even began providing some of their own transportation solutions in the written responses to Question 5. One comment suggested that the schools within the City of Pacifica need to organize a carpooling system locally; this could reduce congestion and save trips for parents who may work from home.

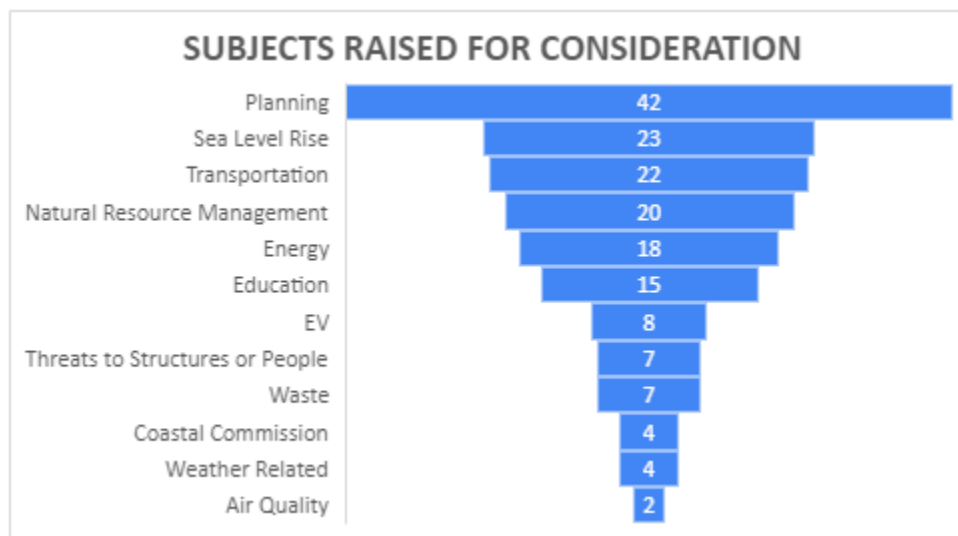
Another solution discussed how school buses should be implemented at the other end of town. While not explicitly exact as to which neighborhoods are excluded from having school buses, this would also contribute to potentially keeping more cars off the road during peak morning commute hours.

One resident wrote a detailed description of how Samtrans could be implemented here in Pacifica. They highlighted how Samtrans could potentially connect Pacifica to the exits along the 280 Freeway; going up Sharp Park and down State Route 35 to the 280 exits for Millbrae, Burlingame and Hillsborough.

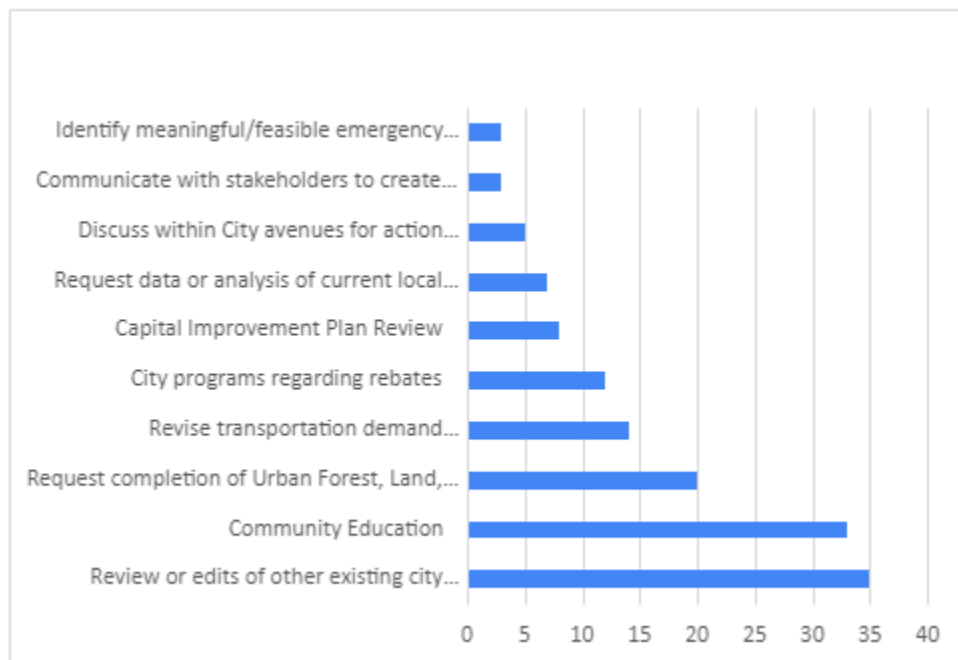
## Question 5 and All Written Responses

All written responses can be found in the [Survey Comments Appendix](#); all Task Force members should take time to review these. Below are graphics outlining the numbers of comments raised by subject, as well as the number of comments regarding specific calls to actions by the City.

WR All written responses to questions 3, 4, & 5				
SUBJECTS RAISED				
Planning	42	26%	of written responses	
Sea Level Rise	23	14%	of written responses	
Transportation	22	13%	of written responses	
Natural Resource Management	20	12%	of written responses	
Energy	18	11%	of written responses	
Education	15	9%	of written responses	
EV	8	5%	of written responses	
Threats to Structures or People	7	4%	of written responses	
Waste	7	4%	of written responses	
Coastal Commission	4	2%	of written responses	
Weather Related	4	2%	of written responses	
Air Quality	2	1%	of written responses	
<b>163 WRITTEN RESPONSES</b>		<b>MENTIONS SUMMARY</b>		



<b>CALLS TO ACTION/TAKEAWAY</b>				
Review or edits of other existing city documents	35	21%	of written responses	
Community Education	33	20%	of written responses	
Request completion of Urban Forest, Land, and Vegetation Management Plans	20	12%	of written responses	
Revise transportation demand management plans	14	9%	of written responses	
City programs regarding rebates	12	7%	of written responses	
Capital Improvement Plan Review	8	5%	of written responses	
Request data or analysis of current local resources and operations	7	4%	of written responses	
commission can oversee, or expand communication and epxress	5	3%	of written responses	
Communicate with stakeholders to create systems of local behavioral changes	3	2%	of written responses	
Identify meaningful/feasible emergency alternatives	3	2%	of written responses	
<b>163 WRITTEN RESPONSES</b>	<b>MENTIONS SUMMARY</b>			



## Learning Opportunities

While the survey questions that were submitted produced meaningful insight into community sentiments, there are some adjustments to be made before the Task Force continues with another FlashVote survey. The published version underwent various levels of scrutiny and more review of rhetorical choices suggested by the consultant would have been a benefit. For example, Question 2 uses the phrase 'global warming' instead of 'climate change'. Admittedly not a massive issue, but because of the implications behind the differences in global warming as opposed to climate change some written comments took the opportunity to make political statements refuting the existence of warming or climate change at all, citing that in some regions of the world cooling is taking place. Language consistency is the principal takeaway here.

Additionally, despite conversations to exclude the use of sea level rise as an answer option, it was advised and suggested by the consultant that it be used in the survey. Mention of sea level rise in this survey is presented as an inescapable reality; on one hand City Staff considered excluding from the survey for the sake of the focus remaining on other topics. Sea level rise is not within the purview of the Draft CAAP Project and is addressed in other City plans previously mentioned. The Draft CAAP can include measures, ideas, goals, or other components that may go on to support efforts outlined in the Local Coastal Program.

On the other hand, if Staff left sea level rise out of the survey then one crucial and intrinsic constituent would have been missing from this survey: the presentation of other perspectives, ideas, concerns, and suggestions relating to other topics. Had sea level rise been left out of the survey it is very possible that more of the comments would have been pertaining to sea level rise as opposed to presenting the valuable insight gleaned regarding other topics such as transportation, energy, community outreach and education, etc..

In this situation, Staff and the CAAP Task Force are made more aware of the interconnectedness of sea level rise and climate action. While the Draft CAAP should not address sea level rise, goals could overlap or coincide with efforts already underway by the City.

This reflects a lack of full and present communication between our Staff and the consultant. Our Task Force was very concerned with achieving a deliverable. In retrospect we should have taken more time to properly communicate the project goals to the consultant so they could have a better understanding of what sort of suggestions and critiques to make.