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To: [Gutierrez, Jesse](#)
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Subject: Re: On-Line Availability of Public Comments on Draft RCAAP
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Jesse, further to the consideration of public comments on the Draft RCAAP, and in particular my prior comments requesting that key measures in the Draft RCAAP relating to electrification and bans on gas appliances include factual benefit and cost data, here is a recent Harvard Center for the Environment Energy Policy study on the capital, installation and operating costs of electric heat pumps. Please include this in the public comments record on the Draft RCAAP and also provide to CAC members and to the CAC staff and consultants for consideration in the additional analysis of benefits and costs of the Draft RCAAP measures and funding needs for reducing the costs of electrification under the Draft RCAAP.

Thx!

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On Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 4:53 PM Christopher J Warner <chrisjwarner52@gmail.com> wrote:
That sounds fine Jesse - I just think planning for implementation and funding needs before you actually know what you are implementing (including what your plan is that is subject to the CEQA review) seems premature and a waste of staff effort—if the mandatory measures in the draft RCAAP are significantly modified, it would appear logical to conclude that the implementation plan, funding needs, and CEQA review would be far different...

Chris

On Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 4:33 PM Gutierrez, Jesse <Jesse.Gutierrez@countyofnapa.org> wrote:

Hi Chris,

The CAC workplan conversation was more of a high-level planning discussion of what would happen after the RCAAP is adopted. The RCAAP Initial Study CEQA document still needs to go out for public review and comment. We are hoping to have that ready in mid- to late-February.

Thank you for your comment and I will include it as public comment on the RCAAP for the

next CAC meeting.

Thanks,

Jesse

From: Christopher J Warner <chrisjwarner52@gmail.com>
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Jesse, never mind, I accessed the video directly on Granicus.

However, in a quick review of the meeting, it appears the Committee is putting the "cart before the horse" both in an administrative sense and a legal sense, potentially conflicting with the requirements for adopting a plan based on substantial evidence in the record from the public as well as public comments. The transcript appears to include a CAC decision to move forward with "implementation" of the draft RCAAP BEFORE IT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BASED ON PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE RECORD. This would seem to violate administrative due process e.g. rulemaking requirements, as well as the CAC's own direction that staff come back to the CAC with recommended changes to the draft RCAAP based on the public comments.

I think "implementation" of the draft RCAAP is premature and legally questionable, particularly under CEQA and the CAC's charter, unless and until the CAC actually adopts the final RCAAP based on the record and public comments.

Hopefully I am misinterpreting the CAC's direction to staff, but please include this comment as part of the public record and transmit it to CAC members.

Thank you!

Christopher Warner