

RCAAP and Initial Study CEQA Document Updates



Climate Action Committee

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Updates

- Tribal Consultation and Partnership Initiation
- Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)
- RCAAP
- CEQA document certification and RCAAP Adoption



RCAAP Tribal Consultation and Partnership Initiation



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- Formal AB 52 Consultation with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation on February 12, 2026
- Informal Discussion and Partnership Initiation with Mishewal Wappo Tribe of Alexander Valley on March 10, 2026



Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)



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- On June 27, 2025 the CAC directed staff to move forward with an Initial Study of the RCAAP
- Once AB 52 consultation closes and feedback is incorporated the public draft IS/MND will be circulated for public review and comment on the California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's [CEQAnet Web Portal](#)
- The 30-day public comment period allows stakeholders to comment on the document's findings regarding potential environmental impacts



Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) cont.



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- During the public comment period, the published IS/MND will be presented to CAC
- Opportunity for member discussion and public comments on the IS/MND
- Written comments will be accepted via email through RCAAP@countyofnapa.org



RCAAP



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- Final RCAAP will be released concurrently with public draft IS/MND
- Final RCAAP incorporates feedback and comments received during public comment period.
- A comments response sheet will be released to the public.



RCAAP Adoption and IS/MND Certification

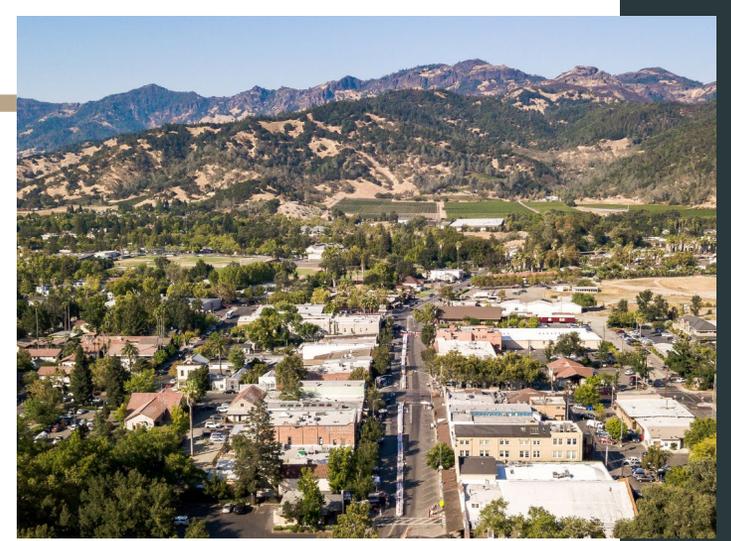


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- Following the IS/MND public review process, the Climate Action Committee will consider and possibly recommend adoption of the RCAAP and IS/MND, which will be forwarded to the member jurisdictions.
- Each jurisdiction will independently consider adoption of the RCAAP and the associated CEQA document as a lead agency (Napa County) or responsible agency (all other member jurisdictions).



IS/MND Certification

- The County is the lead agency for purposes of CEQA.
- The other jurisdictions act as responsible agencies.
- Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, each responsible agency complies with CEQA by considering the mitigated negative declaration prepared by the lead agency and by reaching its own conclusions on whether and how to approve the project involved.

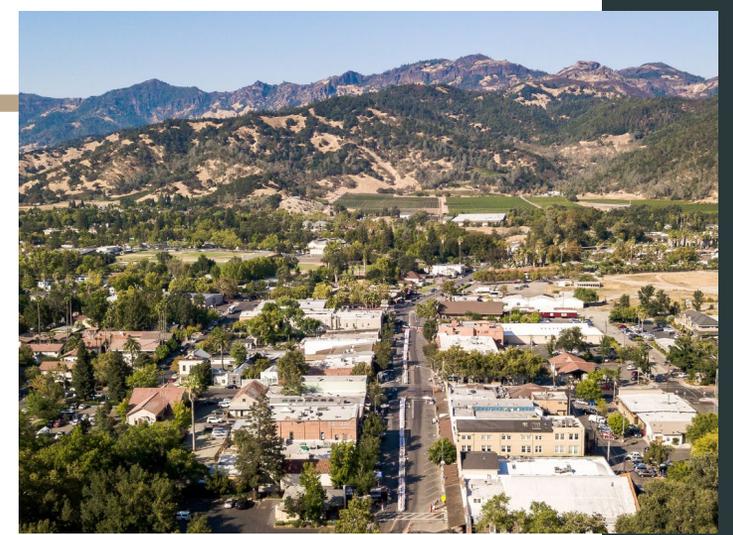


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IS/MND Certification

- Each responsible agency complies with CEQA by considering the mitigated negative declaration prepared by the lead agency and by reaching its own conclusions on whether and how to approve the project involved.
- The responsible agency would certify that its decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the environmental document, affirm that the environmental document is adequate, adopt mitigation measures to address any significant impacts, and make its own findings and issue its own approvals for the project, including the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program.

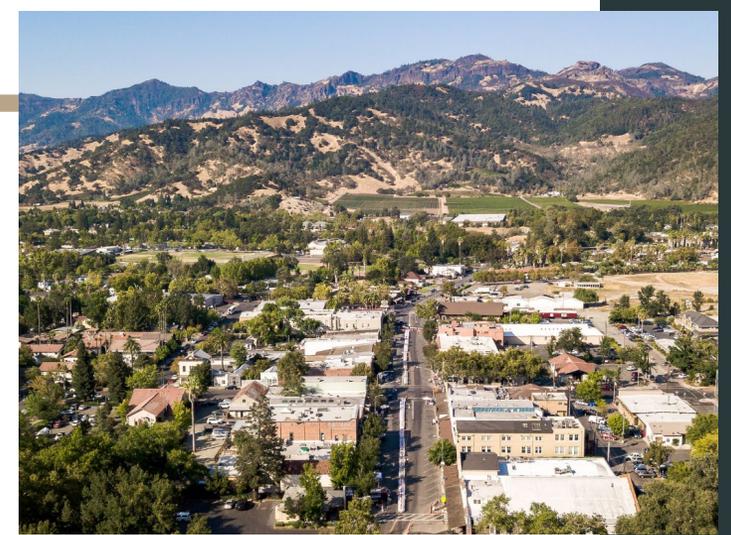


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RCAAP: Certified GHG Reduction Plan

- Ultimate decision-making authority remains at the individual agency/legislative body,
- and RCAAP adoption must be unanimous by the agencies for the RCAAP to be considered a certified GHG reduction plan that may be relied upon to streamline the analysis of GHG emissions associated with future projects that are consistent with the plan. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5)



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Thank you

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