



Memorandum

TO: Vail Town Council

FROM: Environmental Sustainability Department

DATE: August 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 32, Series of 2020, a resolution adopting the Colorado Communities for Climate Action Policy Statement for 2020-2021 and setting forth details in regard thereto.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to present for adoption Resolution No. 32, Series of 2020, adopting the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Statement for 2020-2021.

II. BACKGROUND

The Town of Vail has been a member of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) in since its inception in 2018, and a founding member of its original efforts of the Colorado Climate Network since 2012. As a member, the town has had the opportunity to weigh-in on the development of the CC4CA Policy Statement, which is updated on an annual basis to adjust the policy positions of the organization. CC4CA's 2020-2021 Policy Statement update reflects unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

The proposed statements were developed through CC4CA committees, which solicited input from every member jurisdiction and then prepared updates to reflect that input. The Town of Vail participated and provided input in these discussions.

CC4CA held its all-member annual retreat to review and finalize the Policy Statement on June 19, 2020. The retreat, and the many months of work by CC4CA's Policy Committee and Board of Directors (on which every member jurisdiction is represented) prior to the retreat, provided the opportunity for all members to share input on each of the policy positions and the statements were modified accordingly. CC4CA members did a significant amount of work to finalize the proposed statement based on the input of all member Councils and Boards and to gain the approval of all members present at the retreat. At this time, all members of CC4CA are asked to formally ratify the updated Policy Statement.

Most of the updates are non-substantive, and none of the substantive updates significantly alter any positions from the 2019 Policy Statement adopted by the Vail Town Council. The updates include:

- 1) The updated Policy Statement eliminates the "explanatory text" that has been part of the format in previous years. These were the paragraphs accompanying each specific policy position that provided additional details and examples. The result is a much more concise and manageable Policy Statement.
- 2) The most significant substantive changes compared to the 2019-2020 Policy Statement are all still only minor changes:
 - Position #7, which supports a public process for evaluating retail energy choice

options for local jurisdictions, now supports such a process for evaluating both retail and wholesale energy choice options for local jurisdictions.

- "Resilience" is more clearly called out in the first General Policy Principle and in policy positions #5 (calling to remove barriers allowing local governments to implement resilience-oriented strategies) and #26 (encouraging post-disaster recovery efforts to improve resilience to future disasters).
 - Position #24 adds "reuse" to "recycling and composting."
 - There is a new position (#25), which encourages the adoption of climate-positive innovations drawing from the lessons learned during the pandemic.
- 3) All of the other proposed changes are for grammatical purposes, to improve clarity, or maintain clarity when removing the explanatory text.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Vail Town Council approve Resolution No. 32, Series of 2020.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution No. 32, Series of 2020
- B. CC4CA Policy Statement 2020-2021