



Actions you can take:

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Hope everyone is staying cool in this hot weather! We're thrilled to have you on board as we dive into the critical matters concerning our environment and the future of our planet. This newsletter highlights the Climate Rapid Response Network, a way for community members to get involved as climate leaders, a petition to stop the building of a mega-gas station in Novato, an EV and Ebike show happening in Fairfax, and other important climate actions!

[Want to be a Climate Leader in Your Community? Join the Climate Rapid Response Network!](#)

The Climate Rapid Response Network (CRRN) is a network of community leaders and volunteers who are interested in participating in climate policy initiatives in their towns. Are you concerned about Climate Change but don't know where to start to get involved? Are you already an activist but want to work more locally? **Join the [Climate Rapid Response Network](#) and get involved in your own hometown.** While individual actions are important to address climate change, it is the **collective actions** that often make the greatest difference and the answer can be as close as your city hall. Be part of the leadership team that helps to shepherd through these policies. [Sign up now.](#)



[Stop the Costco Mega-Gas Station and Protect our Watershed!](#)

Join 350Marin in stopping what would be the largest gas station in Marin. The project's proximity to a pristine watershed, earthquake-prone land,



and rising sea levels poses large environmental risks. Due to the urgency of the Climate Crisis, we need a rapid emission reduction and recent measures like California's ban on gas-powered car sales by 2035. With this in mind, building a gas station would be a terrible investment. Despite Novato City Council adopting a Climate Emergency

Resolution they are still prioritizing short-term gains at the expense of climate. **Please spread the message and sign this petition [here](#).**

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From the Ride and Drive Clean website: "Join us to check out a variety of electric vehicles and e-bikes, meet owners, and ask questions. Get the scoop from EV drivers, and find the EV that's right for you!" The event is free and will be located at 771 Center Boulevard in Fairfax from 10 am to 1 pm.

Click [here](#) to pre-register.



Energy Audit and Low Carbon Whitepapers in the Works By Our Interns!



Our two summer interns, Katherine Ritter and Lucie Martikan, have been busy supporting 350Marin, as well as the Fairfax Climate Action Committee and the San Anselmo Climate Action Commission. Recent projects include creating a Marin Guide to Climate Action, researching for and drafting whitepapers on low-carbon concrete and home energy audits for town review, attending subcommittee meetings, revamping flyers, participating in the Resilient

Neighborhoods Program, and tabling alongside both towns. They are excited to continue exploring their interests in the Marin Climate Movement and supporting some of the movement's key players!

[Urgent Call to Halt Extension of Polluting Ormond Beach Power Plant](#)

The Ormond Beach Generating Station, a polluting power plant in a densely populated community of color in Ventura County, has received an extension for three years beyond its planned 2020 shutdown. Despite its high pollution levels exceeding 94% of other Californian neighborhoods, the state intends to extend its operation again, jeopardizing the well-being of Oxnard residents. Advocates are urging the rejection of extensions for the Ormond Beach,



AES Alamitos, and Huntington Beach power plants, advocating for cleaner alternatives and adhering to the original retirement deadline of December 31, 2023, to end the operation of environmentally harmful gas plants in marginalized communities. **Please**

sign [this petition](#).

[Join 350Marin in the Continued Fight Against Fossil Fuels!](#)



Join us in making a difference! 350Marin is seeking passionate individuals who want to get more involved with the climate and drive environmental change. Join us in amplifying a call to action, engage communities, and fight for the environment. Help manage the website, write the newsletter, or start a campaign of your own! **Click [here](#) to contact us!**

Building Electrification Gains Support in Marin From the Marin County Community Development Agency!

From Brian Reyes, Marin County Sustainability Planner, "Our appliances and infrastructure must rapidly transition to an all-electric, fossil free future, while simultaneously building on energy efficiency policy and programs. Hence, **the County along with [Marin Climate and Energy Partnership \(MCEP\)](#) are in the process of developing an actionable countywide building electrification roadmap that will prepare our community for that transition."**



[\\$21 Billion in Losses for U.S. Public Pensions by Not Divesting from Fossil Fuels, Enact SB252 Now!](#)



[A report released by the University of Waterloo](#) reveals that six U.S. public pension funds could have been \$21 billion richer if they had divested from fossil fuels ten years ago. The two largest pension funds in the U.S., CalPERS and CalSTRS, experienced significant losses by continuing to invest in fossil fuels. CalPERS missed out on over \$4.7 billion in returns, while CalSTRS missed out on over \$4.8 billion over the past decade. California Senate Bill 252 aims to require these pension funds to divest from fossil fuel companies. The urgency

for divestment is highlighted as California continues to experience extreme weather events such as floods and wildfires. **Please sign [this petition](#) in support of the bill.**

[On-Going: Ask Your City Council to Meet or Exceed Marin County's "Reach" Electrification Goals!](#)

Marin County's Sustainability Team spent months crafting model 'reach codes', strong, clear, pre-vetted local ordinances on building electrification and EV infrastructure that will let us rapidly electrify the county and move away from fossil fuels. They

collaborated with Planning and Building officials of all 11 Marin towns and cities as well as developers, environmental groups and other stakeholders. And now five of Marin's twelve jurisdictions have adopted "All-Electric for New Construction" reach code. **Please continue to ask your local city or town council to adopt these reach codes** to speed action on climate and not wait for state or national action! You can edit [this draft letter](#), and email it, or use it as a guide for comments at your local council meeting. Find a list of contact info and emails for local jurisdictions [here](#). Let's let them know we're ready for change!



[September 5th: Join a Meeting of 350Marin's Steering Committee!](#)



On September 5th at 5:30 PM, come sit in on our next 350Marin Steering Committee zoom meeting and see if you might be interested in helping one of Marin's oldest and largest climate activist groups fight for a fossil-free future. We need your help to address the crisis we're facing. **RSVP [here](#) to join our meeting and find out more.**

Thanks for all you do!

-Your 350Marin Neighbors

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