

## Memorandum

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TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER

RE: SUMMIT COMMUNITY CLIMATE EQUITY PLAN

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2023

**Summary and Background:** In 2022, High Country Conservation Center (HC3) received a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to develop a Climate Equity Plan for the Summit County community. Recognizing that equity was not adequately considered in the original Climate Action Plan (adopted by Council in 2019), the Climate Equity Plan presents strategies that not only decrease local greenhouse gas emissions, but also ensure underrepresented residents have access to the benefits of climate action. Strategies in the plan address three key sectors: energy, transportation, and waste reduction.

<u>Analysis:</u> HC3 will present the intent, importance, process, and key outcomes of the Climate Equity Plan.

**Financial Impact:** None at this time.

<u>Alignment with Strategic Plan:</u> The intent and key outcomes of this plan are supported by strategic objectives and associated pillars:

- Core Services: Environmental stewardship and reducing the effects of climate change
- Thriving Economy: Continuing to support regional transit and mobility improvements
- Community Inclusivity: Considering equity, inclusivity, sustainability, and accessibility in all that we do

**Environmental Sustainability:** The Climate Equity Plan is a critical addition to the Summit Community Climate Action Plan, which was adopted by the Frisco Town Council in 2019. This new, equity-focused plan overlaps with existing and future efforts of the Town's Environmental Programs division as detailed in the original Climate Action Plan including waste reduction, energy use, and transportation.

Staff Recommendation: No Council action needed at this time

## Approved By:

Tom Fisher, Town Manager

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