BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION 2026-04

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Lake recognizes that climate change poses a significant and increasing risk to Lake County's residents, infrastructure, economy, natural resources and cultural assets, including frequent severe wildfires, extreme heat, drought, flooding, degrading air quality, and impacts to water supply; and,

WHEREAS, since 2015, wildfires have burned more than seventy percent of Lake County, and climate projections indicate that wildfire activity, extreme heat, and changing precipitation patterns are expected to intensify in the coming decades; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Lake, in partnership with the City of Clearlake, the City of Lakeport, Tribal governments, Special Districts, and community organizations, participated in the Planning for an Equitable Climate-Safe Lake project, funded by the California Adaptation Planning Grant Program administered by the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; and,

WHEREAS, the Climate Adaptation Plan is formed by a Countywide Climate Vulnerability Analysis, extensive community engagement government-to-government Tribal consultation, and coordination with local jurisdiction, advisory bodies, and interested parties; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative effort resulted in the preparation of the Lake County Climate Adaptation Plan, which provides a framework to reduce climate-related risk, strengthen resilience, and protect vulnerable population, essential services, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Adaptation Plan aligns with State climate resilience priorities, including the California Climate Adaptation Strategy, the California Adaptation Planning Guide, and the requirements of Senate Bill 379 to integrate climate adaptation and resiliency into local planning and safety elements; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Adaptation Plan complements and supports implementation of existing plans, including the Lake County 2050 General Plan Update, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, the Drought Resilience Plan, and Tribal-led adaptation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Adaptation Plan is organized around Lake County's Pillars of Landscape Resilience, addressing air quality, biodiversity conservation, fire-adapted communities, fire dynamics, forest resilience, social and cultural well-being, water security, and wetland integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Adaptation Plan emphasizes equity by prioritizing actions that reduce risk for frontline and vulnerable communities, integrate traditional ecological knowledge, and strengthen coordination among County departments, cities, Tribes, and community partners;

WHEREAS, adoption of the Climate Adaptation Plan does not in itself authorize new regulations or expenditures, but provides a guiding framework to inform future policies, programs, grant application, and investment to enhance community and ecosystem resilience:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA that:

(1) The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Lake County Climate Adaptation Plan as a County policy document guiding climate adaptation and resilience efforts countywide.
(2) The Board of Supervisors hereby directs County departments to consider the Climate Adaptation Plan in the development; and implementation of plans, programs, capitol improvement projects, grant application, and interagency coordination efforts, as appropriate and consistent with available resources.
(3) The Board of Supervisors encourages continued collaboration with the cities of Lakeport and Clearlake, Tribal governments, Special Districts, State and Federal agencies, community-based organizations, and residents to advance the strategies and actions identified in the Climate Adaptation Plan.
(4) The Board of Supervisors affirms the County's commitments to equitable, science-based, and community-informed climate adaptation that protects public health and safety, preserves cultural and natural resources, and strengthens long-term resilience for current and future generations.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake, State of California at a regular meeting thereof on the 13th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

COUNTY OF LAKE

Brad Rasmussen (Jan 14, 2026 13:06:53 PST)

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Susan Parker

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Johanna DeLong (Jan 14, 2026 11:16:49 PST)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LAKE COUNTY, CAL.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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