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Comment

Some study and understanding of history on the topic of climate change is necessary before any significant and costly actions are proposed or implemented at the regional level or local level such as city or county.

As more and more study has been done around the globe (since 1988 and the first U. S. Congressional testimony on the climate topic) the idea of a "climate crisis" has come under more and more scientific question.

This questioning has come from scientific analysis around the globe. This scientific challenging has come from scientists who have reviewed the whole concept of a "crisis in climate" over the last twenty-five years. Example of such challenging are:

1. "There Is No Climate Crisis" ...1600 Scientists Worldwide, Nobel Prize Laureate Sign Declaration, 1609 signatories recently signed a declaration that states there is no climate crisis, thus casting doubt over man's alleged role in climate change and extreme weather". Reference: CLINTEL World Climate Declaration, August 2023, <https://clintel.org/>
2. The Global Warming Petition Project, 1999-2001, "Global Warming Petition Project. 31,487 American scientists have

signed this petition, including 9,029 with PhDs", Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, <http://www.petitionproject.org/>

3. Climate-related predictions: "Apocalypse Now? Communicating Extreme Predictions" authored by David C. Rode and Paul S. Fischbeck, Sources accessed July 24, 2019. Copyright © 2021 Inderscience Enterprises Ltd.

4. Numerous scientific papers, books, articles, etc. have been written in many countries on the topic.

From a scientific viewpoint:

Despite words to the contrary since 1988 (the first U. S. Congressional testimony on the climate topic) there is no scientific proof of causation (a cause-effect link) between rising carbon-dioxide levels and climate temperature variation. Measured temperature variation during that time has been remarkably consistent with prior measured temperature history.

There has been no scientific cause-effect proof of causation between rising carbon-dioxide levels and counted abnormal weather events (number of tornadoes, number of hurricanes, forest burn acreage, etc.).

There have been numerous books, studies, and reports from around the globe about this lack of evidence supporting the claims made and connection to carbon-dioxide.

There has been a study of the climate disaster forecasts made over decades and decades. Nearly all forecast claims of climate event certainty by "experts" have resulted in failures to meet such claims. See 3. above.

There has been enough interpretation of climate evidence from around the globe since 1988 to at least prompt science-based challenge of the phrases "climate crisis", "climate catastrophe", "climate emergency", "global heating", and "environmental collapse" in serious publications, studies and books.

It appears from my reading of the topic and the 83-page "plan" this plan has been written as a mix of Comprehensive Growth Management Plan by adding on a Climate Change Element. Urban planning is one thing, but the broad topic of Climate Change is quite another. In addition, I read the topics of Environmental Justice and Equity are included both of which are concepts only very loosely connected to the topic of urban planning.

I am very concerned about the negative impact (regulation, cost) on agriculture and agricultural productivity. The attempt by some to brand methane from agriculture as a harmful gas in climate discussions is unscientific and harmful.

While the plan has listed many groups it appears there are groups very interested and active around this topic who are NOT LISTED such as NW Coalition for Energy Choice (<https://nwenergychoice.org/>) As a result, I would suggest this plan is slanted in its viewpoint toward one view.

As a result of the above I would recommend this plan be significantly revised to focus on the topic of urban planning and exclude the topic of Climate Change, Environmental Justice and Equity as commonly understood for their unproven scientific basis.

I have an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Engineering (University of Minnesota) and a master's degree in Systems Management (University of Southern California).

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