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**To:** [Cnty 2025 Comp Plan](#); [Alice Millward](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Clark County Clean Water Commission Comments for Climate Change Element Component of Comp Plan  
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Good day, Alice,

Thank you very much for providing this letter and the Clean Water Commission's feedback related to the Climate Element of Clark County's Comprehensive Plan update.

This has been forwarded to additional members of Staff and will be entered into the Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Good morning,

Please see attached letters of support from the Clark County Clean Water Commission to the Clark County Planning Commission and to the Clark County Council regarding the Climate Change Element in Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

*Alice Millward*



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October 1, 2025

**TO: Clark County Council**

**RE: Support for Climate Change Element in Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan**

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We are writing to express our support for the Climate Change Element in Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. Climate change poses a tremendous challenge to our communities and ecological integrity of the resources that we depend upon. It will take bold actions by the County and others to address this complex issue.

We commend the County's leadership along with the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Clark County Climate Project who developed and reached consensus on almost all elements that define goals and actions the county should take in the next 20 years.

The Clean Water Commission fully endorses the climate policies and recommendations developed by the CAG, that will positively impact water quality and reduce stormwater runoff in the county, which aligns with the Clean Water Commission's mission. Some of these include:

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**Sincerely,**

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