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County and Cities Take Action on Climate Crisis

Alameda County and cities met last week to take action on the growing global climate crisis, committing themselves to eco-friendly strategies even in these tough economic times.

"We cannot afford to wait," said Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, "The window of opportunity is narrowing to prevent severe climate change impacts for current and future generations of Alameda County residents."

More than 150 elected officials, executives and staff from Alameda County and its 14 cities joined together with regional agency and State representatives for a daylong event Monday at the San Leandro Library that included strategy sessions on topics such as energy efficiency, land use, transportation, and waste reduction.

The Alameda County and Cities Climate Forum follows up on a 2006 meeting, called "Summit 2016," where County and city leaders discussed

future priorities that included action on climate change. The County and cities are currently engaged in creating and implementing climate action plans.

The forum also marked the release of a newly completed countywide estimate of greenhouse gas emission sources. Many jurisdictions have already taken significant actions to reduce emissions.

"Local governments have an important role to play to reduce our own emissions and set an example for others," said County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi. "But ... it will take all of us—government, residents, businesses, nonprofits—working together to solve this crisis."

Emissions estimates show that, within Alameda County, transportation is the largest contributor to the community's carbon footprint, followed by emissions from energy use at

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commercial and industrial facilities. The remaining emissions come from residential energy use and from waste sent to area landfills.

"Working with local and state agencies to address transportation issues in this region is vital to the long term health and economic well being of our residents," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who is also the Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Next steps for the county and cities include collaborative climate action, completing individual climate action plans and working with residents and businesses to reduce emissions. For information, visit www.aclimateaction.org.