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*Please accept these written comments in lieu of my oral testimony this evening...thanks*

Mayor Birney and Councilmembers -

I am aware of and support the comments this evening from James Terwilliger about the urgency of action if we are going to address climate change and resiliency in Redmond.

On the subject of dashboards –

Not only is a Tree Canopy dashboard essential in tracking progress toward Redmond's tree canopy goals, a map showing Redmond's heat islands would be useful in prioritizing where trees could make the most difference over the longer term. Urban areas, where trees are most valuable from an environmental and equity standpoint, are the least likely to have significant canopy (even with token street tree plantings).

Developing a Greenhouse Gas Emissions dashboard is a task contained in the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and a performance metric tool advocated by some Council members. Creating even an interim dashboard in the near term would be useful as we seek to better understand the dynamics of climate change and how we may contribute to some solutions to this global problem.

Thank you for considering these comments,  
Tom Hinman