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Agenda # 15

Subject Climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

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Zip

Comments Good Evening, I am a member of the Escondido Community Advisory on Environmental Issues and Climate Action. Our group has conducted a substantial amount of research to identify the best climate action plans, to create a diverse set of recommendations for the ECAP, so that we can achieve the GHG reduction goals that are required of the jurisdiction. This year than ever before, we have experienced first hand the cataclysmic potential climate change has. I live in a high fire risk area, and I am scared every time there is a santa ana winds or the temperature goes over 80 that a fire is going to start, taking away everything from my family and I. I have family members in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua where a few months ago two Category 5 hurricanes descended upon them in the span of 13 days, in the midst of a pandemic. This is Climate Change and we must do more than the bare minimum. The reality of the climate situation is if business as usual continues, what we have experienced in the past year is the best that can be expected, it's just going to keep getting worse. The draft ECAP that has just been presented to you is deficient on GHG emissions. This is unacceptable. It is vital that this council meets climate change where it is: with urgency, and our policy should reflect it. We must above all have an ECAP that at least meets what the state requires. I am happy to see a Zero Waste Plan Included as part of the recommendations, but those goals will not be met unless we include plastics reduction language, prioritize city outreach on waste reduction to priority investment neighborhoods and local businesses, and partner with the school district to create a zero waste program. These need to be added into the Solid Waste management section of the ECAP. Plastic is toxic from inception to disposal. Black and Brown communities are disproportionately located near oil refineries that emit toxic chemical cocktails. There is no throw away, our waste ends up in the global south where waste sorters sort through filth to find salvageable material, it is inhumane. We are knowingly complicit in this system that is causing a great environmental injustice if we don't include plastics reduction as part of the ECAP. I also urge the council to direct city staff to move the zero waste plan timeline to 90% by 2030. Escondido has been behind and now we are playing catch up! Also wanted to thank the city staff and acknowledge their hard work on the ECAP. Also thank you to all the community members, and non-profit orgs who have been vital in guiding us through this process.

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Subject Update on ECAP: Read Aloud

Position In Opposition

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Comments Dear Mayor Mac and Council Members : The purpose of this message is to let you know that the CAP presentation you will see today has flaws. I've been working with ECAG : Escondido Climate Action Group since Jan of 2019. My group took over the Waste portion of the CAP. Today you'll see a document that has absolutely NO LANGUAGE reduction at all on Plastic /Inorganic Waste. Our suggestions were deleted from the original proposal submitted to the city. Make no mistake : You cannot address a Climate Crisis without including reduction in Inorganic Waste. We would be happy to educate you specifically on this subject. We haven't been able to do so, and our presentations to you and the council members have been of 2-3 minutes long, not enough time to give you a complete look at this problem. For now, we ask that you reinstate Plastic/Inorganic Waste into the Cap, and include as supporting measures to begin partnership with schools districts , educating the public , including the business community. We have requested to Mr. Strong a meeting w/EDCO to begin the educational process. Time is of essence. Lets not be the last city in North County to address this issue : Inorganic/Plastic Waste Reduction must be part of the ECAP. Thank you!!

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Subject Read Out Loud

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Comments I support the recommendations given by the Escondido Community Advisory Group on Climate and Environmental Action and Climate Action Campaign. The Council should restore the original recommendation and the reductions to align with the CEQA documents. Otherwise, the plan cannot be qualified, does not meet minimum state standards, and the General Plan is undermined. Further, a CAP that only minimally meets the GHG reduction goals, is not what the Council requested or what I support. But I shouldn't need to tell you any of this. Experts agree on the scale of climate action that is needed for the moment we're in. If you listen to experts, they will tell you we need far more than what is being promised. If you listen to young people, we will tell you that we're scared for our future. If you want to make this a livable world for more than just yourself, then YOU, the people in charge of this City need to take bold action right this instant. The children of the world do not have time to wait for you to care about them. They, we, need bold creative climate justice now!

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Subject Climate Action Plan Update...

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Comments Hello Mayor & City Council Members, I'd like to request that you make amendments to item #15 related to your Climate Action Plan as detailed in the two documents linked below. Bold action is required, as is community input rather than only recommendations from the Staff & Council. Thank you so much! Working to secure a quality future for my nieces who are growing up quickly. Most Sincerely, Heather Roberts 1. [https://mail-](https://mail-attachment.googleusercontent.com/attachment/u/0/?ui=2&ik=5d40da0c83&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-)

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Agenda # 15 Climate Action Plan

Subject Please read out loud

Position In Favor

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Comments Dear Mayor and City Council, I hope you have had a chance to review our Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental and Climate Action (ECAG) comment letter. It represents 100's of hours of work on the part of local community members since last February. The ECAG did an amazing amount of research, analysis, and crafted reasonable recommendations through, conservatively, over 30 subcommittee and four full ECAG meetings during that time. We're sorry we were not afforded a chance to present to the Council. Please know that the recommendations in the letter were inclusive of and unanimously supported by the members who have been active in the ECAG. We request that you adopt the ECAG recommendations which will address equity for residents most in need, reduce dangerous greenhouse gas emissions, increase sequestration and ecological health, improve quality of life, and represent 'gold-standard' climate action plan. As for the ghg reduction deficit of the draft plan, the ECAG letter outlines two options for filling that gap. If the gap remains, the environmental documentation will be rendered invalid and the General Plan could be undermined. I strongly urge the Council to add reductions in excess of the minimum required to both make good your commitment to effective climate action and to have a buffer in case other actions are not completed. The climate crisis is the unfolding catastrophe of our age and the future. Please do not shrink from your duty or try to minimize the need for action. It is not too late to take action as long as it is quick, effective, and significant. Now is not the time for incrementalism. The future, truly, is in your hands.

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Subject Escondido Climate Action Plan - (Please read aloud)

Position In Favor

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Comments I am grateful for the extensive public outreach applied during the preparation of Escondido Climate Action Plan Update to make this vital document stronger, including new commitment to 100% clean energy. I support the specific recommendations and thoughtful technical comments prepared by Climate Action Campaign, and Escondido Citizens Advisory Group on Climate and Environmental Action that carefully identified specific reasons and logic to justify each recommendation. With the additions and revisions identified by those experts, it is expected that the Escondido Climate Action Plan will live up to a 'gold-standard' CAP, that will apply strong and immediate actions required for a desirable and livable future. These actions are a necessity to put Escondido in a position where our city is prepared and positioned to respond to foreseeable climate change challenges, in a way that makes our community safer, more resilient, and less vulnerable to hardships and negative economic consequences. I urge Escondido City Council to support the proposed revisions to meet the immediate and future needs for our community. Thank you for thoughtful consideration.

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Subject Read Out Loud Climate Action Plan

Position No Position

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Comments Hello council members, I believe Escondido's Climate Action Plan update is not yet ready for finalization. As it stands right now, the ECAP will not reduce GHG levels to those mandated by the state. This is not only unambitious, but fails to comply with legal mandates. The city needs to make a legally binding commitment to become zero carbon as soon as possible, and at the latest, by 2045. California Executive Order B-55-18 aims to achieve state carbon neutrality by 2045. In order to work cooperatively with the state to achieve climate goals and do our part in averting the climate crisis, we must commit to binding goals as ambitious or more ambitious than those set by the state. We must commit to Community Choice Energy to achieve 100% clean energy by 2030. Single family homes constitute an important part of the natural gas combustion for energy. Our stoves, and our hot water in most homes are powered by combusting planet warming gases. In order to reach zero carbon, existing single family houses in addition to multi-family developments and new construction must all be fully electrified and use efficient appliances including air conditioning. The city needs to make binding commitments to reducing plastic waste and single use materials and products in order to reach state zero waste goals. Plastic is an exponentially worsening problem globally, and there are massive patches of garbage floating in every ocean on Earth, including 2 in the pacific, one of which lies between California and Hawaii. The city must commit to more ambitious targets for usage and availability of public mass transit, cycling, and pedestrian routes. Escondido needs to commit to increasing sustainably built and well maintained affordable housing, especially near transit stations. Finally, the city must continue to center environmental justice in this work. There is a tremendous need for improving the health, housing, wellbeing, and economic security of Escondido's residents. We can achieve this through our climate action plan and other legislation. My comment was largely inspired by Climate Action Campaign's February 9th letter to the mayor and council. I agree with all the items described in this letter and ask you to adopt all of them. Let's make a better future, together. Thank you.

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Subject ECAP / Please Read out loud!

Position In Favor

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Comments As a member of the ECAG and a resident of Escondido, I urge you all to please adopting the following measures into the ECAP as robust climate action planning - emmissions mitigation and adaptation TODAY is of the utmost importance to ensure the long term health, safety, and socio-economic footing for our city's residents. Please consider the following key initiatives: 1) Inclusion of a Zero-Waste policy in the ECAP. Specifically, developing a Zero Waste Plan that includes single-use plastic reduction measures in order to meet waste diversion goals. 2) Commit to implementation of Community Choice Energy, and date by which the city will join a CC aggregate. 3) Adopt an Adaptation Measure to develop a Green Infrastructure Plan to maximize parks, open space, natural water quality improvements, green rights-of-way, trails, riparian restoration areas to ensure connected and accessible green space throughout the city." 4) Recommend the following be restored & strengthened in Measure A-2.3: Build capacity of adaptive neighborhoods: "Avoid the siting of new land-use densities (i.e. density increases and annexations) in 'Very High Fire Hazard' areas. Development in native wildlands & chaparral ecosystems significantly decreases carbon sequestration, threatens critical wildlife, expands vehicle miles traveled, and poses significant fire risk to humans and property." 5) Bring ECAP in closer alignment with Executive Order N-79-20 setting a goal related to purchase of electric vehicles by setting a goal of 60% conversion of the fleet by 2030 and complete conversion of the municipal fleet by 2035. 6) The City Council should address the deficiency created by Measure T-2.3 from the draft plan. These actions were planned for 9,032 MTCO_{2e} of reductions. This was a significant reduction and was not replaced with other reductions. The Council should restore the original recommendation and the reductions to align with the CEQA documents. 7) Establish a Climate Commission to oversee implementation, adherence, and future interaction and support with community members!!!

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Subject Climate Plan

Position In Opposition

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Comments I'm 19 years old. I don't know if there will be a future for me, let alone my future kids. Whenever I talk about my future dreams, I speak with a hint of doubt and uncertainty. There's that looming thought that the world might end if we don't do something. The current plan is not doing enough. It can be better. Escondido has to be a role model not only for the county, but all of California. If other cities see us make it work, then there is no excuse for them to implement the plan. This is how we create change through a chain reaction. Local climate plans matter. We'll have to change our lifestyles, but I will change my way of life any day if it means I can accomplish my dreams and life milestones.

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