March 21, 2018

Mr. Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director
City of Escondido
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Escondido, CA 92025

RE: Sierra Club North County Group Recommendations for Escondido Climate Action Plan Update.

Dear Mr. Strong:

The Sierra Club North County Group (NCG) represents 2,700 members in the inland North County area. We appreciate that the city is working on an Update to its Climate Action Plan. As the outlook becomes more dire, the need for assertive action, at every level, is ever more imperative.

We reviewed the response to our February 12, 2018 letter from Mayor Abed regarding the Clean Energy Feasibility study. It was news to us that the city already studied this ‘several years ago’, however, things have changed rapidly in the past few years. Technology has improved immensely, but so has the threat to planetary stability which are worsening and accelerating beyond what was expected. The Climate Action Plan Update will be a great opportunity to revisit this issue again in context of current realities.

NCG is writing today to respectfully request that Escondido consider the following comments and requests to improve your climate action development process and CAP.

There are three key areas where the city can greatly improve its process in this iteration of the Escondido Climate Action Plan (E-CAP). These include:
1. Increased public participation in the planning;
2. Improve the range and quality of commitments in the E-CAP; and,
3. Include a climate adaptation plan or element in the E-CAP.

We offer specific recommendations on these three topics below.

A. Climate Action and Adaptation Planning process

The NCG was encouraged by our conversation with you regarding the public involvement the city is considering. We strongly support a robust engagement plan for many reasons. First, the public is an important resource of knowledge and will benefit the process. Further, it can create community ambassadors for a quality climate plan. We request that the city of Escondido includes a public involvement schedule that will provide multiple opportunities for the public to engage in this issues.

The most critical times for public input prior to release of a draft will be:
• A scoping of the work needed and questions needing analysis.
• Evaluation of any contractors to be used.
• Review and development of climate actions to be proposed
• Review and development of climate adaptation actions to be proposed.

An important addition to the next E-CAP would be to add a public implementation taskforce and Annual Monitoring Plan. This taskforce should meet regularly and in public. There should also be a monitoring update report given at a publicly noticed meeting annually.

**Requirements of the Climate Action Plan**

NCG highly recommends that the developers of the E-CAP review the Climate Action Campaign’s two Climate Action Plan Report Cards. These are a great resource to see what other cities in the region are accomplishing with their climate planning and upon which we can base our own.1 It is clear, if each city does its part, we can make a huge collective impact on the reducing climate change.

1. First and foremost, the NCG strongly urges Escondido to follow San Diego, Chula Vista, and Del Mar in adopting a **100% clean energy goal for the city**. Such a goal is not pie-in-the-sky (if it ever was) any more. The technology is available, the economics are sound—all that is needed is the political will.
2. E-CAP should include an analysis of a **Community Choice Energy program**. This kind of initiative could reduce emissions, lower costs, provide cleaner energy, and generate revenue for the city. As leaders of the city, there is no credible reason not to fully study this issue and have the benefit of current data and conditions. Solana Beach has recently created their own community choice energy program.2
3. E-CAP must be **enforceable and effective**.
4. E-CAP should have clear and aggressive **energy and water use reduction and efficiency goals** with strong implementing ordinances.
5. The E-CAP should include **visionary transportation actions** to reduce vehicle miles traveled, municipal conversion to clean vehicles and **clear, implementable plans to shift commuter modes of travel** in concert with those of San Marcos, San Diego, Del Mar, Carlsbad and National City. E-CAP should build on the city’s commitment to **implement an updated bike plan**.
6. **The city’s commitment to actionable smart growth strategies** and a robust **complete streets program** such as San Diego, San Marcos, and Vista have adopted should be part of the E-CAP.
7. E-CAP should include a commitment and timeline **to achieve zero waste** such as included in the San Diego and Del Mar CAPs.
8. E-CAP should develop aggressive **tree canopy goals to reduce heat islands** especially in neighborhoods that struggle with cooling infrastructure.
9. E-CAP should **extend GHG targets to at least 2030**, and preferably, to 2050 given the speed at which our climate is warming.

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10. There are new sections that should be added to the E-CAP including social justice and equity.

Escondido could lead the way in addressing Social Equity in CAP Implementation

One important, but not well understood, issue is how CAP implementation could address social injustices, build equity, and prevent future injustice. Equitable CAP Implementation would address patterns of underinvestment, address existing community impacts, and proactively plan for long-term health and quality of life. Director of the Program for Environmental and Regional Equity at USC, Dr. Manuel Pastor and other researchers have defined three dimensions of equitable policy implementation. We have based our comments below with heavy reliance on this guidance. ³

- To address deficiencies in the past, addressing social equity in the CAP would prioritize investments that will close racialized gaps, especially by wealth, environmental burden, and existing amenities in a way that will improve work and economic and health opportunities for underinvested communities. In Escondido, this could mean that the CAP focus efficiency and solar programs in neighborhoods that are traditionally left out of redevelopment and improvement. An E-CAP might direct first and most resources (solar, energy and water efficiency, tree canopy, walking and biking trails, etc...) in areas of the city designated in the State’s CalEnviroScreen as overly burdened with pollution or as disadvantaged or where housing stock has not been upgraded.

- To ensure that inequities are not worsened, the CAP should involve partnership throughout the process that is inclusive of the perspectives of vulnerable communities, that supports authentic community-based participation and power, and results in shared decision-making, while also strengthening the health and well-being of the entire region. In Escondido, this could mean workshops in impacted areas that traditionally have no cooling systems in homes, targeting tree cover, energy efficiency, and cooling centers close to these neighborhoods.

- For future planning, equity would require that government takes into account the future by leveraging funding for long-term community health and organizational capacity, avoid or mitigate future harm that may result for new investments in a place, and incorporates metrics and evaluation to promote adaptable and effective implementation. In Escondido, this could mean re-considering the location of the water treatment plant out of the proposed location and moved to a less impacted neighborhood, further from any residents. It would also mean ending consideration of annexations that allow development in high-risk areas that will draw considerable community financial resources away from existing areas needing investment in infrastructure and other needs.

B. Climate Adaptation Plan

Because, as a society, we did not act sooner, we are now experiencing the negative impacts of a warming climate. More extraordinary fires, floods and drought can be expected in the

future, exacerbated by poor urban planning. The E-CAP does not include adaptation planning and it should. At a minimum, significant work must be done in these areas:

1. Analysis and action plans to preserve critical infrastructure and land uses.
2. Cessation of building new development in fire and flood prone areas.
3. Establishment of cooling centers for residents in at-risk areas and a plan to inform the public about their availability.

As with the E-CAP, the adaptation plan should be done through a public process.

A Caution

As you may have heard, on Friday, the Sierra Club and six other leading environmental organizations in the region filed two legal challenges against the County’s Climate Action Plan.

In the first case the County failed, again, to adopt an enforceable CAP. In the second, the use of anywhere-in-the-world carbon offsets to pretend to address the need to reduce GHG emissions is completely unconscionable and unacceptable. Josh Chatten-Brown of Chatten-Brown & Carstens, the attorney for the case stated the problem well, "... the County essentially allows unbridled development in far-flung areas provided that developers purchase carbon offsets from anywhere in the world. Such offsets may be completely illusory and would not benefit the residents of San Diego as offsets attained through local projects would." To the extent, one of your contractors, Ascent, is responsible for this approach, we caution you to temper their advice. We did not support it for the County and we cannot support it in the city of Escondido.

NCG will be tracking that none of the most egregious aspects of the County CAP do not appear in the next E-CAP. Please understand, we are at a crossroads in our region and if we fail to address this issue now, we will not get another chance. The stakes could not be higher for our future. We would welcome a chance to meet with you on this topic if you wish.

In closing, when it comes to climate action there are two distinct camps emerging in our county. One group, includes the County of San Diego that continually fails to adopt an adequate plan and continually finds itself losing in court.

The other group is poised to lead the nation on this issue. The Navy and Marines based in San Diego have taken serious action on climate issues since 1990. The city of San Diego adopted the ‘gold standard’ of a Climate Plan. Chula Vista, Del Mar, Encinitas, and many other cities are following suit.

We urge the City of Escondido to join the latter club.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan worthy of our city, our region, and our world.

Sincerely,

Kelly Conrad, Chair
Laura Hunter, Conservation Chair
Suzi Sandoze, Escondido resident
Richard Miller, Escondido resident
For more information about Escondido Climate Action Alliance please email us at:

man@escondidoysaho.com. Look for us on Facebook.

It is not necessary to belong to any group to join us. Individuals are welcome. We need your

"Cultivating a strong local economy through "green" businesses and opportunities

"Protecting the local environment

"Increasing climate change literacy and awareness

"Raising awareness about carbon fees and dividend policies

"Providing information about community choice energy and renewable energy

"Advocating for a better Climate Action Plan for Escondido

Currently our focus is on:

Escondido residents

SanDiego350 (https://sandiego350.org)

North County Climate Change Alliance (https://ncccliance.org)

Escondido Chamber of Citizens (https://escondidochamberofcitizens.org)

Citizens' Climate Lobby (https://citizensclimatelobby.org)

from the following groups:

The Escondido Climate Action Alliance is made up of concerned individuals and members

Escondido Climate Action Alliance
Seeking Solutions Together
Key strategies to add in Escondido 2018 Update CAP

- Add Zero Waste Goal
- Add tree canopy goal
- Add walking or complete streets plan
- Add more smart growth strategies
- Add strategies to promote ZEVs and convert city fleet
- Add citywide water conservation and reduction goal
- Add citywide & municipal energy efficiency ordinance
- Add 100% clean energy and Community Choice Energy
- Add Social Equity and Jobs section
- Add public implementation taskforce and Annual Monitoring Plan
- Add GHG targets extending to at least 2030
Hi Mike,
I sent these in through the website, but I never trust that that works. Please distribute to Commissioners if possible.
Thanks
Laura

Dear Planning Commissioners and Mr. Mike Strong,
Due to health issues, I cannot attend the meeting tonight. However, I would like to offer these comments to you in advance and ask that they be reflected in your deliberations.
I have reviewed the Draft Climate Action Plan Public Outreach Plan and have the follow comments/recommendations:

1. I greatly appreciate that there is some public input built in prior to the draft going out for CEQA review. This is very critical aspect and I urge you to revised/improve it. It seems that the CAP Workgroup, which is the most important development team for the CAP, is staff-only. The workgroup would benefit from some consistent public engagement. I hope you will change in the following ways:
   a. Add some public members to the CAP Workgroup meetings and allow it to be open to the public attendance. This would really help bring a larger group of people into the conversation and would result in deeper education and understanding of the issues in the CAP.
   b. Please ensure that there is adequate time and input for the public on the strategies portion of the CAP. We are very concerned about some of the strategies (such as off-site/out-of-area offsets) that were developed for the County CAP (which will be litigated) and are not suitable for Escondido. We, as a city, need to develop our own strategies that work for us and that we support.

2. Please expand the CAP process to include Climate Adaptation as this is an important issue for our city as well.

3. Press releases, notices, Mobile community workshop etc...must also be translated into Spanish and Vietnamese to include a broader set of residents.

4. Please provide all comments received on the CAP process on the CAP website. That way the public can follow along with the comments and discussion and input that has been made to date. This will make this site more useable and relevant to the public and the process.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this extremely important issue.
Laura Hunter
619-997-9983
Hi Mike,
I should have added that I think representatives from the Escondido Climate Alliance, Escondido Creek Conservancy, and Escondido Chamber of Citizens and other such groups would be good candidates for inclusion on the CAP Workgroup.
Thanks
Laura
June 4, 2018

Mayor Abed and Council
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

RE: Recommendations for Escondido Climate Action Plan Update

Dear Mayor Abed and Council:

Climate Action Campaign is a nonprofit organization with a simple mission: stop climate change and improve our quality of life. We are committed to helping cities throughout Southern California adopt and implement policies that help prevent the worst impacts of climate change while providing lasting economic, public health, and community benefits.

We wish to see the City of Escondido keep pace with the progress of cities across the region and the state as you update your CAP. To facilitate your CAP update moving forward successfully, we are writing both to recommend strategies to help the city meet the requirements for a CEQA qualified plan, as well as develop a plan that benefits all residents.

CAP Development Recommendations

Adopt a CEQA Qualified Plan Aligned With State Targets
We recommend that Escondido make its CAP update CEQA qualified, as the previous iteration of the CAP was. As a CEQA qualified plan, the CAP must be consistent with state targets, namely SB 32 (2016), which requires statewide emissions to decrease 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and, for planning horizons beyond 2030, with EO S-3-05, which requires an 80% reduction below 1990 levels by 2050.

The CAP Must Have Enforceable and Measurable Strategies with Detailed Deadlines
CEQA is clear about what is required for a qualified CAP. For a CAP to function meaningfully as a roadmap to its reduction target, the measures in the plan must be enforceable — which means they must be specific, unambiguous, and contain clear requirements. Voluntary measures violate these CEQA guidelines. The CAP must also provide substantial evidence for each strategy that implementation of the strategy will lead to the GHG reductions identified for that strategy.

In California Riverwatch v. County of Sonoma et. al (2017), the court stated that in CAPs used for tiering, “any measures or requirements imposed [must] be sufficiently defined to be enforceable.” This means that for the CAP as a whole to be legally binding, the measures that comprise it must be enforceable. The decision further states that measures that fall into the category of “wishful thinking, good intentions, and an intent to ‘work’ with others” violate CEQA (26). The measures within the CAP must be specific,
evidence-based, and contain mandatory requirements, all of which serve to make the CAP as a whole meaningfully enforceable.

**Set 100% Clean Energy Target with Community Choice to be in Alignment with Region**

Every CAP adopted by cities in the San Diego since 2015 -- San Diego, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Chula Vista, Encinitas, and La Mesa -- has included a 100% clean energy target with a commitment to pursue Community Choice.

There are three primary reasons for this: 1) achieving 100% clean energy is the most powerful single strategy a city can adopt to reduce GHG emissions, 2) Community Choice is the only feasible strategy to achieve 100% clean energy, since cities do not have control or jurisdiction over our monopoly utilities; and 2) Community Choice delivers myriad benefits to cities, including choice, lower rates for families, local decision-making, and the opportunity to keep revenues in the community.

We recommend that Escondido include a 100% clean energy target in its CAP with a commitment to Community Choice in order to achieve significant emissions reductions and community benefits and to keep stride with other cities across the region. It would be challenging, if not impossible, to reach state climate targets without a commitment to 100% renewables.

**Set Walking, Biking, and Transit Mode Share Targets**

Even 100% clean electricity won’t get Escondido to the state climate targets. Escondido, like many other cities in California, must change the way the city grows and how people move around the city.

There are two main strategies available to Escondido to reduce drive-alone trips: 1) pursue dense, infill development — including affordable housing near transit — so that more residents live closer to their destinations and average trip distance decreases (and adopt policies that limit or eliminate new sprawl development), and 2) invest in supportive infrastructure and policies that encourage walking, biking, and transit. We recommend that Escondido include in its CAP targets and related strategies that support both of these approaches to vehicle emissions reductions.

These two approaches are mutually supportive and should be pursued concurrently to maximize GHG reductions and co-benefits, such as reduced congestion and improved air quality. Designing and building walkable, bikeable streets near transit will deliver the greatest results if those neighborhoods also benefit from transit-oriented development. Further, concentrating affordable housing near transit has a well-documented effect of decreasing driving, and all the more when transit is accessible on foot. Conversely, new sprawl development will cause emissions from transportation to continue to rise, even if the city emphasizes walkability and bikeability. Land use and transportation strategies must work hand in glove to reduce vehicle emissions.

We recommend setting ambitious targets for the percentage of trips that will be made by biking, walking, and transit and planning accompanying strategies, as well as identifying a vehicle miles traveled reduction
target from land use policies that encourage dense infill development and affordable housing near transit.

**Include Best Practices As Described in 2017 CAP Report Card**

In addition to the previous strategies, we recommend that Escondido include the following best practices adopted by numerous cities across the San Diego region. For more detail on the strategies and which cities have incorporated each into their CAPs, please consult CAC's [2017 CAP Report Card](#).

Additional strategies recommended for inclusion in Escondido’s CAP:

- Energy efficiency and water conservation targets and accompanying ordinances
- Strategies to promote zero emissions vehicles (ZEVs) and convert the municipal fleet to ZEVs
- A commitment to zero waste by a specified date
- Quantifiable target for an increase in tree canopy coverage by planting and caring for drought-tolerant trees.

**CAP Implementation & Monitoring Recommendations**

**Commit to Annual Monitoring Reports and GHG Inventories At Least Every Three Years**

Annual monitoring allows local governments and the public to gauge progress toward implementing CAP strategies and determine if the City is on track to meet GHG targets. The monitoring report should be presented at a noticed public meeting each year. It should state clearly the progress made toward the performance measures set for each measure, as well as the actions taken that have contributed to that progress. For example, if the performance measure for implementation of an Active Transportation Plan is bicycle mode share, the metric that should be reported on annually is bicycle mode share. A GHG inventory, performed regularly and at least every three years, will help the city track progress toward its overall targets.

**Include an Environmental Justice/Social Equity Section**

Climate change hits hardest in low-income and communities of color that face a disproportionate pollution burden and have been left behind economically. The CAP should use CalEnviroScreen to identify and prioritize populations hit first and worst by climate change to be the first to benefit from implementation of CAP strategies.

CalEnviroScreen, the state of California’s Environmental Justice screening tool, helps identify the communities most at risk of suffering the impacts of multiple sources of pollution and of climate change. These high-risk communities are frequently low-income communities of color that lack amenities such as safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, parks, and street trees. There are several census tracts in Escondido that rank in the top 20% on CalEnviroScreen for poverty, housing burden, linguistic isolation, and lack of education.

We recommend that the city include in the CAP a section on social equity and green jobs that addresses how Escondido will ensure that the communities that are most at risk currently are the first to benefit from
the implementation of CAP strategies. The development and implementation of this section should take place in consultation with a diverse set of stakeholders from the most impacted of the city’s communities.

Establish a Public Implementation Taskforce
A public implementation taskforce allows for stakeholder involvement in an open, transparent process. The implementation taskforce should meet regularly and in public.

Conclusion
We hope to see Escondido emerge as a regional climate leader and strongly urge you to incorporate the recommendations enumerated above. We look forward to working with you to help you achieve the City’s climate planning goals. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us as a resource. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this critically important planning document.

Sincerely,

Sophie Wolfram
Director of Programs
Climate Action Campaign
Thanks Marian,

The meeting on the 20th will be similar to the PC meeting.

I am sorry that your correspondence was not included. I will make sure that it gets reviewed by PC and CC, one way or another.

I believe that the PC will have a presentation on the 10th of July. I might as well attach it to that staff report.

Mike

Hi Mike,

In going over the agenda for the upcoming June 20th Escondido City Council meeting I noticed that a letter the Escondido Climate Action Alliance sent back in April was not included in the attached correspondence concerning the CAP. I'm not sure if it wasn't sent to the correct address or if it somehow fell through the cracks but I've attached a copy of it so it can be added for the record.

My colleague Charlie Jungk was able to attend the tree canopy workshop held a couple of weeks. He said it was well done and informative. I'm hoping that Grant thought so to.

I hope to attend the meeting on the 20th and look forward to your presentation. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know.

Regards, Marian
818 648-2349
April 16, 2018

Mayor Sam Abed and City Council Members
City of Escondido
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 62025

RE: Escondido Climate Action Alliance requests that the City of Escondido study Community Choice Energy.

Dear Mayor and City Council members:

The Escondido Climate Action Alliance (ECAA) is a group dedicated to addressing the issue of global warming and resulting climate change. We also care deeply about Escondido and its future. Among our members are local Escondido residents as well as representatives from local nonprofit organizations that are devoted to this issue.

As the City of Escondido begins the reevaluation of its current Climate Action Plan, we request that these efforts include an up to date study of what a Community Choice Energy (CCE) option can provide to our residents.

We have followed with interest the success of other cities that have adopted such plans, and that have experienced benefits that go far beyond just the required lowering of greenhouse gas emissions.

A CCE program allows consumers to have a say in who generates their electricity: a choice that does not exist in the current marketplace. Some CCE programs have created large revenues for local governments, and have resulted in the creation of many well-paying local jobs.

As stated on the City website, a lot has changed since Escondido first adopted its Climate Action Plan. Much more is known about CCE programs and what they can do for a community, and we want to see that Escondido residents and businesses have the opportunity to fully understand this promising option.

We are eager to be a part of Escondido's CAP Update process, and will appreciate updates on its progress. In addition to being kept informed what opportunities are there to participate in, and support, this worthwhile endeavor?

Sincerely,

Blair Lee
Escondido Climate Action Alliance
Hello all....

As we near our first round of public engagement, I wanted to see if this group wanted to set up a tailored neighborhood meeting or "community conversation" so that some of the deep issues that you identify below can be explored.

The first round of engagement will include many different components, all in effort to maximize public input opportunities. There will be a traditional workshop held at the City to help kick things off. We are still working out the details, but if you have subscribed to our newsletter then you will receive adequate notice of the event.

Let me know about any mobile workshops that may accommodate your group. We can have this type of meeting at any point during August.

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From: Charles Jungk [mailto:cjcjungk@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 7:22 AM
To: Patricia Borchmann ; Mike Strong
Cc: Marian Sedio ; Laura Hunter ; Jerry Harmon ; Christine Nava ; Margaret Liles ; Blair Lee ; Liz Myers-Chamberlin
Subject: Re: Drop-off comments.

Thanks Patricia and Team,
I attended the Planning Commission meeting with Marian. Hearing problems (temporary) prevented me from hearing or speaking but I'm looking forward to working on the CAP. The existing CAP and SANDAG reports identified Energy Production and Transportation as the major CO2 sources. I feel that a great amount of Carbon can be offset by continuing to encourage and add Micro grids, Solar Panels and Energy Storage to Public and private buildings and parking areas. Also Encouraging electrification of transportation systems (buses, school buses, city and police vehicles, waste disposal and delivery trucks) and adding EV charging stations to public areas. There are many new potential jobs here. And money not spent on Fossil fuels is kept here in the community. Lots more ideas. We can make Escondido a real showplace while saving lots of money! Feedback welcome.
charlie 760 214 6618
On Wed, May 16, 2018 at 7:48 PM, Patricia Borchmann <patriciaborchmann@gmail.com> wrote:

Marian Sedio - Chairperson - Escondido Climate Action Alliance (ECAA)

fyi - forwarding the email reply from Mike Strong to voice mail comments I submitted Monday to Mike Strong about the PC Kick Off Meeting and Newsletter #1.

My personal voice mail comments expressed disappointment City of Escondido chose SANDAG consultant team, who prepared the first Draft Escondido Climate Action Plan (dated 04 25 18), because City's first concern was minimizing costs, and SANDAG Consultants offered to prepare this Draft CAP at no cost to City of Escondido. After I reviewed the first Draft report prepared by SANDAG consultants, my personal conclusion was the first Draft CAP is poor for many technical reasons that I expect Escondido Climate Action Alliance (ECAA) and other experts from North County Group Sierra Club (NCGSC) will identify in writing, in near future.

My voice mail comments to Mike Strong on Monday expressed personal disappointment that on page 9, the first Draft CAP contained a section covered "Public Outreach", but that section failed to specifically identify both of the two organizations that submitted earlier written correspondence on the topic of Escondido's Climate Action Plan (CAP), in which authors from each organization made specific technical comments that were highly relevant, and both organizations indicated intense public interest in examining option for Community Choice Energy (CCE), that is becoming a popular preference adopted by other local cities in north San Diego County. It is unknown why City chose to apparently disregard correspondence from both organizations, or why City decided these two correspondence pieces from local community organizations were not even given to the SANDAG consultant team to be aware of. My voice mail did not include this observation, but based on a preliminary review of first Draft CAP report (April 2018) prepared by SANDAG consultant team, the report reflects an effort that was 'the least the City could do'.

On Tuesday mid-day, I delivered item for Mike Strong consisting of the Page 12 (Power Point slide) that was prepared by Laura Hunter, taken from her Escondido Climate Action Plan report a few months ago. The Page 12 power point slide summarized series of specific CAP Plan upgrades that were identified through the San Diego 2018 Report Card for Escondido, among other Climate Action Plans ranked for the other 17 cities in San Diego county. I submitted this because I expected that to be helpful, and with it I attached the 1/2 half page summary that Marian Sedio prepared to describe objectives formed by Escondido Climate Action Alliance (ECAA).

In this email today, I felt Mike Strong’s last sentence was an insult to ECAA, by not being grouped with the other ‘important organization’ mentioned (NCGSC).

I was extremely glad to learn that at the Planning Commission public kick-off meeting on May 8, 2018 where the topic of Escondido Climate Action Plan update was introduced, there were speakers who addressed the Planning Commission from both North County Group Sierra Club, and Escondido Climate Action Alliance (ECAA). I am very grateful that there were expert speakers from ECAA and NCGSC who spoke at Escondido Planning Commission workshop/hearing, to demonstrate how important this topic is to so many Escondido public stakeholders in our city, and surrounding area.

I trust that separate written responses from ECAA and NCGSC experts will be prepared by others in the near future to reflect intense shared public interest by many local public stakeholders on this important topic. I believe it would be best if, during the future for me to not play an active part during future CAP correspondence, emails, or contacts. As always, meaningful climate action remains a centerpiece of my own personal interest , however I expect my withdrawl is best for the outcome of developing and nurturing a
productive partnership with City of Escondido, and SANDAG Consultant team, to produce an accurate, and meaningful Climate Action Plan update report.

If my personal action or voicemail comments to Mike Strong on Monday resulted in an undesirable perception of Escondido Climate Action Alliance (ECAA), be assured that I am aware of negative consequences my personal and unauthorized voice mail contact may have caused, if misunderstood. Allow me to reassure my ECAA colleagues that my voice mail comments to Mike Strong were not overly harsh, or unprofessional, as I try hard to sustain self awareness and importance of building mutual confidence with City staff. If you, or any of ECAA team wish to contact me about this disclosure, I understand why and ray phone is 760 580 7046. Or, if appropriate or preferred by ECAA Chair (Marian Sedio) and North County Group Sierra Club Director Laura Hunter, I am available at your earliest convenience if you wish to meet personally. I felt it is important to share this email from Mike Strong, and background with all of my ECAA colleagues.

Thank you for thoughtful consideration.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Mike Strong <mstrong@escondido.org>
Date: Wed. May 16, 2018 at 5:19 PM
Subject: Drop-off comments.
To: "patriciaborchmann@gmail.com" <patriciaborchmann@gmail.com>

Thanks for your comments. I just got in to the office so I haven’t had a chance to review them yet. But I have received them and will include them in any material delivered to City Council.

The people that you reference (NCCCA) have received our e-newsletter and was present at the PC kick-off meeting. So, they are engaged. And we look forward to working with them throughout the process, with inclusive outreach to this group and other important ones.

Thanks.

Mike Strong

Assistant Planning Director

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Charlie Jungk