



## E-Newsletter – August 17, 2018

Interested parties,

The City of Escondido is updating its Climate Action Plan (CAP), which will consist of strategies intended to guide efforts for reducing greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions. As part of the update process, the City created a e-newsletter to provide timely and informative news about the planning process so that residents, businesses, and community members would know more about Project and how to be involved.

### **WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW**

The CAP update process is underway. And so is public outreach. Public participation and input is encouraged to ensure the CAP process reflects the needs of our residents, businesses, and other community members. The current phase of the Project involves a two (2) month planning effort designed to inform residents, businesses, and community members on how to engage in the planning process and to facilitate public input opportunities. The overall goal of the two (2) month effort is to help identify all of the viewpoints and interests of Escondido to create a fully participatory process.

The Planning Division held a community workshop on **Monday, July 30, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Mitchell Room at City Hall** to help kick-off the public engagement period. A summary of the event and feedback received through this community workshop activity is provided in the link below.

<https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/CAPUpdate/workshopmaterial/CAPWorkshopSummary.pdf>

As noted in the summary notes, the public workshop was well attended. But we need to hear from more people. If you were unable to attend this particular event, please contact City staff to set up your own meeting to provide feedback. This is a great way to participate in the convenience of your own home, neighborhood meeting space, or business. More information about these optional outreach services is provided on the Project website.

<https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/CAPUpdate/CAPPhase1Outreachflyer.pdf>

## **DRAFT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY AND FORECASTS**

Local agencies create greenhouse gas emission inventories as an important tool for establishing historical emission trends and tracking progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, in accordance of state law that requires statewide reductions. The link below, includes data for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014; and forecasts out to different key horizon years. The emission inventories are important because they calculate where we are at in terms of emission levels and help facilitate the discussion on what we have to do to reduce our local contribution to future emissions.

[https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/CAPUpdate/DraftRvsdEscondidoGHGInventoryProjection\\_07252018.pdf](https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/ClimateActionPlan/CAPUpdate/DraftRvsdEscondidoGHGInventoryProjection_07252018.pdf)

Emission estimates have been calculated for different years to maintain a consistent time-series, which includes different sectors of emissions, such as transportation and building energy. At the August 28, 2018 Planning Commission meeting, City staff will facilitate a presentation on the greenhouse gas emission inventory and forecasts. The Planning Commission convenes in the Council Chambers, located at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025. The Planning Commission meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

### **STAY INFORMED**

Visit the City's Project website at <https://www.escondido.org/climate-action-plan-documents.aspx> for more information about the CAP update process. This is an online source to review all Project related documents as they become available.

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