



E-Newsletter – June 29, 2020

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 an 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 City recently released the draft CAP for public review and comment. The draft CAP sets ambitious targets to reduce emissions by 42 percent below 2012 levels by 2030, and 52 percent below 2012 levels by 2035. To meet the City’s 2030 and 2035 reduction targets, additional actions beyond those implemented at the State and federal level are required. To meet the City’s 2030 and 2035 targets, this CAP identifies strategies and measures to reduce GHG emissions citywide from a variety of emissions categories. As proposed, there are 31 total measures to achieve emission reductions from five emissions categories: transportation, energy (electricity and natural gas consumption), water and wastewater, solid waste, and carbon sequestration. Measures were developed based on a review of the measures included in the 2013 CAP, community input, existing and future planning efforts in the City, potential co-benefits, and feasibility of implementation. Each measure provides direct and measurable emissions reductions through implementation of specific programs, policies, or projects. The draft CAP also includes a broader examination of social equity and environmental justice through climate adaptation planning assists in the development of more sustainable public policies that address climate change at the community level. Therefore, this CAP includes measures to improve the City’s resilience to potential environmental risks and hazards that will be exacerbated by climate change, while seeking equitable climate change adaptation solutions for all residents, businesses, and other community members. Please take a look at this document and let us know what you think. The link is provided below.

<https://www.escondido.org/climate-action-plan-documents.aspx>

An Environmental Initial Study of the draft CAP was completed in June 2020 and resulted in the development of a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The draft Environmental Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) will be posted for formal public review and comment

for thirty days, from July 1, 2020, to July 31, 2020. Copies of the IS/MND will be available online on the project webpage, and in the office of the Planning Division for review or for purchase at the cost of reproduction. The Draft IS/MND examines the environmental impacts of the proposed CAP, and to the degree that it contains a series of subsequent, implementation projects. Please review and provide comments during the thirty-day public review period.

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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