

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA (1) ACCEPTING THE PROGRESS REPORT ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, (2) ACCEPTING THE 2012 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY REPORT, AND (3) DIRECTING THE CITY'S CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE ROADMAP FOR FUTURE COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, Chula Vista has been a nationally-recognized leader in implementing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to address the threat of climate change to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the CAP includes 18 measures that address climate change concerns, while providing numerous community co-benefits such as utility savings, better air quality, reduced traffic congestion, local economic development, and improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the November 2013 implementation report for the CAP outlines the progress for the current 18 measures and identifies two components (out of 57) that remain "on-hold" due to funding shortages; and

WHEREAS, to help further assess program progress, track changes to emission sources, and guide future policy decisions, staff has completed a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for Calendar Year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 GHG Emissions Inventory indicates that Chula Vista's annual citywide GHG levels have increased to 969,706 MT CO₂e with expansion of its housing stock and population; and

WHEREAS, it also indicates that community per capita levels are approximately 36% below 1990 levels and GHG emissions from municipal sources are 44% lower than 1990 levels; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to continue the City's leadership and to take advantage of new, no-cost GHG analysis and tracking tools, staff proposes to formally update the City's CAP over the next year by reconvening a stakeholder group (known as the Climate Change Working Group); and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Working Group will be chaired by a Resource Conservation Commission member and will publicly meet approximately 12 times over the next year to develop recommendations by consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Working Group's recommendations will be presented to City Council for review and consideration in late 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby resolve that it:

1. Accepts the November 2013 progress report on Climate Action Plan implementation, in the form presented, a copy of which shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk; and
2. Accepts the 2012 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory report, in the form presented, a copy of which shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk; and
3. Directs the City's Climate Change Working Group to develop recommendations, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan Update Roadmap, for future City Council consideration.

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