



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA UPDATING THE CITY OPERATIONS SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council hear the report.

SUMMARY

In 2014, Chula Vista City Council approved the City Operations Sustainability Plan (Plan) and, since then, a multi-departmental "Green Team" has been working to implement it. The Plan sets numeric goals and identifies implementation strategies in seven focus areas helping to lower city operation costs, creating a healthier workplace, and contributing to cleaner air, water and land in the community. This report is a status update of the implementation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Director of Development Services has also determined that the "Project" qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

Sustainability is increasingly becoming a focal point for corporations and organizations wishing to create long-term customer and employee value by taking into consideration how their enterprise operates in terms of social, economic, and environmental performance. Over 6,200 companies worldwide have created a sustainability strategy and conduct annual reports to assess their progress in pursuing this "Triple Bottom Line" approach - people, planet and prosperity. These sustainability-minded businesses have benefitted from fostering innovation in their company culture, reducing long-term utility and fuel costs,

and creating a healthier workplace. For municipal operations, sustainability can be defined as the City's ability to provide high quality infrastructure, services, and programs in a manner, which balances the needs of current and future generations.

Since 2014, a multi-departmental "Green Team" has been implementing strategies, "leading by example", in integrating innovative sustainable practices throughout its operations.

The City Operations Sustainability Plan sets numeric goals for 2020 in 7 focus areas - Energy Use, Water Use, Green Purchasing, Recycling & Waste Reduction, Pollution Prevention, Transportation, and Green Buildings & Infrastructure. The Plan identifies implementation strategies and potential funding sources in each area to help reach the targets. In many cases, these strategies also assist Chula Vista in meeting current and pending State mandates. Finally, the Plan outlines opportunities to actively engage City employees and leaders, which will be critical to its successful implementation.

The level of implementation in some cases may be dependent upon the City's ability to secure funding sources. Nonetheless, the City Operations Sustainability Plan serves as a powerful policy framework to guide the City of Chula Vista's sustainability efforts, represents a compilation of new and existing sustainability strategies (which are currently scattered throughout the municipal code and program documents), and reinforces the City's Continuous Improvement philosophy of tirelessly pursuing the "least waste way."

Our Big Goals	2018 Status Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce energy by 20% by 2020 	✓ Done - reduced 35.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce potable water use by 10% by 2020 	✓ Done - reduced 25.6%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of all office/custodial purchases "green" by 2020 	70% of purchases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% recycling rate by 2020 	67% (on track)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent all non-storm water discharges from city facilities by June 15 annually 	✓ Completed annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with Best Management Practices (BMP) requirements and pass inspections with a score of 80% annually by 2020 	✓ Achieved to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% of city fleet transitioned to hybrid or alternate fuels by 2020 	28% (on track for 2020 goal)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase% of employee using sustainable commute options to 30% by 2020 	10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 2 buildings operating at enhanced green standards by 2020 	LEED – EBOM certification process for 3 buildings at City Hall complete Q1 2019 (on track)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new buildings over 10,000 sf will be 	3 new fire stations in

designed and constructed to meet enhanced green building standards by 2020	planning process (currently on track)
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DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations section 18704.2(a)(1), is not applicable to this decision. Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City’s Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods, and a Connected Community. The City Operations Sustainability Plan directly contributes to the Healthy Community goal as it seeks to implement strategies and programs that protect natural resources and promote sustainability.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Because the City Operations Sustainability Plan is a policy framework and will be implemented based on available funding, its adoption did not have a direct fiscal impact. It is anticipated that when individual implementation strategies or related projects are further developed and presented to City Council for consideration, any specific positive or negative fiscal impacts will be identified.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

As mentioned above, the policy-level City Operations Sustainability Plan does not have an ongoing fiscal impact. Impacts from any specific implementation strategies will be evaluated as they are further developed and considered.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. City Operations Sustainability Plan

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