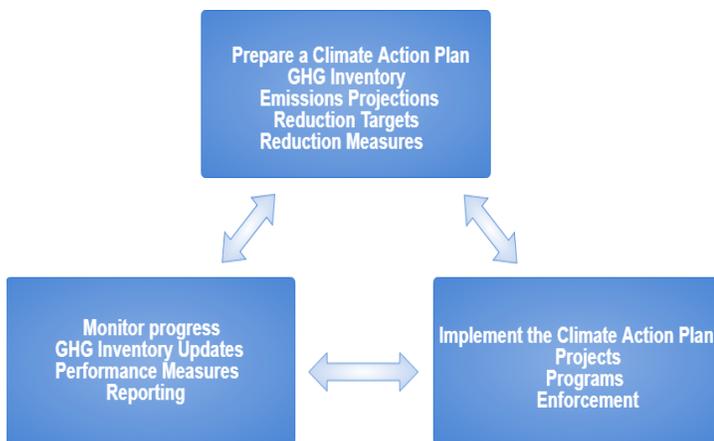


CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

In early summer, the City of Oceanside will hold a public workshop to seek community input on the Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Draft Energy and Climate Action Element (ECAP). The workshop will also provide an opportunity for comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the ECAP and Economic Development Element (EDE). The Draft CAP and Draft ECAP policy framework will be made available for public review at least 10 days prior to the workshop. The date and location of the workshop will be posted to the [project webpage](#) by June 15.



An essential part of the City's General Plan Update, the Draft CAP proposes a range of specific actions intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in a manner consistent with state goals. These actions promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative transportation, solid waste reduction and diversion, water conservation, local agriculture, and urban forestry. Few of these actions involve mandates; most seek to encourage voluntary action. The CAP sets in motion a cyclical process that includes implementation, monitoring, reporting, and revision of the CAP as new technologies and protocols for GHG emissions reduction emerge over time.

The Draft ECAP provides policy support for the CAP and includes additional goals and policies meant to promote the City's long-term environmental sustainability. Along with the EDE, the ECAP is expected to

provide important guidance for the updating of the City's other General Plan elements, including the Land Use Element, Community Facilities Element, and Environmental Resources Management Element.

According to the City's 2013 baseline GHG emissions inventory, roughly 96 percent of the City's GHG emissions are generated in the private sector (with the remaining four percent stemming from municipal operations). Private vehicle transportation (especially in vehicles with traditional combustion engines), lighting, appliances, heating and air conditioning systems, water use, and solid waste generation are the principal sources of GHG emissions in Oceanside. Consequently, both the CAP and ECAP emphasize the essential role that local households and businesses must play in minimizing the City's contribution to global GHG emissions. With a strong focus on education, the CAP and ECAP encourage households and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint by reducing their reliance on fossil fuels and other non-renewable materials. Each day, the City's residents and businesses make numerous decisions that determine their carbon footprint. The CAP and ECAP seek to make these stakeholders more mindful of these everyday decisions, more aware of sustainable alternatives, and better equipped to pursue these alternatives. Please join us at the upcoming workshop to both share your perspective on climate action and learn more about what you can do to contribute to the City's GHG emissions reduction goals.

