

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP), a component of the Draft Energy and Climate Action Element (ECAP), is being revised to include a 75% renewable energy goal. The addition of this goal will allow the City to show emissions reduction consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the state's long-term emissions reduction targets. The 75% renewable energy goal will effectively double the amount of emissions reduction achieved through all of the other emissions reduction measures proposed under the Draft CAP. These other measures include: requirements and incentives for solar photovoltaic installation, incentives for electric vehicles, smart growth policies that encourage infill and redevelopment, incentives for urban agriculture and community gardening, an urban forestry plan, conservation of agricultural land, and implementation of the City's Zero Waste Plan and Water Conservation Plan.

The renewable energy goal commits the City to sourcing at least 75% of its electrical power from renewable sources (e.g., solar, wind, geothermal) by 2030. There are various ways the City can achieve this goal. One way would be to work with the City's current electrical power supplier, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), to expand SDG&E's renewable power portfolio. Another way would involve community choice aggregation (CCA), whereby the City would purchase electricity directly from renewable power suppliers, perhaps in partnership with other local jurisdictions. The latter option would allow the City to invest residual fee revenue in local renewable power and energy efficiency programs that would help to move the City toward energy independence.

The renewable energy goal reflects a regional trend. Most of the local CAPs approved in the San Diego region over the past two years include a renewable energy goal, with some cities committing to 100% renewable energy. Both the County of



San Diego and the City of San Diego have committed to a renewable energy goal, as have the cities of Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and La Mesa. It is likely that other cities in the region will follow suit when they update their CAPs.

The City expects to release the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Draft Economic Development Element (EDE) and ECAP in late August 2018. During the state-mandated 45-day public review period, the City will host a community workshop on the Draft ECAP, at which time the specific emissions reduction measures of the Draft CAP will be outlined and discussed. The date, time, and location of the community workshop will be announced on the City's webpage before the end of August...Stay tuned!