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City Releases Draft Climate Action Plan and Asks for Public Input

Public meeting scheduled and online survey available

Sacramento, CA – The City of Sacramento Community Development Department today rolled out its [draft climate action plan](#), a comprehensive document containing cost-effective strategies and programs geared toward reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and helping the City better adapt to climate change. The City is seeking public input on the draft plan by December 9, and has two opportunities to encourage public participation, including a public meeting that is scheduled for November 16 at 6 p.m. and an [online survey](#) that encourages the community to make choices to reduce climate change.

“We want Sacramento to become a model for sustainability and this plan will chart the course to do that,” said Erik deKok, senior planner with the city’s community development department. “To achieve our sustainability targets, and protect our natural environment, economy, and quality of life, it will take action on the part of staff and City Council to help set the standard and lead by example. But it’s also even more critical that the broader community of people who live, work and do business in our city be willing to take action as part of daily life here in Sacramento.”

The City has already reached the first step in the planning process, having completed an internal climate action plan in 2010 to reduce GHG from the City’s municipal operations. With that information in hand, Sacramento City Council earlier this year approved GHG reduction targets and a strategic policy framework to reduce citywide GHG emissions to 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. The formal draft climate action plan outlines:

- Specific reduction targets for GHG emissions
- Strategies, measures, and implementing actions to reduce GHG emissions
- Measurable goals and key performance benchmarks for strategies and measures
- Information with regard to future green collar jobs and ways to expand the green economy
- Ways to improve energy independence and energy security
- Strategies for adapting to climate change such as extreme temperatures, water scarcity, etc.

“Combating climate change starts with a detailed plan and community engagement,” deKok added. “Building awareness, working with our partners, and educating the public are all essential ingredients to address the challenges of climate change and to reduce Sacramento’s contribution to GHGs.”

The public meeting is slated for November 16 at 6 p.m. at 300 Richards Boulevard, Room 221. The public is invited to attend to obtain an overview of the plan and give their input. To take part in the online survey, visit this [link](#).

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