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City of Gilroy Climate Action Plan

The City of Gilroy has begun preparation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP), a roadmap for reducing the community and municipality's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. The City has received a grant from the U.S. Department of energy to prepare the CAP, which will be led by the consulting firm of Town-Green and assisted by environmental advisors Denise Duffy & Associates, energy experts Strategic Energy Innovations, Inc., and transportation leaders, Fehr & Peers. Stan Ketchum, Senior Planner in the Community Development Department, is the City's Project Manager for the CAP.

The CAP will build on the foundation of City and community resource and emission-reduction programs, policies, and actions. This plan will help enhance Gilroy's competitive position as a healthy and resilient place to live, work, shop, and recreate. The study will begin with the development of an inventory of the existing sources of green house gas (GHG) emissions, including energy, transportation/land use, water, agriculture, and solid waste sources.

The CAP Team will help establish targets for the reduction of those emissions and develop other environmental goals that align with recently enacted State regulations.

Following the GHG inventory and reduction targets, the Team will gather, evaluate, and prioritize relevant measures for achieving these targets; propose programs, policies, and best practices for implementing the Plan. A monitoring program to measure the City's progress in achieving the targets will also be included in the CAP. The project schedule anticipates completion of the CAP by the end of the year.

The process will include formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) to represent broader community interests and help guide the CAP. The SAC will review and provide input on each component of the plan, meet with City staff and the consultants at key milestones in the process and participate in two public workshops.

In addition to the SAC, the Team will engage and educate the community through the development of an interactive CAP website including surveys and questionnaires, and by hosting two public workshops customized to capture a diversity of ideas and feedback.

To learn more about the Gilroy Climate Action Plan, please visit our website (www.greengilroy.org) or send an email to info@greengilroy.org.

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