

General Plan Amendment – Policy OS-10.11

Climate Action Plan Policy

10.27.20

Agenda Item No.: 9

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to:

- Consider Addendum Number 4 together with the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared for the 2010 Monterey County General Plan; and
- Approve an amendment to Policy OS-10.11 of the Monterey County 2010 General Plan to update the language concerning the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan in line with statewide targets.



Progress to Date



July 29th

Planning Commission-
Early Assessment



September 9th

Planning Commission-
Public Hearing to
consider amendment
language



October 27th

Board of Supervisors –
Public Hearing to
consider Amendment
Language



2022

Climate Action Plan
completed

Summary of Changes



Update 2020 target to reflect state target for 2030



Separate deadline from General Plan adoption date and Board adoption of plan while maintaining a deadline for the creation of the plan



Update language to include equity considerations within the Climate Action Plan



Focus on measurement and verification of performance indicators to be able to identify incremental improvements and success of strategies.

Comments

- LandWatch Monterey County

- Require adoption of Climate Action Plan by end of 2022
- CEQA Addendum not appropriate without adoption date

- Staff Response

- Proposed language commits to having a plan by end of 2022
 - Not pre-decisional of Board action in 2022 (Adoption)
 - Funding for plan preparation pending

- Addendum

- General Plan Policy is enforceable
- Commitment to 40% reductions more effective than the existing 15% reduction target
- No new significant effects or more severe effects identified

Revised Language

“Within 24 months of the adoption of the General Plan, By the end of 2022, the County of Monterey County shall develop and adopt a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction community climate action Pplan and the Board of Supervisors shall consider adoption of the plan or provide direction as appropriate. with This plan shall have a target to reduce emissions by 20320 to a level that is 4540% less than 2005 1990 emissions levels. This plan should include environmental justice considerations including the impact of climate change and adaptation strategies on Disadvantaged Communities, as that term is defined in Government Code Section 65302 (h)(4)(A), low-income and/or under-resourced communities, communities of color, and/or indigenous peoples as necessary.”

At a minimum, the Plan shall:

- a. Establish a ~~an~~ *current* inventory of 2005 GHG emissions in the County of Monterey including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural emissions;
- b. Review progress made between 2010 and 2020 to reduce GHG emissions;
- c. Forecast GHG emissions for 20230 for County operations;
- d. Forecast GHG emissions for areas within the jurisdictional control of the County for “business as usual” conditions;
- e. Identify ~~methods~~ *strategies* to reduce and *sequester* GHG emissions and set performance indicators for each strategy;
- f. Quantify the reductions in GHG emissions from the identified ~~methods~~ *strategies* and evaluate the social and health impacts that may result from their implementation;
- g. *Quantify carbon sequestration in agricultural soils and crops*
- h. Establish requirements for monitoring and reporting of ~~GHG emissions~~ *indicators*;
- i. Establish a schedule of actions for implementation;
- j. Identify funding sources for implementation; and
- k. Identify a reduction goal for the 204530 ~~Planning Horizon~~.
- l. *Quantify carbon sequestration in agricultural soils and crops*

During preparation of the ~~Greenhouse Gas Reduction~~ community climate action Pplan, the County shall also evaluate potential options for incorporating changes in County policies within the General Plan including, but not limited to, those regarding health and safety, land use, and circulation, as necessary, , as well as the Hazard Mitigation Plan to further achieve the 20230 and 204530 reduction goals. The County shall also consider and measures to promote urban forestry and public awareness concerning of climate change and strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change. The County shall continue planning for adaptation due to climate change.”