

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 4**

**SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW:**

A Climate Action Plan is a strategic plan that addresses greenhouse gas emissions reductions and is the common approach for a jurisdiction to demonstrate consistency with climate change law. In California, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 in combination with an amendment to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by SB97 (2007) compels local jurisdictions to address greenhouse gas emissions in their planning and environmental documents. The County of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP) demonstrates the County's consistency with state policy and law for the unincorporated county and County government operations. In conjunction with the Climate Action Plan, the County has prepared guidelines for determining significance of greenhouse gas emissions for new development. These guidelines ensure that new development reviewed by the County is consistent with the Climate Action Plan and avoids unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions analysis on small projects. This will result in time and costs savings for smaller discretionary projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The adoption of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) has no immediate or direct fiscal impact to the County. Community programs are implemented through external and/or regional partners such as utility providers and non-profit entities. Local Government Partnership Programs, funded through the Investor-owned Utilities (i.e. San Diego Gas and Electric), are administered by the County of San Diego, primarily through the Department of General Services. Achievement of the target will be monitored on an annual basis and reported to the Board as part of the General Plan annual report. Any modification of CAP measures that require a fiscal commitment will be brought before the Board for consideration.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The adoption of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) is supported through the application of Guidelines for Determining Significance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions for new development (Significance Guidelines). The Significance Guidelines provide direction for development projects which will streamline processing times and reduce costs associated with GHG emissions analysis. The number of projects that are not required to prepare a detailed emissions analysis will increase as the Significance Guidelines are applied. The new Significance Guidelines also provide a more legally sound approach to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In order to rely on these project guidelines, projects that do not require analysis will have to incorporate at least one CAP measure such as energy efficiency that exceeds California Building Standards Code (Title 24) or installation of solar photovoltaic systems. However, the net impact to new development is considered beneficial insofar as it would result in more streamlined processing and, in most cases, require less project specific analysis.

**RECOMMENDATION:  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Adopt environmental findings included in Attachment C.
2. Adopt plan titled, County of San Diego Climate Action Plan (Attachment A).
3. Modify the Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change to require the installation of J1772-compatible circuits in proximity to vehicle parking/storage in commercial and residential structures that exceed the bright line threshold.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE**

Adopt the plan titled, County of San Diego Climate Action Plan (Attachment A). If the Board of Supervisors wishes to consider the Planning Commission recommendation related to installation of J1772-compatible circuits, the Department recommends that it be modified to require that eligible projects provide: 1) space dedicated in the electrical panel for a circuit for vehicle charging; and 2) wiring or conduit between the electrical panel and parking area if the electrical panel is not located at the garage.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Slater-Price, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted environmental findings included in Attachment C.
2. Adopted the plan titled, County of San Diego Climate Action Plan (Attachment A).
3. Modified the Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change to make voluntary the installation of J1772-compatible circuits in proximity to vehicle parking/storage in commercial and residential structures that exceed the bright line threshold.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater-Price, Roberts, Horn

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By *Andrew Potter*  
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