

Memo

Date: July, 21, 2022
From: Dean Kubani
To: Mayor Maurer
Mayor pro Tem Shapiro
Councilmember Bozajian
Councilmember Kraut
Councilmember Weintraub

Re: **Review Materials for August 10, 2022 Climate Study Session**

Attached are four examples of climate action plans from California cities similar in size to Calabasas that demonstrate different approaches to climate planning undertaken by smaller cities. I will cover each of them in more detail and discuss the level of effort, time commitment, costs, and pros and cons of each approach in my presentation on August 10. Please look them over in advance of the meeting to familiarize yourselves with the options. Below are brief description of the four plans:

- 1) **City of Claremont Sustainable City Plan:** The City of Claremont (population 35,950) incorporated climate goals and actions into a broader Sustainable City Plan that includes additional environmental goals as well as an implementation plan. This was developed in-house by City staff and a Sustainability Committee that included Council members, City staff and community stakeholders. It was originally adopted in 2008 and was updated in 2013 and again in 2021.
- 2) **City of Mill Valley Climate Action Plan:** The City of Mill Valley (population 14,150) prepared their Climate Action Plan and incorporated it into their General Plan in 2013. The plan was developed in-house by Planning Department staff. The city is currently in the process of completing a comprehensive update to the plan. More information can be found on their update process at <https://www.cityofmillvalley.org/768/Climate-Action-Plan>
- 3) **City of Albany Climate Action and Adaptation Plan:** The City of Albany (population 19,900) hired Cascade Consulting Group and Rincon Consultants to prepare a stand-alone CAAP that was adopted in December 2019. This plan is

typical of what many California cities are now developing and includes plans to address both climate mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and climate adaptation (preparing for anticipated climate impacts to their city - sometimes referred to as “climate resilience”).

- 4) **City of Agoura Hills Climate Action and Adaptation Plan:** The City of Agoura Hills (population 19,655) hired LSA Associates Inc. to complete a “qualified” CAAP that comprehensively addresses state requirements and recommendations for climate plans, adopts state targets and includes a CEQA review process. This is the most comprehensive type of plan included for your review. The plan is in draft form and was released in March 2021.

While these four plans represent the primary options for climate planning there are many similar examples that have been completed by cities in California. If you are interested in looking at additional examples the Zero Energy Project has compiled a fairly comprehensive list of climate action plans (with links to the plans) for over 90 California cities of all sizes. That list can be found here: <https://zeroenergyproject.org/climate-action-plans/california/>