



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Community Health and Equity Committee

DEPARTMENT: Office of Sustainability

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Douglas R. Melnick, AICP, ISSP-SA, CNU-A

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All

SUBJECT:

SA Climate Ready, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

SUMMARY:

Briefing and possible action on the status of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan is one of three growth-related plans of the City of San Antonio's SA Tomorrow Plan, adopted by City Council August 11, 2016. The Sustainability Plan addresses how the City's expected population growth will be balanced with our social, economic, and environmental resources. The Sustainability Plan articulates the City's Sustainability strategy and serves as a roadmap to make our community and municipal operations more sustainable and can be viewed at <http://www.sasustainability.com> and provides a foundation for climate action as it includes a Greenhouse Gas Inventory, Climate Vulnerability Assessment, and Climate Trends Analysis.

On June 22, 2017, City Council passed a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and explore the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

On June 27, 2017, CPS Energy committed to providing \$500,000.00 to the University of Texas at San Antonio to work with the City of San Antonio on the development of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

On November 30, 2017, City Council approved an Interagency Partnership Agreement (IPA) between the City of San Antonio, CPS Energy, and the University of Texas at San Antonio for the development of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The IPA outlines agency roles and expectations, as well as the scope of work, deliverables and timeline.

On January 25, 2019, the Office of Sustainability released the Draft SA Climate Ready Plan. After additional public input and stakeholder engagement, a revised Draft SA Climate Ready Plan was released on August 22, 2019.

The revised plan retains the strategies that were identified in the initial draft, but has been condensed, streamlined and rearranged to improve readability and has language and images that are San Antonio-specific. The process for reporting, updating and implementing the plan has also been refined. The full City Council was briefed on August 22. Subsequently, CPS Energy, San Antonio Water System, and the West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce endorsed the plan. The City Council will be briefed again during B Session on October 2, 2019 followed by Council consideration and action on October 17, 2019.

ISSUE:

As part of the implementation of the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan and City Council's Paris Climate Agreement resolution, the Office of Sustainability has been coordinating with CPS Energy and the University of Texas at San Antonio to implement the San Antonio Climate Action and Adaptation (CAAP) planning process.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Community Health & Equity Committee may choose not to support the adoption of the SA Climate Ready, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Community Health & Equity Commission support the adoption of the SA Climate Ready, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.