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DRAFT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PDS2016-GPA-16-007) for the CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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The proposed changes to the County of San Diego 2011 General Plan Update (GPU) goal and policy, and 2011 General Plan Update Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) mitigation measures are provided below and shown in underline (underline) for new additions and ~~strikeout~~ for deletions:

1) GPU Goal: COS-20 (Governance and Administration)

Reduction of ~~local~~ community-wide (i.e., unincorporated County) and County Operations GHG greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change that meet or exceed requirements of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, as amended by Senate Bill 32 (as amended, Pavley, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit).

(Reference: [2011 General Plan Update Page 5-38](#))

2) GPU Policy: COS-20.1 (Climate Change Action Plan)

Prepare, maintain, and implement a ~~climate change action plan with a baseline inventory of~~ GHG emissions from all sources; ~~GHG emissions reduction targets and deadlines, and enforceable GHG emissions reduction measures.~~ Climate Action Plan for the reduction of community-wide (i.e., unincorporated County) and County Operations greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183.5.

(Reference: [2011 General Plan Update Page 5-39](#))

3) GPU Program EIR Mitigation Measure (MM) CC-1.2

~~Prepare a County Climate Change Action Plan with an update baseline inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from all sources, more detailed greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and deadlines; and a comprehensive and enforceable GHG emissions reduction measures that will achieve a 17% reduction in emissions from County operations from 2006 by 2020 and a 9% reduction in community emissions between 2006 and 2020. Once prepared, implementation of the plan will be monitored and progress reported on a regular basis. Climate Action Plan for the reduction of community-wide (i.e., unincorporated County) and County Operations greenhouse gas emissions consistent with State legislative targets, as described in General Plan Goal COS-20, and consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5 or as amended, as referenced in General Plan Policy COS-20.1. As described in Section 15183.5, the key elements of the Climate Action Plan would include:~~

“CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b)(1):

(1) Plan Elements. A plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions should:

- (A) Quantify greenhouse gas emissions, both existing and projected over a specified time period, resulting from activities within a defined geographic area;
- (B) Establish a level, based on substantial evidence, below which the contribution to greenhouse gas emissions from activities covered by the plan would not be cumulatively considerable;
- (C) Identify and analyze the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from specific actions or categories of actions anticipated within the geographic area;
- (D) Specify measures or a group of measures, including performance standards, that substantial evidence demonstrates, if implemented on a project-by-project basis, would collectively achieve the specified emissions level;
- (E) Establish a mechanism to monitor the plan’s progress toward achieving the level and to require amendment if the plan is not achieving specified levels;
- (F) Be adopted in a public process following environmental review.”

Once prepared, implementation of the Climate Action Plan will be monitored and progress reported on a regular basis, as follows:

- Implementation Monitoring Report – prepared annually;
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – updated every two years; and
- Climate Action Plan – updated every five years.

(Reference: [2011 General Plan Update Program EIR Page 2.17-30](#))

4) GPU Program EIR MM CC-1.7

~~Incorporate the California ARB's recommendations for a climate change CEQA threshold into the County Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change. These recommendations will include energy, waste, water, and transportation performance measures for new discretionary projects in order to reduce GHG emissions. Should the recommendation not be released in a timely manner, Ithe County will prepare and adopt its own threshold for GHG emissions and shall include this threshold in the County Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change.~~

(Reference: [2011 General Plan Update Program EIR Page 2.17-30 and Page 2.17-31](#))

5) GPU Program EIR MM CC-1.8

~~Revise Prepare County Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change (Guidelines) based on the Climate Change Action Plan. The revisions Guidelines will include guidance for identify the specific actions proposed discretionary projects will need to take to achieve greater energy, water, waste, and transportation efficiency demonstrate consistency with the Climate Action Plan pursuant to Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines or as amended, as described in the 2011 General Plan Update Program EIR Mitigation Measure CC-1.2, as amended.~~

(Reference: [2011 General Plan Update Program EIR Page 2.17-31](#))