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From: Clara Cornelius
To: CAP
Cc: Albert Lau; Mark Hammie
Subject: Comments on Draft Supplemental EIR & General Plan Amendment for Climate Action Plan (SCH No. 2016101055)
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Attn: Maggie Soffel, Land Use/Environmental Planner

Attached is Padre Dam Municipal Water District's comments regarding the subject Draft Supplemental EIR & General Plan Amendment for Climate Action Plan (SCH No. 2016101055)

If you have any questions, please contact Albert Lau, PE, Director of Engineering and Planning at (619) 596-1804.

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Response to Comment Letter L2

**Padre Dam Municipal Water District
 Clara Cornelius, Engineering Staff Assistant
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The comment indicates Padre Dam Municipal Water District's (PDMWD's) comments are enclosed. No further response is required.



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September 20, 2017

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Subject: Comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and General Plan Amendment for the Climate Action Plan (SCH No. 2016101055)

Dear Ms. Soffel:

Padre Dam Municipal Water District (District) has reviewed the County of San Diego's (County's) Climate Action Plan. The District fully supports the goals and objectives of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) developed by the County to improve sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions regionwide.

As the County is aware, the District is planning to implement the East County Advanced Water Program (ECAWP) to increase regional water supply reliability. It is the District's goal that the ECAWP Project ultimately produces up to 30 percent of East San Diego County's potable water supply by 2040. By providing a local source for potable water, the ECAWP Project would reduce reliance on imported water, thereby reducing GHG emissions associated with having to pump water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta in northern California or from the Colorado River for consumption. The ECAWP is a collaborative partnership with the County and other agencies including Helix Water District and the City of El Cajon to implement the ECAWP.

As part of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with water use (and associated wastewater treatment), the County includes measures to reduce water consumption. Measure W-1.3: Reduce Potable Water Consumption at County Facilities, mentions a supporting effort to work with Padre Dam Municipal Water District on the ECAWP (page 3-71).

Because of the potential for the ECAWP to reduce imported water use for the community and provide a local, sustainable, and drought-resilient source of potable water, there are other sections of the CAP where it would be valuable to emphasize the County's partnership with ECAWP. These sections include Section 3: GHG Reduction Strategies and Measures; Section 4: Climate Change Vulnerability, Resiliency and Adaptation; and Section 6: Public Outreach and Engagement: Regional Collaboration.

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The comment describes PDMWD's efforts to implement the East County Advanced Water Program (ECAWP) and suggests that the County emphasize the County's partnership with PDMWD on the ECAWP. As detailed within the CAP Measure W-1.3: Reduce Potable Water Consumption at County Facilities, a Supporting Effort states that the County will work with the Padre Dam Municipal Water District on the Advanced Water Purification Program. The County looks forward to working with PDMWD on this program. This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to the adequacy of the Draft SEIR. The comment will be included in the Final EIR and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the project.

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We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on County's Climate Action Plan. Questions regarding this letter and further coordination on these issues should be directed to Albert C. Lau, P.E. Director of Engineering and Planning.

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