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The following are various possibilities for the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) direction at the September 11, 2024 Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update hearing. This sheet is only a sample of the many possible directives and should not be construed to presuppose or limit deliberation or possible actions.

A. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

[   ]   Adopt the CAP Update.

This recommendation would include the following actions:

Adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings which include the certification and findings regarding significant effects of the Project through mitigation or alternatives, the mitigation and monitoring program, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the decision to not recirculate the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15088.5, 15090, 15091, 15093, and 15097 (Attachment G) and Certify the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Attachment F).

Adopt the Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Threshold of Significance (Attachment A-8).

Adopt the Final CAP Update (Attachment A).

Adopt the Climate Action Plan Consistency Review Checklist (Attachment A-8).

Adopt the RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATING THE 2011 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT MITIGATION MEASURE CC-1.2, CC-1.7, AND CC-1.8; GPA 20-004 (Attachment C-1).

Adopt the RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) PDS2020-GPA-20-004, AMENDING THE 2011 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE GOAL COS-20 AND POLICY COS-20.1; GPA 20-004 (Attachment C-2).

Adopt the RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (Attachment C-3)

Adopt the RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING THE GREENHOUSE GAS THRESHOLD OF SIGNIFICANCE (Attachment C-4)

Authorize the Planning & Development Services Director, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funds and negotiate contracts to support implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

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B. SMART GROWTH ALTERNATIVES DIRECTION

In addition to adoption of the CAP Update, the Board may select one, multiple, or none of the smart growth alternatives for further analysis and provide direction on implementation.

Table 1: Summary of Smart Growth Alternatives

SMART GROWTH ALTERNATIVE	DESCRIPTION	POTENTIAL OUTCOMES
Fire Safe and VMT Efficient	Identifies smart growth geography in areas that are both outside those with High or Very High fire risk and within those that are VMT efficient.	Reduce VMT by focusing growth away from rural areas and closer to existing and planned job centers and public facilities.
Village Support Areas	Identifies smart growth geography in areas that are within 0.5-mile buffers around the established Villages identified in the General Plan.	Promote compatible and connected growth to realize the densities included for Villages in the General Plan and thereby reduce VMT.
Sustainable Communities Strategy	Identifies smart growth geography in areas that are within San Diego Association of Governments 2021 Regional Plan Mobility Hubs.	Focus growth in the portions of Mobility Hubs that are in the unincorporated area where capital transportation investment will support future jobs and housing and thereby reduce VMT.
General Plan Goals and Policy Edits	Identifies General Plan goals and policy edits to further enhance smart growth principles. This alternative could be directed in addition to, or in lieu of, any of the geographic-based smart growth alternatives above.	Provide support for the County's climate policies, reduce VMT, reduce risks resulting from wildfire, protect biological and groundwater resources, and impose additional criteria for the approval of future General Plan Amendments.

1. **Select one, multiple, or none of the alternatives:**

   [   ]   1A: Fire Safe and VMT Efficient Alternative; **AND/OR**

   [   ]   1B: Village Support Areas Alternative; **AND/OR**

   [   ]   1C: Sustainable Communities Strategy Alternative; **AND/OR**

   [   ]   1D: General Plan Goals and Policy Edits Alternative;

   OR

   [   ]   1E: No Smart Growth Alternative(s).

2. **If a smart growth alternative is selected, provide direction on smart growth alternative implementation pathway for further analysis, outreach, and CEQA analysis:**

[ ]   2A: Integrate smart growth alternative concepts to existing ongoing efforts, e.g., Sustainable Land Use Framework (STAFF RECOMMENDATION);

OR

[ ]   2B: Implement the smart growth alternative as a standalone project.

AND   2C: Provide direction on options for evaluation of implementation of geographic-based smart growth alternatives (check all that apply):

[ ]   Smart Growth Overlay

[ ]   Incentives for Development Within Smart Growth Areas

[ ]   Infrastructure Studies

[ ]   Zoning and/or Land Use Changes

[ ]   Disincentives for Development Outside Smart Growth Areas

[ ]   Other: _____

Table 2: Smart Growth Alternatives Implementation Options

IMPLEMENTATION OPTION	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR APPROVAL
Smart Growth Overlay	Add designations to the underlying zoning of parcels. Parcels within the Smart Growth Overlay would have a designator assigned that would govern the rules, policies, and procedures (e.g., incentives) for development.	Short term: 6-12 months
Incentives for Development Within Smart Growth Areas	Develop tools that facilitate the planning application process (e.g., zone box simplification, fee waivers, priority review, other development process improvements) for certain project types. Streamlining approvals with reduced costs and expedited process may encourage smart growth development patterns.	Short term: 6-12 months
Infrastructure Studies	Perform infrastructure studies to find deficiencies and develop public/private partnerships to address infrastructure limitations on selected development.	Medium term: 12-18 months
Zoning and/or Land Use Changes	Change the underlying zoning of land. This may include up-zoning parcels, establishing minimum densities, implementing duplex and lot splits, and identifying mixed use and residential designations in underutilized commercial areas. Zoning and/or land use changes will require future implementing actions if the Board directs changes.	Long term: 60 months
Disincentives for Development Outside Smart Growth Areas	Explore feasible disincentives for development occurring outside smart growth areas, including disincentives on general plan amendments.	Long term: 60 months
Other	Program and/or policy development to encourage development in smart growth areas and/or limit development in areas disfavored under a smart growth analysis (e.g., Transfer of Development Rights Program, special improvement districts).	Medium to long term: 12-60 months