

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS
ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING
GROUP

WHEREAS, the City is currently working on a comprehensive update of its State mandated Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the updated plan will be submitted to City Council for its consideration in early 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the updated plan will contain a variety of greenhouse gas reducing measures that the City will implement over the lifespan of the updated plan and some of those measures may have significant costs or create significant demands in terms of staff time to properly implement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in recognizing the significant impacts the updated plan will have wishes to establish a Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group comprised of residents of the City to assist the City in the implementation of the soon to be adopted updated plan.

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to make appointments to this new Working Group at a time consistent with the appointments the Council makes to other Council appointed commissions and committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Marcos does hereby establish a Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group and the purpose, primary goal and structure of the Working Group is as described on Appendix A.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos, California, this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Rebecca Jones, Mayor
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

Phillip Scollick, City Clerk
City of San Marcos

APPENDIX A

Purpose of the Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group

The purpose of the Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group (Working Group) would be to assist and provide recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, the Budget Review Committee, other City commissions as needed, and City Staff with the development of plans, strategies, and actions to implement the updated and adopted Climate Action Plan (CAP). The Climate Action Plan Working Group would not be authorized to make any final decisions, commit the city to a specific direction or commit any city funding. The focus will be on establishing tools and potential funding sources to facilitate the implementation actions already identified in the adopted CAP.

Primary Goal of the Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group

The primary goal of Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group is to minimize negative budget impacts to the City, minimize basic City service level reductions as a result of CAP implementation, avoid, if possible, an increase in cost to residents, businesses, and the City itself for electrical power usage, all while reducing the city's output of greenhouse gases to levels consistent with the CAP and applicable State regulations and guidelines.

Structure of the Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group

- The Working Group will consist of five City residents, preferably with at least 2 members having had experience in the power, electricity, and/or renewable energy fields. Membership on the working group will be uncompensated. Any member or potential member must disclose at the time of application or of altered circumstances whether they are an employee, an owner or partner in a business or other professional position that operates in the energy reduction, energy efficiency or renewable energy industry so as to avoid any potential conflicts of interests with City strategies or actions, or the appearance of impropriety.
- The Working Group will work directly with staff assigned by the City Manager to oversee the city's effort on CAP implementation.
- The Working Group will select from within its membership a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at its initial meeting. That Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will serve until the first meeting of the subsequent calendar year. At the first meeting of each calendar year, the Working Group will select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve for that calendar year.
- As a committee formed by the City Council, the Working Group's meeting and interactions will be subject to all applicable Open Meeting laws, including the Brown Act.
- The Working Group will select a regular meeting date at its initial meeting, which date does not conflict with other City commissions or committees and is generally workable for City Staff
- Typically the Working Group will meet quarterly, or more or less frequently as needed, and the members of the Working Group will actively assist City Staff as needed in identifying funding sources such as grants or very low interest loans that the City can utilize to fund CAP implementation.

- The Working Group will serve as “ambassadors” to the public in terms of promoting both knowledge and understanding of the benefits of reducing greenhouse gases as well as encouraging the public to explore options available to them to reduce their energy use and emissions.
- The Working Group will work with Budget Review Committee to understand the impacts that CAP implementation may have on other areas of the City’s budget, and the positive and/or negative results that may occur.
- The Working Group will work with City Staff to develop an annual report to the City Council on progress toward CAP implementation consistent with the reporting requirements imposed on the City by state regulation.
- The City Council has the option and ability to disband the Working Group at its discretion, and the members of the Working Group serve at the pleasure of the City Council.