

RESOLUTION NO. 09-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA ADOPTING THE BENICIA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, adoption of a Climate Action Plan serves to implement the overarching goal of sustainability embodied in the City of Benicia General Plan, as well as many of its individual goals including:

Goal 2.5: Facilitate and encourage new uses and development which provide substantial and sustainable fiscal and economic benefits to the City and the community while maintaining health, safety and quality of life.

Goal 2.15: Provide a comprehensive system of pedestrian and bicycle routes which link the various components of the community: employment centers, residential areas, commercial areas, schools, parks, and open space.

- Policy 2.15.1: Make pedestrian and bicycle circulation, and safety improvements a high priority for transportation funding, utilizing locally generated revenues and State and federal grants.

Goal 2.36: Ensure an adequate water supply for current and future residents and businesses.

- Policy 2.36.3: Implement measures to reduce water consumption
- Policy 2.36.4: Encourage public and private uses to minimize water use and to recycle processed water whenever and wherever feasible.

Goal 2.42: Enhance the recycling of solid waste.

- Policy 2.42.1: Strive to accomplish the mandated objectives of the California Integrated Waste Management Act.

Goal 4.9: Ensure clean air for Benicia residents.

Goal 4.10: Support improved regional air quality.

- Policy 4.10.2: Encourage designs and land use strategies that reduce automobile use and promote mixed use, jobs/housing balance, telecommuting, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities and transit;

WHEREAS, the City produced a greenhouse gas inventory and Climate Action Plan with grant funding assistance from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2008, the Council adopted Greenhouse Gas reduction goals that meet or exceed those established by State Assembly Bill 32 for 2020;

WHEREAS, the City undertook preparation of the Climate Action Plan in partnership with faculty and students from the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo City and Regional Planning Department, in a process that included multiple opportunities for citizen participation;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Review Commission considered the Draft Climate Action Plan, along with public comment, at a joint meeting on August 27, 2009, and unanimously recommended its approval, as well as consideration by the City Council of all public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Benicia hereby approves and adopts the Benicia Climate Action Plan ("CAP"), incorporating by reference the modifications to the Draft Climate Action Plan as enumerated by the Council during the public hearing on September 15, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Community Sustainability Commission, as part of its duties to advise on implementation of the CAP, shall prioritize strategies for immediate action, set a range of dates and the responsible department for the remainder of the strategies, and establish performance measures for said actions and strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Community Sustainability Commission shall review mandatory and voluntary strategies, and wherever possible, recommend use of voluntary actions since voluntary actions will be more quickly achieved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Community Sustainability Commission shall review the CAP annually at the anniversary of the Commission's first meeting and:

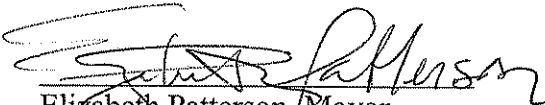
1. Propose updates to incorporate new state and local laws, programs and policies,
2. Report on performance measures and the implementation of the measures,
3. Every 5 years beginning in 2014, implement the adaptive management strategy of the CAP by making adjustments based on knowledge and data to redirect subsequent action, if necessary. Adaptive management strategy includes reviewing reports on the implementation of performance measures and considering the need to modify strategies, adopt standards or other action.

On motion of Council Member **Campbell**, seconded by Council Member **Hughes**, the above Resolution was introduced and passed by the City Council of the City of Benicia at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 15th day of September, 2009, and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: **Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman and Mayor Patterson**

Noes: **None**

Absent: **None**



Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk