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TO: Council Sustainability Committee

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT

Potential Grant Funding for Development of Performance Standards for Existing Buildings - Discussion and Direction to Staff

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Sustainability Committee (CSC) reviews this report and provides direction to staff regarding Hayward's participation in a grant application that would fund a regional effort to develop performance standards for existing buildings.

SUMMARY

Hayward's Climate Action Plan (CAP), adopted by Council on January 30, 2024, includes 180 actions - all of which need to be implemented for Hayward to meet the City's ambitious goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 55% by 2030. Hayward has an opportunity to collaborate with other Bay Area cities to implement several actions called for in the CAP. The actions are related to exploring the feasibility of, conducting community engagement around, and adopting decarbonization ordinances for existing buildings.

Such ordinances can be in the form of a benchmarking requirement and/or a building performance standard. Benchmarking is the tracking of a building's energy performance against a standard. A building performance standard (BPS) is a policy that requires building owners to meet performance targets by actively improving their buildings over time. Bay Area cities are pursuing grant funding to develop, implement, and enforce local BPS that can be used across the Bay Area. This would include designing a model BPS policy with input from communities and stakeholders throughout Alameda County and the Bay Area.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I Staff Report