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DATE: May 24, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT

Climate Action Plan and Environmental Justice: Considerations for New General Plan Policies and Programs

RECOMMENDATION

That Council reviews and comments on this report and provides direction to staff.

SUMMARY

The City is in the process of updating its Climate Action Plan (CAP) to establish policies and programs needed to meet greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets adopted by Council. The CAP, part of the Hayward 2040 General Plan, is being updated along with revisions to the Housing and Safety Elements of the General Plan. This report also presents a draft policy framework for a new Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan. This report provides an update on the project, community engagement strategies, and next steps. The City is working with Rincon Consultants to forecast GHG emissions and develop policies and programs that will help reduce community-wide emissions. Staff will continue engaging with community stakeholders to ensure that all policies in the CAP are equitable and align with community needs.

Council Sustainability Committee Review - On May 9, 2022, the Council Sustainability Committee (CSC) considered a report about the Climate Action Plan and Environmental Justice updates and outreach efforts. Committee members requested that staff:

- Engage with local organizations and nonprofits, including, Save the Bay, Hayward Promise Neighborhood, Hayward Unified School District, StopWaste, Green the Church, and Indigenous groups;
- Partner with the City's Library to reach different audiences through already existing programs like Storytime; and
- Ensure that Strategic Roadmap initiatives align with proposed CAP and EJ initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I Staff Report

Attachment II CAP Mural Board Responses

Attachment III EJ Workshop 1 Mural Board Responses

Attachment IV Hayward EJ Draft Policy Framework

Attachment V EJ Workshop 2 Mural Board Responses