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TO: Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan Update Presentation

In March 2018, the City Council approved the Climate Action Plan (CAP), which provides a roadmap of actions to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Development of a Climate Action Plan was identified as a mitigation measure in La Mesa's 2012 General Plan Update and established targets consistent with State goals and guidance. The 2018 CAP committed the City to updating the plan in 5 years. In 2022, City staff began work on the CAP Update with the consultant team, EPIC, Ascent Environmental Inc., and CR Associates.

Community outreach and engagement are essential elements of the CAP Update planning and development process. Therefore, the City conducted a series of workshops and surveys in 2023 to inform stakeholders and the public about the CAP Update and gather meaningful feedback to influence CAP measure and action development.

The CAP Update is the first comprehensive update to its original CAP adopted in 2018. Revisions were made from the 2018 CAP and address changes in federal and State regulations, greenhouse gas emission targets, regional programs, and advancements in technology. Additionally, the CAP Update addresses co-benefits, climate equity and environmental justice, adaptation strategies, and an addendum to the 2018 CAP Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.