



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Work Plan
2023**

Goals should be consistent with the City’s goals:

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Ensure Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents
- Foster community health by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving environmental quality

Staffing Department: Public Works Department – Environmental Services Division

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Support City staff on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update	Ongoing	1.1. Support staff and assist facilitating community outreach activities (e.g., workshops, surveys, tabling) in support of the CAP Update. 1.2. Work with City staff and consultant to advise in the development of community feedback mechanisms from diverse community groups. 1.3. Create and administer an ad-hoc subcommittee to communicate community and ESC suggestions throughout the development of the CAP Update.	In progress
2. Support the City’s implementation of CAP Measures	Ongoing	2.1. In response to the City’s declared Climate Emergency, support City staff in the development and implementation of new and urgent GHG reduction actions that go beyond existing measures identified in the CAP. 2.2. Support City staff in implementing the recommendations identified in the Urban Forest Management Plan (CAP Measures GI-1 and GI-2) 2.3. Support City staff with the development of waste reduction programs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Analyze data collected at Citywide Community Litter Cleanup Program events to identify common litter types, sources, and/or areas of cleanup focus (CAP Measure SW-3). b. Conduct a waste characterization study at local schools and expand recycling programs at local schools (CAP Measure SW-3). 2.4. Support City staff in the development and implementation of transportation programs and projects to increase active transportation modes and reduce emissions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conduct outreach to inform residents of bicycle infrastructure projects and gather community input on facilities (CAP Measures T-1 and T2) 	In progress



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Advise City staff on the development of a citywide mode share study (CAP Measures T-3 and T-4) c. Conduct outreach to gather community input on electric vehicles (EVs) and infrastructure and equipment, educate community members about EVs, and support the pursuit of funding to install new EV infrastructure and equipment in the City (CAP Measure T-5) d. Continue partnerships with local schools to develop programs to reduce vehicle idling on school grounds and surrounding businesses and support City-staff exploration of program expansion. 	
3. Lead community-oriented educational efforts to increase CAP and sustainability awareness and knowledge	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Host an Energy-focused workshop in partnership with local energy providers (e.g., SDCP, SDG&E) to share information on renewable energy, battery storage, and incentive programs (CAP Measures E-9, E-5, E-6). 3.2. Host a Water and Wastewater—focused workshop to share information on water efficient landscaping in partnership with Helix Water District (CAP Measures W-1 and W-2) 3.3. Host a Solid Waste—focused workshop on organics recycling and edible food recovery outreach to residents and businesses in partnership with EDCO (SW-1 and SW-3). 3.4. Support continued outreach for the La Mesa Green Business Network to encourage enrollment in the certification program and host outreach events on green business initiatives and best practices. 	In progress
4. Continue advancement of Building Electrification (BE)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. As directed by City Council on July 26, 2022, support Staff to provide a recommendation of an ordinance making all new dwellings in La Mesa be not only energy efficient but carbon free (i.e., be completely electric with no natural gas) and return to the Council with recommendations as soon as feasibly possible. 4.2. With the support of City staff, host virtual and in person public workshops to share information on building electrification and gather public input on a recommendation for a draft ordinance. 4.3. Subject to City Council direction, assist City staff with the process to get the ordinance approved by the California Energy and Building Standards Commissions. 4.4. Subject to approval of the proposed ordinance by City Council, continue to monitor results and provide recommendations for updating the ordinance every 3 years (aligned with Title 24 and CEC). Explore the next phase: decarbonization of new nonresidential and existing buildings. 	In progress