

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS ADOPTING THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, in June 2007 the City Council of the City of San Carlos approved a work program and process for an update of the City of San Carlos 1992 General Plan, Specific Plans and subsequent amendments including the 2001 Housing Element, the 2005 Circulation and Scenic Highways Element (including the 2008 amendments); and

WHEREAS, to augment and inform the Goals, Policies and Actions of the 2030 General Plan Environmental Management Element and other Elements of the General Plan, the City had prepared a Climate Action Plan (CAP); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Carlos appointed a General Plan Advisory Committee ("GPAC") to advise the City Council regarding the General Plan Update and over an 18 month period beginning in October 2007, the GPAC held 46 public meetings including: 26 regular meetings and 20 subcommittee meetings where in depth deliberation and formulation of a 2030 General Plan was conducted; and

WHEREAS, comments and participation were sought at one Building Community Forum, two Community Forum Speaker Events, two Housing Public Forums, one Youth Visioning Workshop, one Community Visioning Workshop, one Community Land Use Workshop, and one Climate Action Plan Public Forum; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held four Study Sessions and two public hearings at significant milestones in the process of preparation of the 2030 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held four Study Sessions at significant milestones in the process of preparation of the 2030 General Plan and one public hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report, the 2030 General Plan and the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, comments and participation were sought from the public and interested and affected agencies including City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG), the Airport Land Use Committee, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), the Air Resources Board, the County of San Mateo, City of Belmont and City of Redwood City, all school districts, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California and a number of other agencies, individuals and experts; and

WHEREAS, the San Carlos Climate Action Plan was evaluated as a component of the Environmental Impact Report for the "Project" including the 2030 General Plan and Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the City of San Carlos City Council: certified a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the San Carlos 2030 General Plan and the Climate Action Plan; made findings relating to significant impacts, mitigation measures and alternatives, and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held study sessions on July 6, 2009 and July 20, 2009 to discuss and receive public comments on the proposed San Carlos 2030 General Plan and Climate Action Plan and conducted a public hearing on the San Carlos 2030 General Plan and Climate Action Plan on September 21, 2009 to consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the San Carlos 2030 General Plan and the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a study session on August 10, 2009 to discuss and receive public comments on the proposed San Carlos 2030 General Plan and Climate Action Plan and conducted a public hearing on the San Carlos 2030 General Plan and Climate Action Plan on October 12, 2009 to consider adoption of the San Carlos 2030 General Plan and the Climate Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. Findings

The City Council makes the following findings:

- a. The Climate Action Plan informed the 2030 General Plan and Goals, Policies and Actions addressing greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation strategies which are contained throughout the 2030 General Plan including all of the seven elements mandated by Section 65303 of the Government Code; land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise and safety elements. These mandatory elements and two optional elements, Environmental Management and Parks and Recreation are represented in the 2030 San Carlos General Plan as: Land Use Element, Housing Element, Circulation and Scenic Highways Element, Environmental Management Element, Parks and Recreation Element, Community Safety and Services Element and Noise Element.
- b. The Climate Action Plan provides the strategies for San Carlos to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the direction of the State of California via AB32 and Governor's Order S-03-05 and Public Resources Code section 21083.3.
- c. The Climate Action Plan serves as a threshold of significance, through reference in the 2030 General Plan, within the City of San Carlos for climate change and as such is consistent with the direction of the California Attorney General opinion (Climate Change, CEQA and General Plans, Revised March 6, 2009) and Public Resources Code 21083.3.

2. Adoption

- a. The City Council adopts the 2009 Climate Action Plan, as amended, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Passed and adopted as Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Carlos at a regular meeting thereof held on the ____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

MAYOR of the City of San Carlos

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK of the City of San Carlos

EXHIBIT A

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, as amended 10-12-09

