

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: February 6, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Presentation on a Proposed Carbon Neutrality Comprehensive Plan Element by Nilsa Zacarias of Chen Moore & Associates

SUMMARY:

Presentation from the City's planning consultant on a proposed new element for the City's Comprehensive Plan covering carbon neutrality goals and greenhouse gas emissions.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Late in fiscal year 2023, the Community Sustainability Department requested that Nilsa Zacarias of Chen Moore & Associates and her team undertake preliminary research into creating a new Comprehensive Plan element devoted to carbon neutrality goals and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. The new element would support many of the goals, objectives and projects of the City's Utility Departments as well as serve as policy direction to assist with funding opportunities. Provided here are the general findings from the initial research on the concept and what topics the new element may cover. Should the Commission support the concept of the new Comprehensive Plan element, Staff would collaborate with Chen Moore & Associates as well as the affected City Departments to prepare a task order and funding to cover the additional research to draft the new element.

MOTION:

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENT(S):

Carbon Neutrality Final Report