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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: Mona Davis, Community & Economic Development Director
Date of Memo: July 30, 2025
Date of Meeting: August 4, 2025
Subject: Climate Element – Draft Goals & Policies for the Climate Resilience and GHG Emissions Reduction Sub-Elements

Commissioners,

Please find materials in your packet that go back to the initial meeting on May 19, 2025 and subsequent meetings held June 2, 2025 and June 16, 2025.

To recap, Otak staff presented draft goals and policies for the Climate Resilience and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Sub-Elements on May 19, 2025 for discussion with the Planning Commission; Otak then brought back an additional draft with modifications based on that meeting back to you on June 2, 2025 for further discussion.

The information from the two meetings held in May and June was compiled and presented to the Climate Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) on June 5, 2025, where there was opposition to some of the draft goals and policies from some members of the CPAT.

Otak took the recommendations from CPAT and provided revised goals and policies at the next regular meeting on June 16, 2025, where the Commissioners expressed frustration with the revisions made considering the prior efforts put forth by the Planning Commission with little explanation as to why the goals and policies were so vastly different than what was worked on in the previous two meetings.

In an effort to explain the reasoning for the changes to the most recent draft Climate Element Goals & Policies, Otak prepared a Resilience Policy Crosswalk in mid-July.

Please review the attached materials to be prepared for further discussion at the August 4, 2025 regular meeting. Thank you!

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Planning Commission Draft Goals & Policies discussed in 5-19-25 meeting
- 2) Planning Commission Draft Goals & Policies discussed in 6-2-25 meeting
- 3) Climate Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) materials 6-5-25
- 4) Planning Commission Draft Goals & Policies discussed in 6-16-25 meeting
- 5) Resilience Goals & Policies Crosswalk, prepared by Otak 7-15-25