

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ALAMEDA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COVERING ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Notice is hereby given that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration for, and approval of, an amendment to the Alameda County General Plan, consisting of final adoption of the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). Notice is also hereby given that the Alameda County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this matter at its regular meeting of July 15, 2013, with the express purpose of providing recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Negative Declaration.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors provisionally adopted the Community Climate Action Plan in June 2011 in response to scientifically-supported concerns about the causes and effects of climate change. The CCAP outlines a course of action to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated within the unincorporated areas of Alameda County. Successful implementation of the CCAP will reduce GHG emissions to 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and set the County on a path toward reducing emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The CCAP contains more than 50 policies and that outline detailed implementation steps in the following six action areas: land use, transportation, energy, water, waste, and green infrastructure; and it defines a path to achieve the county's GHG reduction targets. The CCAP is written to provide clear guidance to County staff regarding when and how to implement key provisions of the plan; demonstrate Alameda County's commitment to comply with State GHG reduction efforts; and inspire residents and businesses to participate in community efforts to reduce GHG emissions. Amendment of the General Plan by adoption of the CCAP would establish these policies and programs to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) due to human activities, including mobile and stationary sources.

A Negative Declaration, which is a written statement indicating that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment, is proposed to be adopted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State and County CEQA Guidelines. The Initial Study prepared for this task found that the General Plan Amendment of the CCAP would have no significant environmental impacts in any category of environmental issue reviewed. The public review and comment period for the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration is from June 1, 2013 to July 1, 2013, a period of 30 days. All comments on the CEQA analysis in writing or by e-mail are welcome and will be considered.

If you challenge the proposed amendment to the Alameda County General Plan or the Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be obtained from, and comments on the Negative Declaration may be submitted to:

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The document, along with the Community Climate Action Plan and this Notice, may also be found at the following County website:

<http://www.co.alameda.ca.us/cda/planning/landuseprojects/climateaction/index.htm>

Said public hearing will be held on Monday, the 15th day of July, 2013, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in Room 160, the Auditorium of the Alameda County Building, 224 West Winton Avenue, Hayward, California. All persons interested in the matter may appear and be heard at this meeting. A recommendation by the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors may be made on that date.

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The Alameda County Building located at 224 West Winton Avenue, Hayward is wheelchair accessible.

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