



CHICO
CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL CENTER – 421 MAIN STREET – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Chico

CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call

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2.1. Approval of Minutes

August 13th, 2020 (Attachment A)

3. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

3.1. Draft CAP Measure Discussion

Rincon Consultants will provide an update on the CAP measure development.

3.2. Ad-Hoc Work Group

Commissioner Stemen has requested to discuss the possible creation of Ad-Hoc working groups with other commissions (**Attachment B**).

4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission 's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Adjourned Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 8th, 2020.



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David Donnan
Rebekah Casey
Michael Nelson
Kirk Monfort

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Members Present: Brendan Vieg, Community Development Director (Planning and Housing)
Molly Marcussen, Associate Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chastain called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

1.1. Roll Call

Commissioners and staff were present as noted above. Commissioners Casey and Donnan arrived late.

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2.1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the July 9th, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Monfort seconded. Minutes approved 4-0-2 (*Casey and Donnan were not present for this item*).

3. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

3.1. Community Engagement Update and Next Steps

Rincon Consultants provided a detailed update on the June/July Virtual Engagement effort (**Attachment B**). Rincon also discussed the strategy for the next round of outreach that will be starting the last week of September. Rincon with assistance from the subconsultant, AIM, will be hosting a focus group workshop around building electrification and a community wide virtual engagement. City staff with assistance from the Climate Action Commission will also host a small group meeting with key stakeholders who represent underrepresented communities in Chico, prior to the stakeholder focus group meeting and community-wide engagement efforts.

3.2. Draft CAP Measure Discussion

Rincon Consultants provided an update on the CAP measure development and discussed the top 10 most impactful measures (**Attachment B**). Human Impact Investors (HIP), a sub consultant, provided a brief update on potential funding and finance strategies to assist with implementing the CAP.

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business from the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm to the Regular Meeting of Thursday, September 10th, 2020.



RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC.

Environmental Scientists | Planners | Engineers



Outreach and Measures Update

August 13, 2020

CAP Progress Update

CAP Outreach Update:

- ✓ Initial survey and comment period completed
- ✓ Comments and survey results reviewed and summarized
- ✓ Discussed next steps with City Staff and CAC Members

CAP Outreach Next Steps:

- ❑ Develop next round of outreach on Draft Measures

Draft Measures List:

- ✓ Gained feedback from City Staff
- ✓ Developed Draft List of Measures for CAC Review (sent out soon)

Measures Next Steps:

- ❑ Receive Feedback on Draft Measures List from CAC
- ❑ Edit Final Draft Measures List
- ❑ Develop Measure Quantification
- ❑ Solicit feedback on measures from community
- ❑ Funding and Financing Strategy (HIP)

BE A PART OF HOW CHICO ADDRESSES CLIMATE CHANGE

TEST your
knowledge
about Chico

LEARN
about the
Climate
Action Plan

PROVIDE
your input

JUNE 17 - JULY 10

Chico Climate Action Plan: VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

This Virtual Workshop is an on-line event that includes a quick, fun quiz and community questionnaire. This is your opportunity to share your ideas and concerns to help inform how the City might reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

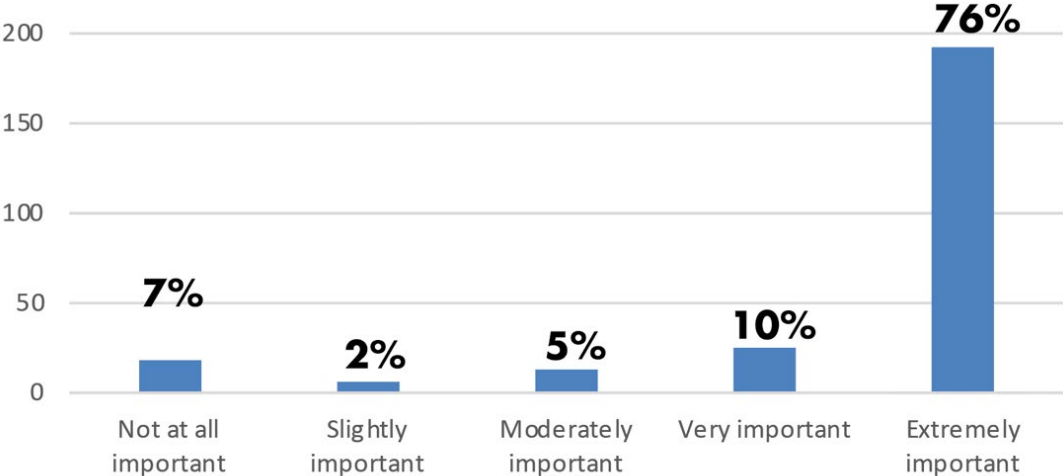
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Outreach Results – 349 Responses

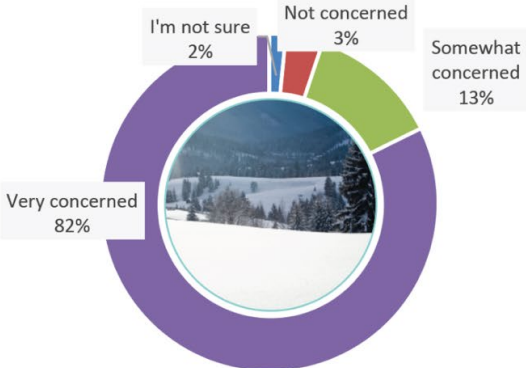
How important is it for the City to implement programs and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?



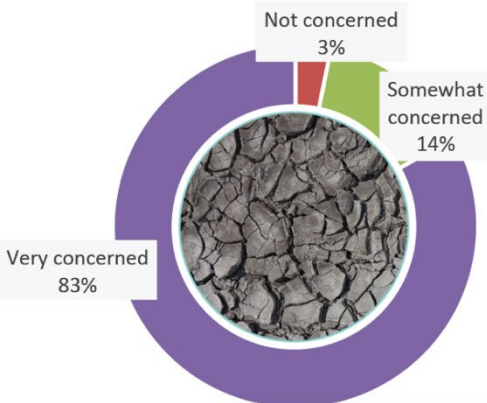
Heavy rainfall and flooding



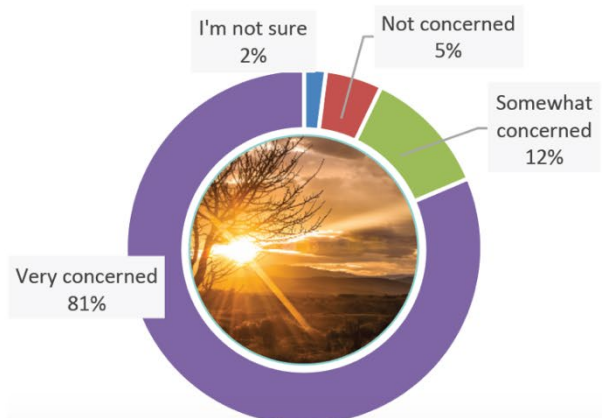
Changes to snowpack and water availability



Drought risk

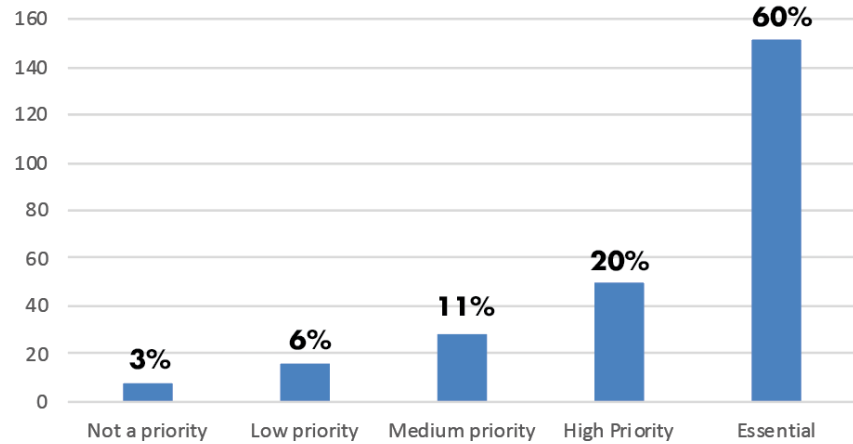


Extreme heat

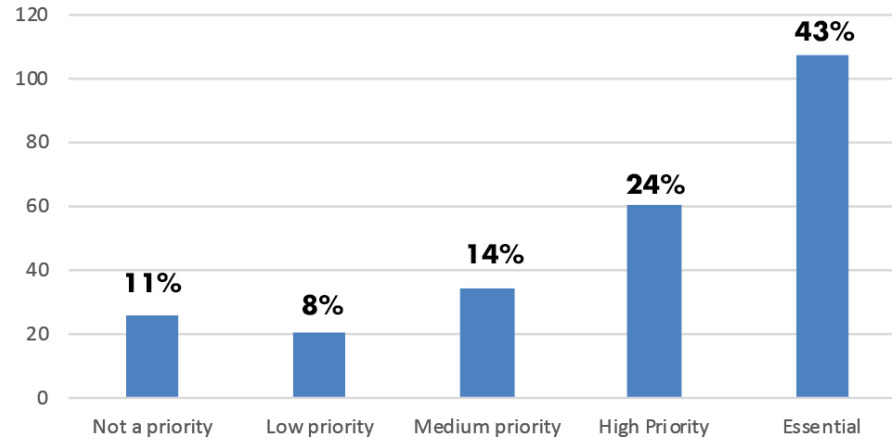


Outreach Results

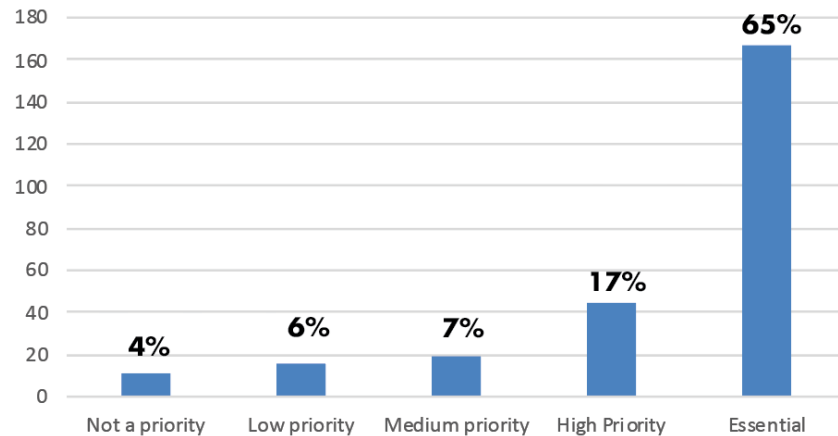
Energy efficient upgrades for buildings



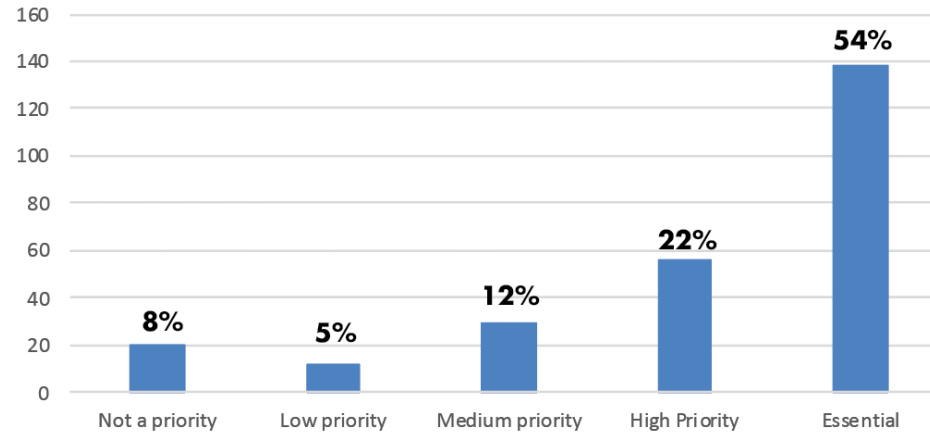
Electrification of buildings



Solar panel and/or battery storage on buildings



Improved infrastructure for cyclists & pedestrians



Outreach Next Steps and Goals



Continue to build community awareness and education about the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the proposed measures;



Developed a shared understanding of the 10 key proposed CAP measures with examples of what these measures look like



Obtain community input on these measures and how they may impact the community

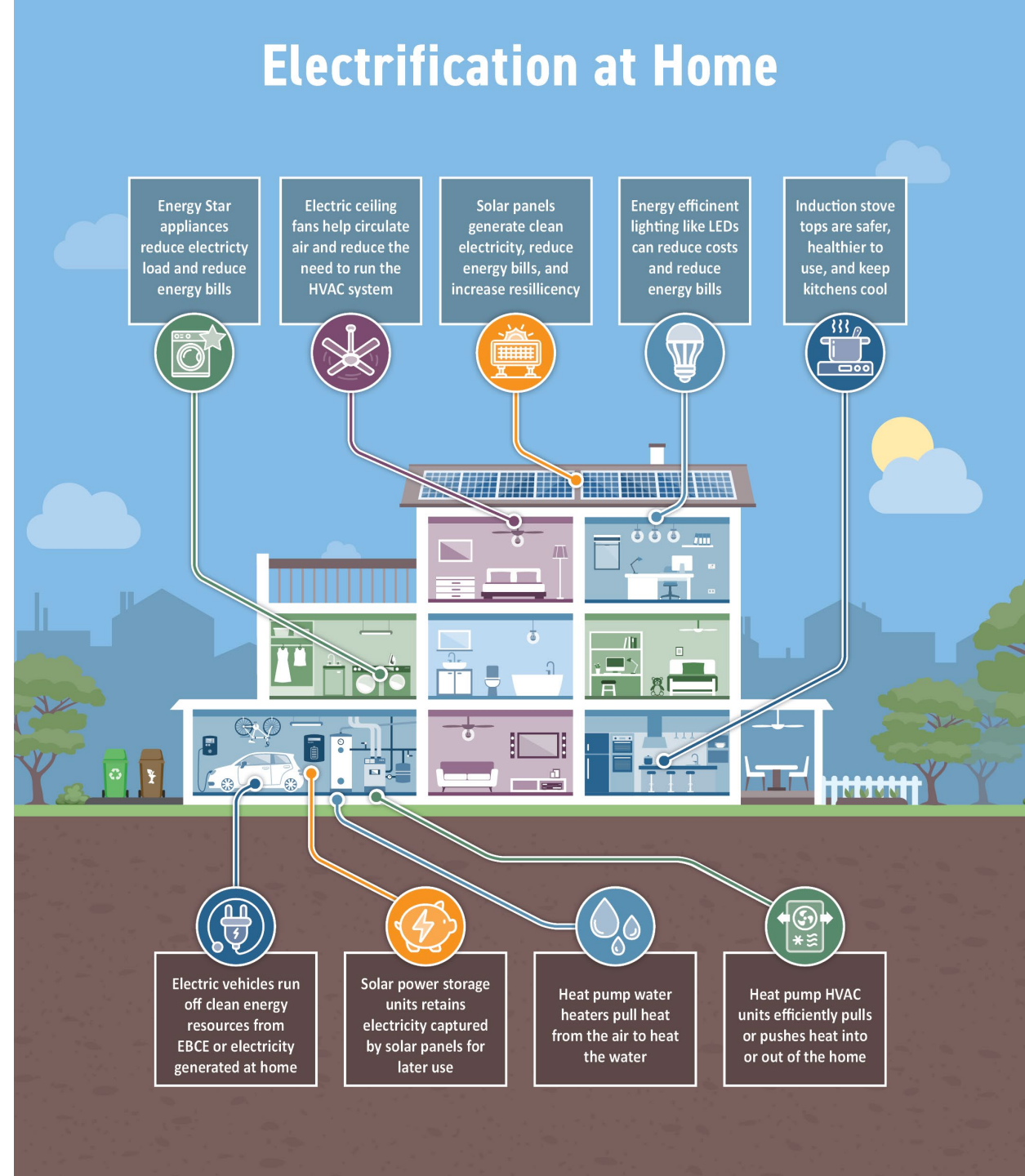


Allow for community members to provide suggestions for any additional measures.

Outreach Next Steps

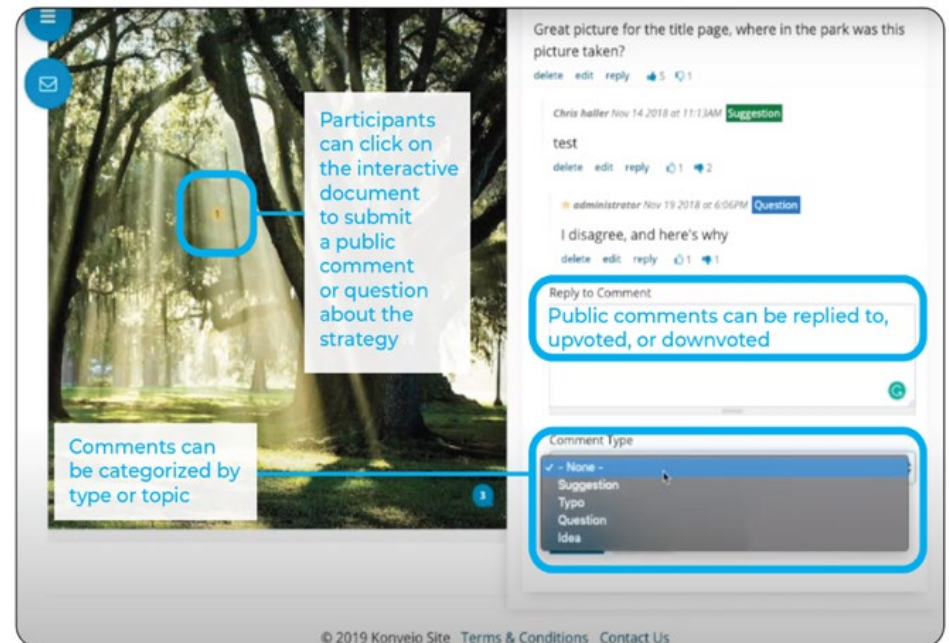
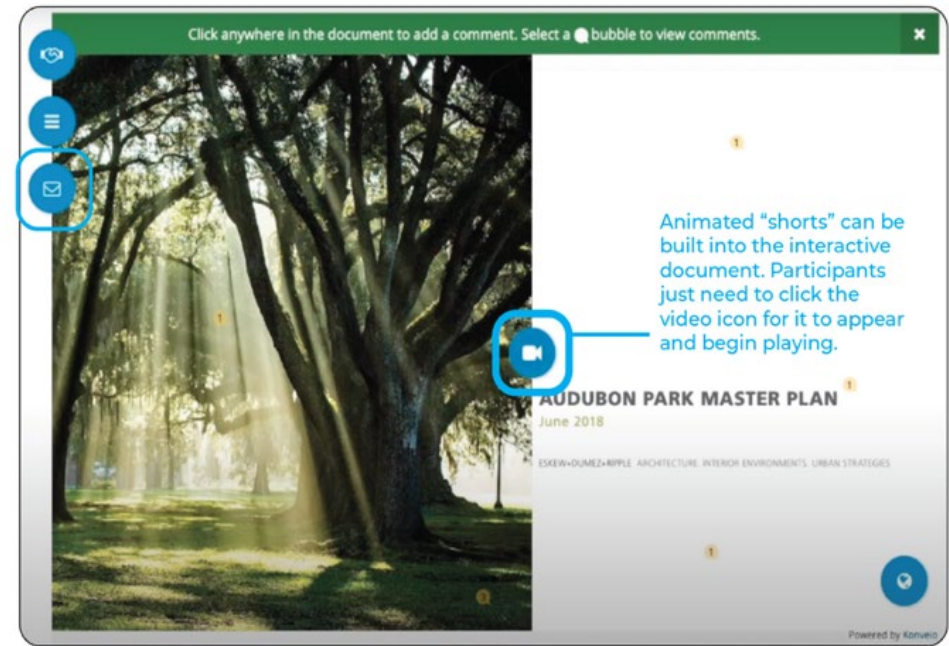
Focus Group Meeting

- Building electrification
- Building costs and benefits
- Specific hurdles
- Solutions
- Policy development



Outreach Next Steps

- Online format
- Deeper dive on top 10 GHG emissions Reducing Measures
- Use of Konveio real time commenting platform
- Embedded videos and links to more info
- Targeted outreach/calls to under-represented and disadvantaged groups



Examples of an interactive document hosted on Konveio.

Outreach Next Steps – CAC Feedback

- Memo of next steps to be provided.
- Some CAC feedback already provided.
- Other considerations/Suggestions?



Measure Discussion



Energy and Built Environment

Eliminate the use of Natural Gas in new construction (where cost effective)

#1. Adopt an electrification reach code which bans the use of natural gas in all new construction where electrification is cost effective (exemptions can be made for some building types like restaurants, labs, hospitals, etc.). Additionally require major retrofits to be electric ready (i.e., install a 200 amp electric panel and prewire for electric vehicles and appliances).

Energy and Built Environment

Reduce the use of Natural Gas in existing Buildings



BUILDINGS

#2. Perform an electrification feasibility study/existing building analysis in order to understand the potential for, and associated costs of, electrification retrofitting in the City of Chico and establish a plan for eliminating natural gas from existing buildings.

#3. Adopt an electrification ordinance for existing buildings, implemented through the building permit process, to transition natural gas to electric by attrition in two phases:

- Phase I: Limit expansion of natural gas lines in existing buildings (2022)
- Phase II: Require HVAC system replacements and new hot water heaters to be all-electric (2025)

#4 Amend the Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (RECO), Title 16 of the Municipal Code, to require energy conservation/electrification improvements for substantial remodels (over 50%) or upon sale/transfer of homes and apartments.

Energy and Built Environment

Decrease carbon intensity of electricity through joining the Butte County CCA

#5. Pass an ordinance authorizing the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program through a Joint Powers Agreement with Butte County to form Butte Choice Energy CCA, amending Title 15 of the Municipal Code. Opt-up community accounts to 100% carbon-free electricity by 2025 with an opt-out option.



BUILDINGS

Transportation and Mobility

Reduce VMT by XX% through a mode shift to active transportation and shared mobility.



MOBILITY

#6. Develop and implement an Active Transportation Plan (consistent with the General Plan) that identifies funding strategies and policies for development of pedestrian, bicycle, and other modes of alternative transportation projects. Prioritize bike safety improvements and work with the City's bike/ped working group to identify high priority areas. Improvements include:

- Pave shoulders of streets that have high traffic counts
- Separate bike lanes from motor traffic with concrete bumper blocks or better (Main, Broadway, 5th Ave, 3rd and 4th Ave, Mangrove)
- Establish a safe east-west connection on Bikeway 99 south of Hwy 32

Transportation and Mobility

Reduce GHG emissions by XX% through a mode shift to electric vehicles.

#7. In accordance with the BCAG EV Readiness Plan, amend City Building Code to require the following:

- EV capable attached private garages for new single-family and duplex residential development
- **20%** EV capable charging spaces and panel capacity for new multi-family residential development
- **20%** EV capable charging spaces for new commercial development
- At least 1% working chargers for all new development and major retrofits

#8. Implement the Downtown Access Plan and utilize dynamic pricing for downtown area parking, increasing costs of parking during times of high usage.



MOBILITY

Waste

Reduce organics in the waste stream by at least 75% from 2014 levels by 2022 (SB 1383)

#9. Update waste hauler contracts to include requirements of SB 1383, including expanded organic waste collection and outreach and education.



WASTE

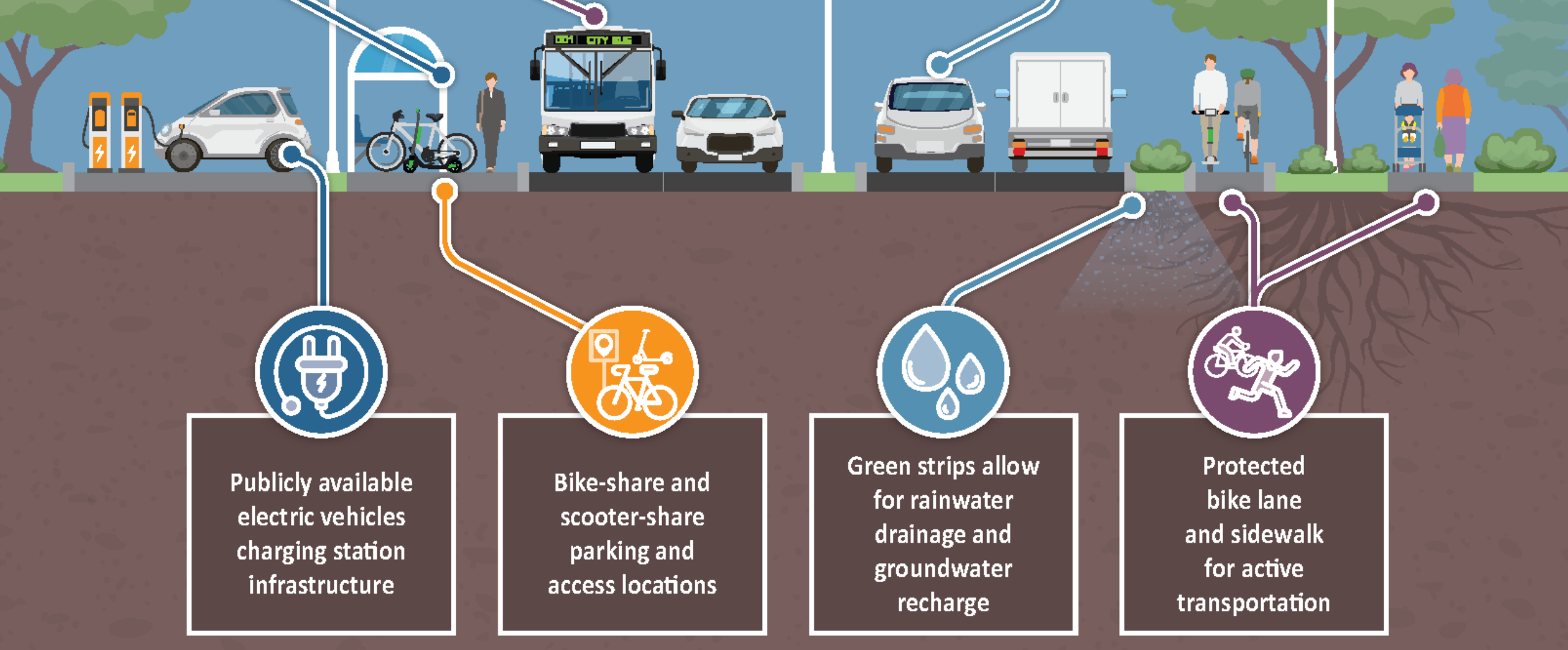
Carbon Sequestration

Sequester XX MT of CO₂e through tree planting by 2030/2045.

#10. Implement Urban Forest Revitalization Program to plant 700 trees by March 2022 (adopted) and **XX** trees by 2030 (new goal). Focus on areas of City with low tree canopy cover based on canopy map.



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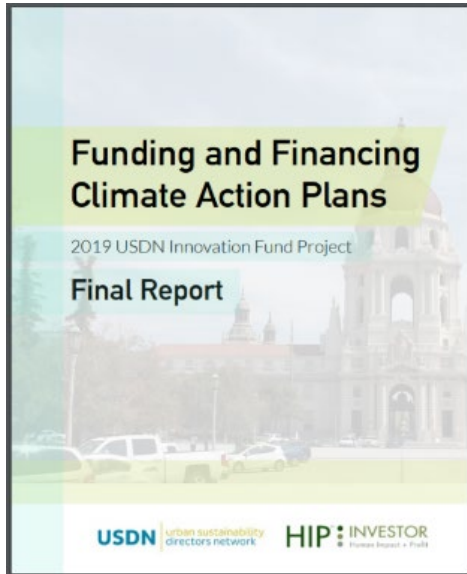


Funding and Financing – Keys to Implementation



HIP INVESTOR - Funding & Financing Climate Action

How to build funding and financing into Climate Action Plan development



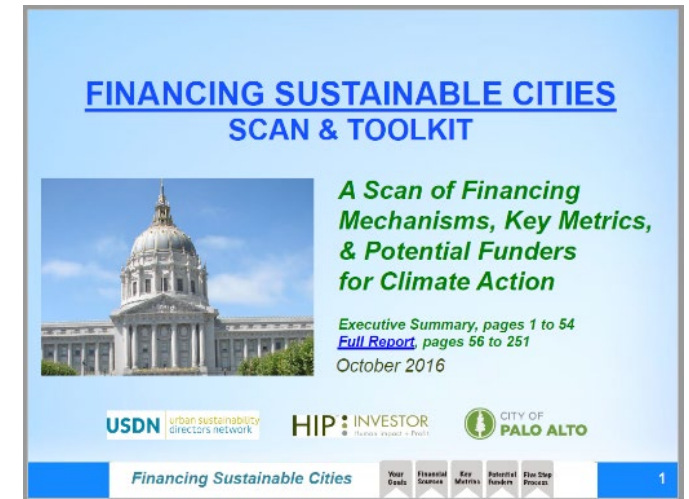
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- San Luis Obispo
- Bend, OR
- Anchorage, AK
- Columbia, MO

Scan of Financing Mechanisms, Key Metrics, & Potential Funders For Climate Action

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- Milwaukee, WI
- Phoenix, AZ
- Vancouver, BC





HIP INVESTOR - Funding & Financing Climate Action

Prioritize Capital Intensive Measures



Step 1: Preparation



Step 2: Document Financial and Political Sensitivities



Step 3: Prioritize Climate Action Initiatives for Financial Analysis



Step 4: Cost Estimation

Identify Funding and Financing Pathways



Step 5: Generate List of Funding Pathways



Step 6: Build Relationships with External Funders and Partners



Step 7: Moving Towards Implementation



HIP INVESTOR – Financial Analysis

- 6 Key Climate Action Strategies**
- 1. Fossil-Free Energy Generation:**
Solar, Wind, Hydro, Energy Storage
 - 2. Resource Efficient Buildings:**
Sensors, Retrofits, HVAC improvements
 - 3. Low-Carbon Transportation:**
Electric Vehicle EV charging, EV Fleet Replacement, Micro-Mobility
 - 4. Zero Waste to Landfill:**
Biodigesters, Recycling, Waste Reduction
 - 5. Clean Natural Resources:**
Urban Forestry, Wetlands Restoration
 - 6. Resilience and Adaptation:**
Sea Walls, Education Programs, Resiliency HUBs; Health and Wellness Programs

Viable Financing Options

Grant Funding

- Non-Profit / Foundation Grants
- Corporate Grants
- Government Grants

Loans, Credit, & Bonds

- Loans & Loan Guarantees
- Lines of Credit
- Muni Bond SMAs, ETFs, Funds

Private Debt

- Lease Purchase Agreement
- PACE Loans: Commercial, Residential
- On-Bill Financing

Private Equity

- Opportunity Zone Funds
- Venture Capital
- Power Purchasing Agreement

Multi-Sector Partnerships

- Operating Partnerships
- Group Purchasing
- Community Choice Aggregation

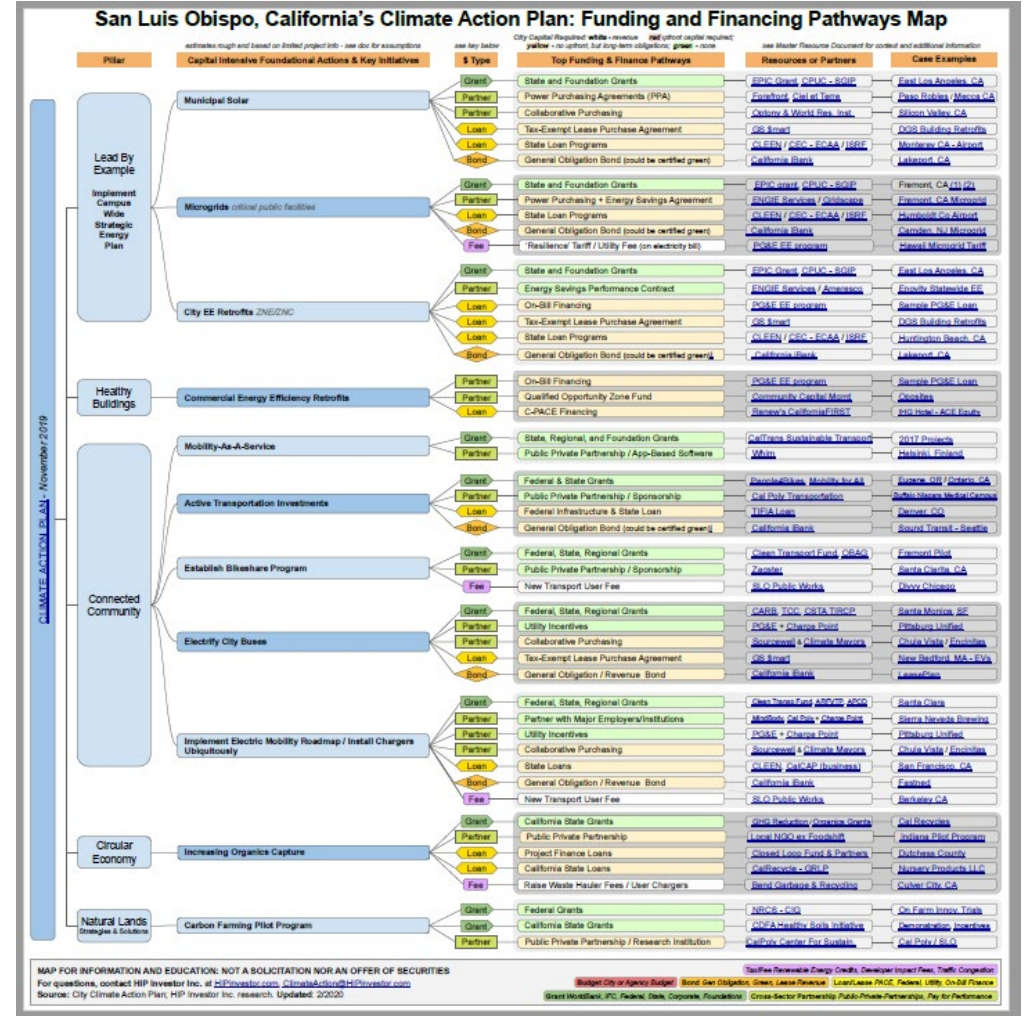
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HIP INVESTOR - Implementation

Funding and Financing Roadmap

- Illustrate the range of finance options that could be utilized to meet Chico's climate goals
- Showcase unique case studies and blended models for traditional financing strategies
- Communicate funding needs and options, and attract resources and partners
- Create opportunities for collaboration with other cities to build economies of scale and drive coordinated action.



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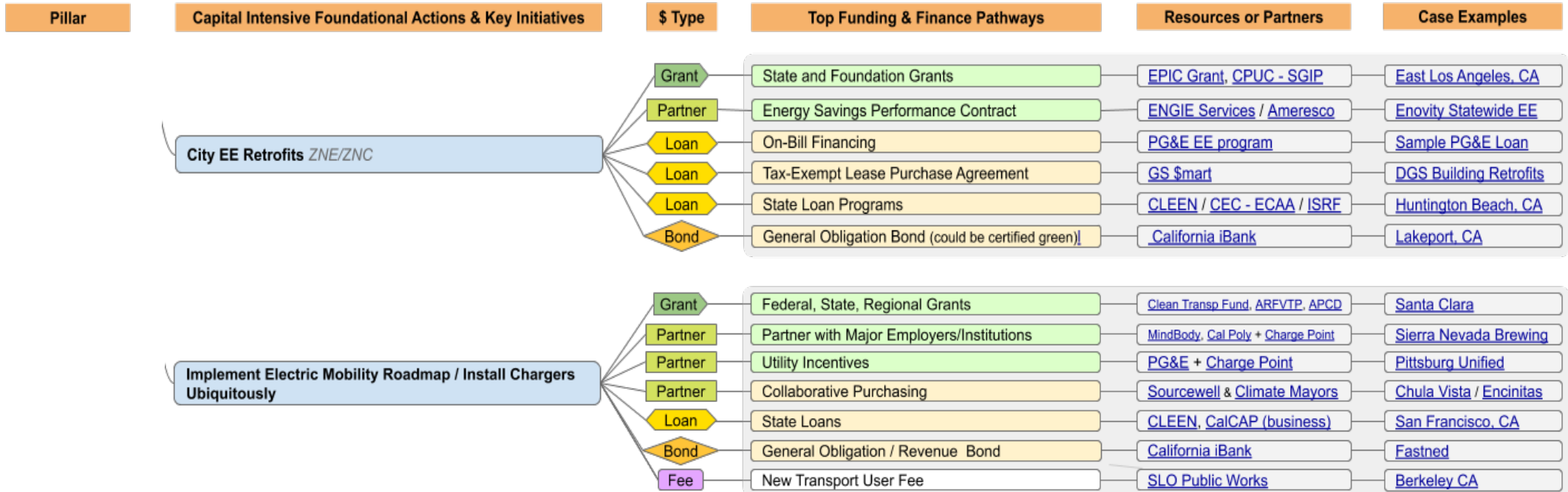
San Luis Obispo, California's Climate Action Plan: Funding and Financing Pathways Map

estimates rough and based on limited project info - see doc for assumptions

see key below

City Capital Required: **white** - revenue **red** upfront capital required; **yellow** - no upfront, but long-term obligations; **green** - none

see Master Resource Document for context and additional information



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Source: City Climate Action Plan; HIP Investor Inc. research. Updated: 2/2020

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Hi Cheri,

I hope this note finds you well.

The ordinance that created the Climate Action Commission allows for us to create Ad-hoc Work Groups with other commissions (see below). I would like to place a discussion of creating two Ad-hoc Work Groups on the next agenda.

I know of two narrow topics that commission members have expressed interest in discussing.

- Sequestering carbon on city owned open space.
- Mitigating carbon emissions in residential development.

I discussed Ad-Hoc Work Groups with many different staff as they developed the ordinance for the Climate Action Commission. They all had legitimate concerns about the potential impacts on staff time and the need to maintain Brown Act requirements. So, I have a couple of initial suggestions on how we can address them.

- Ad-Hoc Work Groups (AWGs) will be limited to two members from any one commission
- AWGs will be limited to the scope of work agreed to by the Climate Action Commission , which will initiate the process
- AWGs will be dissolved once the initial scope of work is completed.
- AGWs will meet no more than once a month.
- AWG meetings will have a preset agenda sent to members and staff
- AWG meetings will produce a record of the meeting (agenda minutes), sent to staff
- AWG meetings will be reported out monthly during Reports and Communications
- All AWG e-mails will be copied to a CAC staff member.

Thank you and take care,

Mark

- A. In creating the Commission, it is not the intent of Council to duplicate or overlap the functions, duties, or responsibilities assigned to any other board or commission. It is likely, however, that the work of the Commission may involve areas of concerns of other City boards and commissions. In these situations, the Committee is urged to form ad hoc work groups that can work constructively with the relevant boards and commissions keeping in mind the requirements of the Brown Act.