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The Planning Commission Agenda Item C-1 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Commissioners, Council Members & City Manager,

The Climate Action Plan document, prepared by the Cal Poly students simply reiterated, in some part, what was already in the [Plan Morro Bay](#) document (Plan Morro Bay hyperlink found on page 39 of the staff report) including reusing some of the same photos and figures.

On page 47 of the staff report under Electric Vehicles in their [Equity Statement](#) it says, ***"Electric vehicle ownership can be a significant hurdle for low income and older residents. Morro Bay should begin installing public electric vehicle chargers either through direct purchasing or by partnering with private businesses to install them. Those who rent their home or who do not have a garage are limited in their ability to install home chargers and would greatly benefit from publicly available chargers that can support the switch to electric vehicles."*** Are they implying that home chargers could be installed for homes that have a garage? What are the fire department's thoughts on this? Garages are now being turned into ADUs, and where are their electric vehicles going to be charged, if not on site?

In Figure X on page 53 there is an illustration for [Central AC](#) and to run it seasonally. Our air conditioning (AC) is the Pacific Ocean here in Morro Bay. We don't have AC in our home, we just open a window. How did they come up with this analysis?

On page 86 it speaks to ***"Major Vegetation Removal, Replacement and Protection Guidelines"*** under measure [SQ-1](#). The clear cutting along the bike path, next to the power plant, removed a massive amount of vegetation as you know, and that was never restored. That action also removed essential habitat as well. The city has not practiced what this document indicates, and I cannot imagine we could ever get back what was lost.

How can the writers of this document state that the City of Morro Bay has reduced emissions since 2005; how was that quantified?

This update of the city's Climate Action Plan, in my opinion, is a waste of the commissioner's time. It is not pragmatic and does nothing to effectively reduce the

city's carbon footprint.

I have been a resident in Morro Bay since 1995 and a homeowner. Thank you for reading/responding

Carole Truesdale

"Food without wine is a corpse; wine without food a ghost. United and well matched, they are as body and soul; living partners!" chef...Andre Simon (1877 1970)

Review of Draft Climate Action Plan

Terry Simons

Mon 3/4/2024 2:52 PM

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Please accept the attached comment for the record.

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Morro Bay Planning Commission:

I have spent approximately 10 hours reading the DRAFT Climate Action Plan that is being presented to your body for review and comment. Recognizing that this document is intended to "update" our existing CAP and be included in the ever growing body of regulatory documents used by the City to evaluate proposed development projects, I hope that the Planning Commission and ultimately the City Council will be able to find the time to do an In depth evaluation of what is being proposed. The DRAFT CAP relies on the recently approved Local Coastal Plan, PLAN MORRO BAY and by reference the Implementation Plan (Zoning Ordinance) that is about to be approved and added to the regulatory program. These documents, in addition to numerous other City development management documents previously developed or under development, are referenced in the CAP.

My experience with regulatory documents is that they build one upon another with little regard to if the new document is consistent with prior versions as well as other documents. While this proposed Draft CAP tries to bring a new perspective to the development regulatory environment, it too becomes mired down when it tries to incorporate specific portions of the LCP. This is made more challenging as the Draft CAP points out the inconsistencies and shortcomings of prior planning efforts. The most consistent theme being that the prior planning efforts have proposed specific metrics to evaluate progress, but the implementation of those planning efforts fell short or completely neglected to follow through with the proposed data collection; subsequent planning efforts; implementation programs and enforcement needed to make the plan effective. It remains to be seen if the most recently approved LCP and IP will fall victim to this over expectation and lack of follow through. Time will tell.

There was a time in recent memory when governments were mandated to remove regulatory programs on a pro rata basis for each new program proposed. While this ideal seems to have been a failure at the Federal and State level, one could hope that at a local level we could try to slow the expansion of the volume, complexity and purview of our development regulations. Clearly when we are mandated by higher governmental authorities to provide specific legislative efforts such as a CAP, it seems appropriate to either incorporate the needed efforts into our existing documents or, if a separate document is required, then it would be hoped that a review and appropriate deletion of potential redundancies and internal conflicts between documents could be avoided. This would mean that review of the Draft CAP should be done in concert with all existing plans as well as proposed plans so that the City's Development regulations, when taken as a whole, are more streamlined and effective to enforce.

Our society is becoming more complex; more dependent on advancing technology and being compressed into a smaller and more integrated community that is expected to accommodate more and more people. It seems reasonable that our regulatory documents need to be developed to address the issues that the changes in our society require, however, we must try make sure that new and updated regulations do not add to the challenges of those trying to regulate and the efforts of those being regulated. For my part, I am willing to continue to participate in the review and development of the Climate Action Plan so long as it brings meaningful information and operational suggestions to the development review process. I cannot support a regulatory effort that simply adds another layer of review that does not provide a positive road map for compliance.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our community,

Terry Simons