

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 16, 2012
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **City of Santa Barbara Climate Action Plan**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Harbor Commission receive a briefing on the Draft City of Santa Barbara Climate Action Plan from City Planning Staff.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the briefing is to inform the Harbor Commission of Planning staff's efforts at development of the Draft Santa Barbara Climate Action Plan. The draft document is available online at:

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Major Planning Efforts/Climate Action Plan>.

The Climate Action Plan (Plan) is prepared in response to directives of the City General Plan and State Legislature (AB 32 – Global Warming Solutions Act, SB375 – Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act).

The Plan identifies an inventory and forecast of carbon dioxide and other “greenhouse gas” emissions generated by the Santa Barbara Community that contribute to cumulative effects of accelerated global climate change. Strategies to reduce carbon emissions are identified in the areas of energy, travel and land use, vegetation, waste reduction, and water conservation.

The Plan also identifies potential climate change effects in Santa Barbara from forecasted temperature increase, reduced rainfall, and sea level rise, and strategies to begin planning for adaptation to climate change effects.

Attachment: Draft Climate Action Plan

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