



## CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

### AGENDA ITEM

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Report: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Draft Measures and Actions

1. **Motion** Review the actions and measures and provide input on the prioritization of the Phase 1 actions and provide comment to Rincon Consultants.

### COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ACTION

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**Item Type:** Report Only

**Approved for** June 17, 2024 **calendar**

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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The Sustainability Commission review the actions and measures and provide input on the prioritization of the Phase 1 actions and provide comment to Rincon Consultants.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

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Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) has drafted key strategies to establish the basis for the City of Glendale's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), Exhibit 1, based on the existing conditions analyses, current trends, and technologies in greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction, feedback received from City staff, focus groups, and the community, and the climate change vulnerability assessment. The strategies included in this internal document detail achievable and implementable emissions reduction measures and supporting actions that help the City reduce its emissions to meet the established target in line with the State of California's goals. Additionally, they address climate vulnerabilities in the City, and include measures and supporting actions to increase the City and communities' resilience to climate impacts. The measures and supporting actions are organized into four systems that, when collectively implemented, will help put the City on a path towards reaching their climate goals. The four systems are:

1. Social and Governance System
2. Building Systems
3. Mobility and Land Use System
4. Urban Eco-systems

The measures and actions developed for the City of Glendale prioritize those activities which provide both mitigation (GHG emissions reductions) and resilience (preparedness for climate change) benefits. Glendale, and much of California, is already seeing the impacts of climate change and each measure taken to address local emissions should also prepare Glendale for future challenges. The measures and actions have been developed to be implemented over time to reduce emissions and increase the City's resilience in a thoughtful, achievable, and stepwise process. As such, the actions are anticipated to be completed in phases, as outlined below:

- Phase 1 – 2025 – 2027
- Phase 2 – 2028 – 2030
- Phase 3 – 2031 – 2033

Currently City Staff are reviewing the measures and actions and prioritizing the top 10 phase one actions in each of the four systems. At the June 6, 2024, Sustainability Commission meeting the Commission has the opportunity to review the DRAFT CAAP

and provide comment on the measures and actions and provide input on prioritizing the phase 1 actions.

### **Next Steps:**

The Sustainability Commission will provide comment to Rincon Consultants on the proposed measures and actions and at the June 6, 2024, Commission meeting and the Commission will provide recommendations on the phase I priority actions. The City Staff will provide final measures and actions to Rincon Consultants by June 13, 2024.

Starting June 2024 Rincon will begin the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process that will usually take the following three steps:

- (1) determine whether the project falls under a statutory or categorical exemption from CEQA;
- (2) if the project is not exempt, prepare an initial study to determine whether the project might result in significant environmental effects; and
- (3) prepare a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or EIR, depending on the initial study.

On July 30, 2024, the CAAP measures and actions will be presented to City Council

In August Rincon will provide the Technical Appendix Draft to City and the DRAFT CAAP. By September Rincon will determine CEQA approach moving forward (whether **IS-[M]ND** or EIR). By November the 30-day Public comment IS-[M]ND period will begin.

All being well, the CAAP will be submitted to City Council for adoption in December 2024.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

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Not provide comments on measures and actions to Rincon Consultants, Inc.

### **EXHIBITS**

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1. Climate Action Plan Draft Measures and Actions.