

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-022

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
ADOPTING THE CITY OF LA MESA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)

WHEREAS, the City of La Mesa (City) has prepared a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to implement California Code of Regulations Title 14 (CEQA Guidelines), Section 15183.5, Tiering and Streamlining the Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, which provides that a lead agency may analyze and mitigate the significant effects of greenhouse gas emissions at a programmatic level;

WHEREAS, the CAP implements City of La Mesa General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Mitigation Measure GHG-1, to develop and adopt a CAP. The referenced mitigation measure states that the City shall prepare and adopt a plan to reduce GHG emissions (i.e. a CAP) that complies with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5;

WHEREAS, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to fully evaluate the impacts of the CAP;

WHEREAS, the SEIR determined that, with the exception of certain air quality impacts and cumulative impacts, the CAP will have insignificant impacts on the environment with the application of mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, the air quality impacts and cumulative impacts cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance, therefore, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and specific findings were prepared to support the decision to certify the SEIR and adopt the CAP;

WHEREAS, the City made the Draft SEIR available for public review and comment as required by law in November 2017;

WHEREAS, the City received comment letters concerning the Draft SEIR from several agencies, organizations, and individuals and the comment letters and, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088, the City prepared written responses to all comments received on the Draft SEIR during the public comment period which raised environmental issues;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the comments received on the Draft SEIR did not contain any significant new information within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5 and therefore recirculation of the Draft SEIR is not required;

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a Final SEIR which contains the information required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, including the Draft SEIR and the revisions and additions thereto, technical appendices, public comments and the City's responses to public comments on the Draft SEIR, and which has been filed with the City Clerk;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15091, 15093 and 15097, the City has prepared Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which have been filed with the City Clerk;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Sustainability Commission of the City held a duly noticed public hearing on January 16, 2018, and invited public testimony in considering the Draft CAP and the related environmental review documentation, and recommended that the Planning Commission recommend City Council adoption of the Draft CAP;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City held duly noticed public hearings on February 7, 2018, and February 21, 2018, received a staff report, considered public testimony and the written record for the Draft CAP, the SEIR, and related documents, and recommended that the City Council certify the SEIR, adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopt the Draft CAP;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Mesa held a duly noticed public hearing on March 13, 2018, and invited public testimony in considering the Draft CAP and the related environmental review documentation; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed and considered all testimony and materials made available to the City Council, including but not limited to the Final SEIR, the staff reports and all the testimony and evidence in the record of the proceedings with respect to the Draft CAP, the City Council took the actions hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing findings of fact and determinations are true and hereby made a part thereof.
2. The CAP is a greenhouse gas reduction plan and CEQA project-tiering and streamlining document incorporating policies and programs consistent with state law and implements General Plan Environmental Impact Report EIR Mitigation Measure GHG-1, to develop and adopt a CAP, which complies with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5.
3. The CAP will not have a significant adverse affect on the environment with the application and enforcement of identified mitigation measures with the exception of certain impacts on air quality and cumulative impacts, the significance of which are addressed in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations.
4. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5, Tiering and Streamlining the Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, the City Council adopts the Climate Action Plan, case file number CR-14-03.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California held the 13th day of March, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Alessio, Baber, McWhirter, Parent and Mayor Arapostathis

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2018-022, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.



MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)