

APPENDIX H

RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF MERCED CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW NO. 11-28, A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, The State of California has taken steps to address greenhouse gas emission through the enactment of Assembly Bill 32 (2006 Session of the California Legislature); and,

WHEREAS, Cities and counties throughout the United States of America have begun taking local actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and,

WHEREAS, Local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions provide multiple local benefits including decreased air pollution, reduced energy utility bills, increased choice in mobility, and development of livable communities for its businesses and residents; and,

WHEREAS, Draft *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan* Policy SD-1.7 states: “Develop and Implement a Climate Action Plan for the City”; and,

WHEREAS, In November 2009, the City Council accepted Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy to undertake several projects to increase energy efficiency, including the drafting of a Climate Action Plan (CAP); and,

WHEREAS, Work by City staff on Climate Action Planning began in January 2010, and focused on drafting the *City of Merced Climate Action Plan Background Report*, which included the City’s first Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory; and,

WHEREAS, The background report was completed in January 2011 and helped frame the next steps in the process to select a greenhouse gas reduction target and to draft the Climate Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, On September 7, 2010, the City Council adopted City Council Resolution 2010-80 to take a leadership role to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through future adoption of a Climate Action Plan; and,

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WHEREAS, On September 7, 2010, the City Council directed staff to begin the recruitment process for members of a Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and, subsequently appointed the Committee on December 20, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2011, the Merced City Council adopted greenhouse gas reduction parameters, targets, and an approach to drafting the City's Climate Action Plan, notably, to work with a community-based Committee to identify ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by 2020 for Government-based facilities and the Community as a whole and subsequently revised by the City Council to 1990 levels by 2020 at their June 4, 2012 public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, The Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee has met monthly since January 2011, and concluded its work to prepare a Climate Action Plan with City Staff in September 2011; and,

WHEREAS, The community-based Committee recommends 154 possible actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for Government-based facilities and the Community as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) staff conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the Climate Action Plan would have any significant effects on the environment and found that no significant effects would occur; and,

WHEREAS, Staff prepared a Negative Declaration for the Climate Action Plan; and for which the public comment period was open from October 6, 2011 to November 7, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, At a duly noticed public hearing on October 1, 2012, the City Council considered all testimony and comments regarding the proposed City of Merced Climate Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council has considered the initial study and proposed Negative Declaration together with comments received during the public review process, and finds on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence the Climate Action Plan may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and that the Negative Declaration reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced hereby adopts the City of Merced Climate Action Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of October 2012, by the following vote:

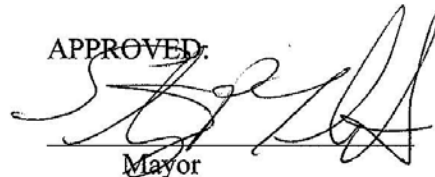
AYES: Council Members: BLAKE, DOSSETTI, MURPHY, RAWLING, LOR, PEDROZO, THURSTON

NOES: Council Members: NONE

ABSENT: Council Members: NONE

ABSTAIN: Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:



Mayor

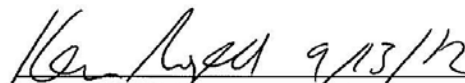
ATTEST:
JOHN M. BRAMBLE, CITY CLERK

BY: 
Assistant Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney Date