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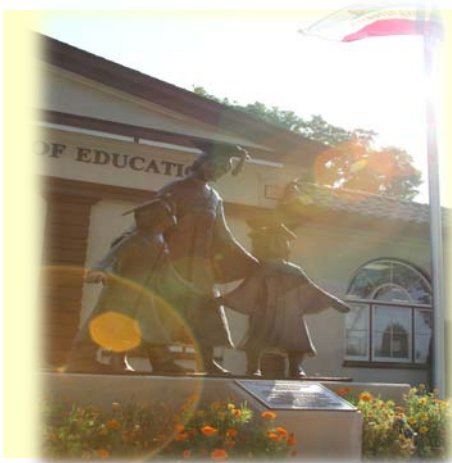
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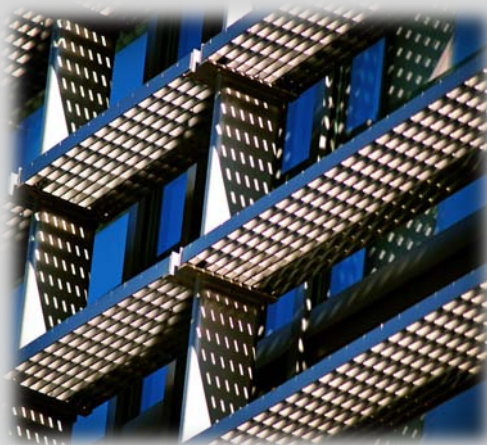
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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consisted of City Staff who are currently involved in actions that affect the generation of greenhouse gases in City government facilities, and have the capacity to affect change in the community, for example, through water conservation efforts. The TAC was established during the drafting of the Climate Action Plan Background Report to identify past sustainability efforts. As the process moved to preparing the Climate Action Plan (CAP), the TAC role shifted to: (1) describing the funding, capital resources, and personnel of existing programs; (2) review and comment on potential actions that would reduce emissions from City Government facilities and the community; and, (3) advise and inform the Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee about planning, waste management, water conservation, and “green” building codes.

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CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ADVISORY AD-HOC COMMITTEE

On September 7, 2010, the City Council took two key Climate Action Planning steps: (1) adopting City Council Resolution 2010-80 committing to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through adoption of a Climate Action Plan; and (2) directing staff to begin the recruitment process for members of a Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee. The appointment of the Committee was made by the City Council on December 20, 2010. The Committee has met monthly since January 2011, and concluded its work with City Staff in September 2011.

In December 2010, the City Council appointed the Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee and provided objectives to craft a Climate Action Plan for the City of Merced. The Committee reviewed Merced's Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory and Background Report, provided comments on funding, leadership, and community partners, and reviewed GHG reduction strategies of similar communities that could result in significant emission reductions for Merced to meet the target of 1990 levels by the year 2020.

The Committee framed the Plan by four sustainability values that support healthy, prosperous, and livable communities. Each value is supported by goals, which directly align with primary methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Plan contains 154 implementation actions, many of which are from the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan* policies or based on them.

VALUES	GOALS
<i>Healthy Communities</i>	Enhance Mobility of all Transportation Modes Sustainable Community Design
<i>Quality Natural Resources</i>	Water Conservation and Technology Protect Air Resources Waste Reduction
<i>Clean Energy Resources</i>	Increase the Use of Renewable Energy Resources Building Energy Conservation
<i>Leaders and Partners</i>	Public Outreach and Involvement

Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Members

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