CITY OF MERCED Development Services

TO: Climate Action Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

FROM: Bill King, AICP. Principal Planner

DATE: January 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan Report Outline

ACTION REQUIRED: Study, Discussion, and Feedback Requested

DISCUSSION

Throughout the public outreach process and associated meetings with the Committee, Staff will be preparing the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP), incorporating research, public comments, and other essential elements of the plan. At each meeting, the Committee will be presented with updated versions of the draft report and asked for feedback.

This month's version addresses the all important question of the content of the plan. Whereas the focus of the background report was to establish a broad context of Climate Action Planning, the purpose of the plan is to identify suitable actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to establish an implementation plan. Important elements of the background report, for example the emission inventory, will be summarized in the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The background report will also be upgraded, where appropriate, and utilized as a separate resource document. The extent and location of background information is not finalized, however. For example, it may make sense to shift and expand the 'Community Partner' chapter of the background report to the CAP in recognition of its importance to implementation of the plan.

Staff requests the Committee to review the draft Climate Action Plan Report Outline, thinking about relevant topics and issues that should be discussed in the plan, and then to discuss these at the meeting.

Attachment:

A. (DRAFT) Climate Action Plan Report Outline

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