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**INTENT TO ADOPT A
 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
 CITY OF ESCONDIDO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Background: The City of Escondido, as the lead agency, has prepared a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project described below. The findings of this review are that the Initial Study identified potentially significant impacts to Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources. With included mitigation measures, these impacts would be clearly reduced to a less-than-significant level. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is prepared when an Initial Study identifies project related impacts that might be potentially significant, but revisions in the project plans and/or mitigation measures agreed to by the applicant would provide mitigation to a point where potential impacts to the environment are reduced to a less than significant level. The description of the project is as follows:

Project Description: The Climate Action Plan Update (proposed CAP) consists of a comprehensive update to the 2013 CAP. The CAP update serves as a roadmap for the City to reduce GHG emissions and builds on the 2013 CAP by updating the GHG emissions inventory with a new baseline year and forecasting emissions, consistent with state legislation and executive orders that are aimed at reducing Statewide GHG emissions. This includes AB 32, which established a target of reducing Statewide GHG levels to 1990 levels by 2020; SB 32, which established a mid-term target of reducing Statewide GHG levels to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; and Executive Order S-3-05, which recommends a longer-term statewide GHG reduction goal of reducing emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The CAP includes GHG reduction strategies for community level actions and city operations for the following sectors:

- ▶ On-Road Transportation
- ▶ Electricity
- ▶ Natural Gas
- ▶ Off-Road Transportation
- ▶ Solid Waste
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Wastewater

The CAP update also provides a range of adaptation strategies and measures as an additional component to climate action planning. The City recognizes the importance of building resilience in the community to future climate change—related impacts through climate adaptation. Through “adaptation planning” the City is undertaking a process of identifying climate risks and opportunities, assessing the options to manage these risks and opportunities, and implementing actions to sustain and even improve the community’s quality of life. The City has also developed a Climate Action Plan Consistency Review Checklist, in conjunction with the CAP, to provide a streamlined review process for proposed new development projects that are subject to discretionary review and trigger environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

Location: The City of Escondido Climate Action Plan encompasses 37.5 square miles within the City limits.

Applicant: City of Escondido

Public Review Period: The review and comment period will begin on July 1, 2020 and end at 5:00 p.m., on July 31, 2020. Copies of the draft IS/MND are on file and available for public review in the Escondido Planning Division, at 201 North Broadway, and also posted on the City of Escondido web site at: <https://www.escondido.org/climate-action-plan-documents.aspx>. For more information please contact Mike Strong, Assistant Director of Planning at (760) 839-4556 or mstrong@escondido.org.

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