

**CITY OF CHICO CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

July 28, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Chico Climate Action Commission will conduct a meeting on **Thursday September 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, located at 421 Main Street, regarding the following project:

Climate Action Plan Update – The City of Chico is preparing the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update to include measures addressing communitywide GHG emissions. Using the 2017 GHG emissions as a baseline, the City is committed to a GHG emissions reduction target of 2.71 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MT of CO₂e) per person (or 292,437 MT of CO₂e in total emissions) by 2030. This corresponds to an 80 percent reduction in per capita emissions (or a 46 percent reduction in total emissions) below 1990 levels by 2030, exceeding the California Senate Bill 32 target of 40 percent reduction in total emissions by 2030. The Chico 2030 GHG emissions target is selected to be consistent with California Senate Bill 32 State emissions targets and CEQA Guidelines 15183.5 for a qualified GHG emissions reduction strategy, and to be achievable by City-supported measures identified in the Chico CAP Update. To achieve the Chico 2030 GHG emissions target, the CAP Update includes 13 measures related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation, development patterns, solid waste, water, urban trees and greenspace, and community engagement. The Chico CAP Update applies to all areas and plans/projects within the City of Chico limits.

The City of Chico has prepared a Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS-ND) for the CAP Update and is requesting comments on the IS-ND and all associated documents, including the CAP Update. The IS-ND addresses the potential physical environmental effects of implementation of the CAP Update in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As discussed in the IS-ND, the CAP Update was found to result in no significant environmental effect or a less-than-significant environmental effect with regard to all CEQA Guidelines Appendix G environmental topics. No mitigation measures are required.

IS-ND REVIEW PERIOD: The City is soliciting comments on the IS-ND and all associated documents referenced in the IS-ND, including the CAP Update, from **August 3rd, 2021 through September 2nd, 2021**. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, the City of Chico will consider the IS-ND together with any comments received during the public review process. Comments on the IS-ND and any questions should be directed via email to molly.marcussen@chicoca.gov

Comments on the t IS-ND and any questions or comments can also be directed in writing to:

Molly Marcussen, Associate Planner
City of Chico, Community Development Department
411 Main Street
Chico, California 95927

Comments on the IS-ND must be received **on or before September 2nd, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

COPIES OF THE IS-ND: The IS-ND and all associated documents, including the CAP Update, are available for review at <http://chicocap.rinconconsultants.com>. If you need a hardcopy of the IS-ND or the documents referenced therein, please contact Molly Marcussen at molly.marcussen@chicoca.gov or (530) 879-6808.

Adoption of the proposed Climate Action Plan Update as well as the IS-ND will be considered by the Climate Action Commission for comment and recommendation to the City Council. The Chico City Council is anticipated to consider the IS-ND and make a decision on the CAP Update during a future regularly scheduled meeting to be noticed to the public. Interested attendees should visit the City Council webpage to confirm the meeting date, time, agenda, and logistics: <https://chico.ca.us/agendas-minutes>

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