



City of Davis
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Notice is also hereby given that the City of Davis has prepared an Initial Study and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project as part of the public hearing.

Project Title: 2020 – 2040 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Project Description:

The proposed project includes the adoption and implementation of the City's 2020 – 2040 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and the establishment of a greenhouse gas (GHG) emission significance thresholds for use in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of future discretionary projects proposed for City approval. The proposed CAAP includes qualitative and quantifiable steps to combat climate change and decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that align with the City's priorities, aims to cut GHG emissions by 40 percent below 2016 levels by 2030 and put the City on a path to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040.

The proposed CAAP addresses emissions targets through reduced dependency on fossil fuels and nonrenewable energy sources and increased efficient use of resources consumed. It also provides a way to connect climate change mitigation (i.e., GHG emissions reduction) to climate adaptation, community resilience, and broader community goals. The proposed CAAP contains community-wide and government operations GHG emission inventories to establish a baseline. The proposed CAAP also summarizes a forecast of probable future emissions levels if no action to reduce emissions is taken.

The proposed project also includes the establishment and adoption of GHG significance thresholds for use in CEQA review by the City. These significance thresholds would determine whether proposed projects have a cumulatively considerable or less than cumulatively considerable contribution to the significant cumulative impact of greenhouse gas emissions. Two thresholds are proposed by the City: a bright-line threshold and an efficiency-based threshold. A bright-line threshold is a numeric, total mass (metric tons) of GHG emissions per year from a given project. An efficiency-based threshold is a measure of a project's GHG emissions intensity, or emissions per service population or per capita. Under this approach, emissions are evaluated with reference to the population that would be served by a particular project. The efficiency metric threshold represents the intensity of a project's emissions normalized against its population or "service population;" a service population is typically defined as the sum of residents plus employees.

Lead Agency: City of Davis, Department of Community Development and Sustainability

Lead Agency – Contact Person: Kerry Loux, Sustainability Coordinator / CAAP Project Manager; 530-757-5610; kloux@cityofdavis.org

Address where document may be obtained:

Agency Name: City of Davis, Dept. of Community Development and Sustainability

Street Address: 23 Russell Boulevard, Suite 2

City/State/Zip: Davis CA 95616

Environmental Determination:

An Initial Study analyzing potential environmental impacts has been conducted for the project and a Negative Declaration prepared pursuant CEQA requirements. The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Cortese List Properties:

There is one site with a Davis address on the list maintained by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (the Cortese List) – Frontier Fertilizer north of 2nd Street and approximately 1/3 mile west of Mace Boulevard. The CAAP does not propose any actions that would affect this property.

Availability of Documents:

Information pertaining to the project is available on the project webpage at:

<https://www.cityofdavis.org/sustainability/2020-climate-action-and-adaptation-plan-caap>;

or for review at the Department of Community Development and Sustainability, Planning Division, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California, 95616. Staff reports for the public hearing are generally available five (5) days prior to the hearing date through the city's website at: [Agendas | City of Davis, CA](#); and are also available by contacting the project manager.

Public Notice & Comments:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Davis has prepared an Initial Study and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project in a public hearing. Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the hearing. Persons with questions regarding this item or to confirm the meeting date may contact the project manager, Kerry Loux at: 530-757-5610 ext. 8246; or via email at: kloux@cityofdavis.org

20-Day Public Review Period:

Begins – March 6, 2023 Ends – March 27, 2023

Public Meeting(s):

Required public hearings on the project by the City Council will be scheduled on April 18, 2023 (tentative) or on a date to be determined. Additional public noticing will be provided when the meetings are scheduled, as required.