



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** September 23, 2014

From: Lori Lamson **Item No:** 11
Assistant Town Manager
Community Development Department

Subject: A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 2013 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**Move to open the public hearing and take testimony.
Close the public hearing. Then:**

1. **Adopt** Town Council Resolution No. 2014-35 approving the Town of Apple Valley 2013 Climate Action Plan Update.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In accordance with the adopted Climate Action Plan (CAP), staff conducted the Plan's three (3) year review of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction measures to determine if the targets were being reached. Based on the review, minor implementation changes are proposed to the 2013 Measures to reflect the evolving needs and successes of Apple Valley's carbon dioxide (CO₂e) reduction efforts over the past three (3) years.

A complete copy of the 2013 Climate Action Plan is available for viewing in the Town Clerk's office.

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION:

The 2005 CAP was adopted by the Town Council on July 13, 2010, and subsequently amended on December 14, 2010.

The 2005 CAP was designed to be revised every three (3) years to respond to advances in technology, emerging policy reforms, and the Town's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2013 CAP update ensures the reduction measures proposed and implemented in the 2005 CAP support the Town's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of fifteen percent (15%) below 2005 levels by 2020. This update identifies the next steps for the reduction plan based on the progress of the past

three (3) years. The updated Plan identifies which actions will continue, which will be dropped, as well as proposing new actions to be added.

Throughout the document, comparisons of 2005 and 2013 data are provided to identify community-wide and municipal trends that assist with determining future policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and solid waste generation in the Town. To summarize the data, community-wide gas emissions illustrated a reduction while municipal gas emissions increased. Energy consumption increased in both sections, while the greatest reduction was achieved in solid waste. The next three (3) year review will be in 2016, which will again provide comparisons of data to determine if the Town is achieving the 2020 reduction targets.

Based on the Plan's review, minor implementation changes are proposed to the 2013 Measures to reflect the evolving needs and successes of Apple Valley's carbon dioxide (CO₂e) reduction efforts the past three (3) years. The 2013 CAP update complies with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) recommended reduction target and is consistent with the draft county-wide CAP's being adopted by each city within the county. The 2010 CAP was adopted prior to CARB determination and County efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Following receipt of public input and discussion by the Council, it is recommended that the Council move to adopt Resolution No. 2014-35.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2014-35

RESOLUTION No. 2014-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley adopted its General Plan on August 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley certified the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2008091077) on August 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley adopted the Climate Action Plan on July 13, 2010, and subsequently amended on December 14, 2010, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the adopted Climate Action Plan, an update was prepared for the Plan's three (3) year review; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan Update is consistent with the General Plan, insofar as it implements its policies and programs relating to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Air Quality Element, Program 1.A.1 requires that the Town "adhere to existing and future greenhouse gas and global warming rules, regulations and requirements", and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the evidence received at the public hearing, and for the reasons discussed by the Town Council at said hearing, the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley, California orders, determines and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Town Council hereby approves and adopts the Town of Apple Valley Climate Action Plan, appended to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley this 23rd day of September, 2014.

ATTEST:

Art Bishop, Mayor

Ms. La Vonda M. Pearson, Town Clerk