



**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND)**

Date: October 19, 2015

To: Affected Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for
the Santa Ana Climate Action Plan

A Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared by the City of Santa Ana for the draft Santa Ana Climate Action Plan (CAP). The City of Santa Ana is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Ana Climate Action Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is adoption of the CAP, a document that provides measures intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within the City. The CAP describes the 2008 baseline GHG emissions produced in Santa Ana and estimates business-as-usual emissions that could be expected in 2020 and 2035. GHG emissions were estimated for 2008, 2020, and 2035 for both community-wide and municipal operations. The City has indirect ability to influence many sources and activities producing community-wide emissions, while it has more direct control over municipal operations emissions. Municipal operations emissions are a subset of community-wide emissions. Overall, the goal of the CAP is to reduce Santa Ana's community-wide GHG emissions by 15% below 2008 emission levels by the year 2020. In addition, Santa Ana has established a goal to place the City on a path to reduce community-wide emissions by 30% below 2008 emission levels by the year 2035. For municipal operations emissions, the City has established goals of 30% below 2008 emission levels by 2020 and 40% below 2008 emission levels by 2035.

The Draft CAP identifies measures that have a quantifiable emissions reduction and also includes recommended action steps, co-benefits, cost, and funding sources. The Draft CAP is the result of extensive community outreach and public participation. An initial public engagement session was held in March 2012, where participants suggested potential emissions reduction measures to be included in the CAP. The measures gathered were then analyzed for feasibility and assessed by City staff. The working list of measures was presented to key stakeholders and to the public in additional workshops in July 2014. Feedback from these sessions was incorporated, resulting in the measures included in the CAP.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project consists of all land area located within the incorporated limits of the City of Santa Ana. Santa Ana covers 27.3 square miles in Orange County between the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and San Diego and is approximately 10 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and 7 miles west of the Santa Ana Mountains.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for this NOI will commence on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, and conclude on Friday, November 20, 2015. The Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as Draft Climate Action Plan will be available for review on the City website at <http://www.santa-ana.org/climateactionplan/> and at the following locations:

City of Santa Ana
Public Planning Counter
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Santa Ana Public Library
26 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **November 20, 2015**.

City of Santa Ana Planning Division
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Contact: Melanie McCann
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All comments received related to issues discussed in the ND will be included in the final package that is forwarded to the Santa Ana City Council for final consideration.

For any questions regarding the review of the ND, please contact Associate Planner Melanie McCann at (714) 667-2746.



Signature

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