

RESOLUTION NO. 6837

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND
ADOPTING THE 2035 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the 2035 Climate Action Plan (“CAP”) is a local plan for the reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, which includes specific requirements that will avoid and/or substantially lessen cumulative greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Climate Action Plan is an expanded version of the City’s Preliminary 2020 CAP, adopted by the City Council on July 15, 2014, and sets forth a strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with state law; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 CAP seeks GHG emissions reductions of fifteen percent below 2005 levels by 2020, which is consistent with achieving a reduction in emissions of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 CAP is consistent with state law and is consistent with the 2035 General Plan adopted by the City Council of the City of Woodland on May 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 CAP includes six focus areas, which are Energy, Transportation and Land Use, Urban Forest and Open Space, Water and Solid Waste, Public Involvement, and Municipal Operations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), (Public Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*) and the State CEQA Guidelines, the City prepared an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) (SCH #2013032015) analyzing and disclosing the potentially significant environmental impacts of the City’s Draft 2035 General Plan and the Draft 2035 Climate Action Plan, and the EIR is adequate for decision-making purposes and reflects the independent judgment of the City of Woodland; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Woodland on the 2nd and 16th days of March 2017, held duly noticed public hearings to consider both the Draft 2035 General Plan and the Draft 2035 CAP as well as the EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered comments received by the City on the Draft 2035 CAP and reviewed proposed revisions to it on March 2, 2017, and these comments and proposed changes were included as Attachment G to the March 2, 2017 Planning Commission staff report; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Planning Commission public hearings, and after hearing and considering all testimony regarding the Draft 2035 CAP, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC17-01 in support of recommending approval of the 2035 CAP to the City Council of the City of Woodland; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, April 18, and May 16, 2017, the City Council held duly noticed public hearings on the 2035 CAP and considered all written and oral reports of staff and public testimony on the matter and such other matters as are reflected in the record; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on April 4, 2017 adopted a series of motions to provide staff with direction to make certain additional changes to prepare final documents for City Council certification of the EIR and adoption of the 2035 CAP; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2017, the City Council reviewed and clarified the direction given, and motions adopted during the April 4, 2017 City Council meeting, accepted public comment and testimony, and directed that the General Plan should include Specific Plan Areas 1A, 1B, 1C, 2 and 3 for development consideration during the horizon of the 2035 General Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the continued public hearing of May 16, 2017, the City Council accepted additional public comment; and

WHEREAS, the City published notice of its Planning Commission and City Council public hearings in The Daily Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*), the City Council of the City of Woodland on May 16, 2017, certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Woodland 2035 General Plan and the 2035 Climate Action Plan, made findings relating to significant environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives, adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved an Errata to the EIR that reflected various text changes to four EIR mitigation measures and one environmental impact and amended the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to reflect the final table of significant environmental impacts and mitigation measures, and found that none of these changes changed the intent of the mitigation measures or required additional analysis of environmental effects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council, based upon substantial evidence in the record, hereby makes the following findings in support of adoption of the 2035 Climate Action Plan:

A. The 2035 CAP provides the strategies for the City of Woodland to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the State of California.

B. The 2035 CAP will provide the community with a well-defined planning framework related to energy efficiency and climate change effects and will streamline future projects’ compliance with CEQA.

C. The 2035 CAP is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). An EIR has been prepared for the 2035 Climate Action Plan that provides a

description of potential environmental impacts of the 2035 Climate Action Plan, includes mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than significant levels where feasible, and evaluates alternatives. All interested parties and members of the public were permitted to comment on the Draft EIR during the 45-day public comment period, and the City prepared written responses to comments in accordance with CEQA, which were included in the Final EIR.

D. The 2035 CAP is a local plan for the reduction and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and includes specific requirements that will avoid and/or substantially lessen cumulative emissions.

E. The 2035 CAP contains thresholds of significance for general use as a part of the City’s environmental review process, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7.

F. The 2035 CAP, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(c), contains measures designed to mitigate to less than significant levels the impacts from future projects anticipated in, or consistent with, and allowed under the 2035 General Plan.

G. The 2035 CAP constitutes and includes uniformly applied development policies and standards that will, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15183(g)(8), substantially mitigate the environmental effects of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts when applied to future projects.

H. The 2035 CAP has been developed to, among other reasons, satisfy the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5 related to “tiering and streamlining the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions,” and the EIR has analyzed and mitigated the effects of greenhouse gas emissions for the 2035 General Plan, and later projects may rely on that analysis as a part of the environmental review.

I. Future projects that are consistent with both the 2035 General Plan and the 2035 CAP and incorporate into the project as binding and enforceable requirements of the 2035 CAP will not result in cumulatively considerable incremental contributions of GHGs pursuant to Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines.

2. The City Council hereby approves the 2035 Climate Action Plan, which is comprised of the Public Review Draft Climate Action Plan dated September 2016 (**Exhibit A**) and **Exhibit B**, “Changes to the September 2016 Draft 2035 Climate Action Plan,” which sets forth the modifications to the 2035 Climate Action Plan text. The City Council adopts the 2035 General Plan in accordance with the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

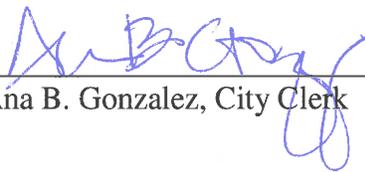
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 16th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Davies, Fernandez, Rodriguez, Stallard and Mayor Barajas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



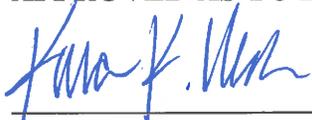
Angel Barajas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ana B. Gonzalez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kara K. Ueda, City Attorney