

## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP MINUTES

May 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM

San Marcos Room, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

### AGENDA

#### Call to Order – 6:00 PM

*Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.*

#### Roll Call

*Members Present: McLane, Rosaler, Aguilar*

*Members Absent: Norris*

*Staff Present: Joe Farace, Planning Division Director; Sean del Solar, Sustainability Program Manager/Principal Planner; Scott Nightingale, Principal Planner (virtually via Teams); Song LeBaron, Sr. Management Analyst.*

*Consultants Present (virtually via Teams): Laura Stetson MIG Principal; Steven Davidovas, MIG Project Manager; Jesse Fleming, Recon Environmental; Morgan Weintraub, Recon Environmental.*

#### New Business

1. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2025 meeting

*Member Aguilar motioned to approve the minutes. Member Rosaler seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the minutes; motion passed 3-0.*

2. Presentation on the Creek District Specific Plan

*Staff introduced the consulting team from MIG and Recon Environmental and provided an overview of the existing 2007 Creek District Specific Plan, which is being updated with funding from a HAP grant. The goal is to revitalize the area by addressing key issues such as underutilized land, limited development, and high vacancy rates. Laura Stetson presented emerging concepts that promote a walkable, mixed-use district with integrated stormwater solutions, new street designs, and housing options including mid-rise buildings. The plan also focuses on streamlining permitting through CEQA updates and establishing clear, objective design standards to expedite development review.*

*Discussion covered funding mechanisms for infrastructure, including options like bonding and public-private partnerships. There was also community interest in maintaining existing commercial uses while allowing flexibility for future redevelopment. Concerns were raised about traffic impacts, particularly along San Marcos Boulevard and the potential use of Discovery Street as a throughway. In terms of housing, participants felt 3-5 stories would generally be acceptable, especially if accompanied by ample green space and open areas.*

*Next steps include refining land use, mobility, and stormwater alternatives, developing a financing strategy, and presenting updated concepts to the City Council on May 27, followed by a second public workshop in summer 2025.*



### 3. Staff Updates

Staff shared updates on recent events, including the Watershed Program's participation in the Creek to Bay Cleanup (April 26), where over 1,600 lbs of trash were collected, and the Smart Splash Summer Bash (May 10), an event celebrating local agency efforts toward water quality and conservation. Additionally, the City hosted a pit stop for Bike Anywhere Day (May 15), and the installation of an EV charger at the Civic Center is currently underway. Staff also shared details on the Working Group's vacant seat (applications are due by June 13 at 5:00 PM, and appointments will be made at the City Council meeting on June 24 at 6:00 PM). Finally, Staff provided a follow-up on prior discussions regarding the cost for the City to transition its accounts to the CEA 100% renewable energy option.

#### **Oral Communications**

No oral communications.

#### **Working Group Member Comments**

No comments.

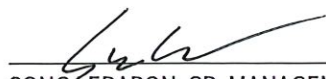
#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.



REBECCA ROSALER, CHAIRPERSON  
CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

ATTEST:



SONG LEBARON, SR. MANAGEMENT ANALYST  
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