



---

February 20, 2020

Leighann Moffitt, Planning Director  
Sacramento County  
827 7th Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*via electronic submittal*

Dear Ms. Moffitt,

### **GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT: GHG MEASURES**

As you know, CA Government Code §65400 requires the County to report by April 1 of each year the status of the general plan and progress in its implementation. We expect the Board of Supervisors to review the pending report at a March 2020 hearing.

General Plan Policy LU-115, adopted November 2011, states a goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and presents four implementation measures:<sup>1</sup>

- *Adopt by resolution a first-phase Climate Action Plan.*
- *Complete a GHG emissions inventory every three years.*
- *Prepare a second-phase Climate Action Plan within three years.<sup>2</sup>*
- *Enact and fund a Sustainability Program to provide ongoing oversight, monitoring and maintenance of the Climate Action Plan.*

The first-phase *Framework and Strategy* plan was adopted in November 2011 concurrent with adoption of the GP 2030 update. The other three measures are still outstanding, and there is to our knowledge no schedule or dedicated funding for their completion.

Numerous international, national, State, and local studies affirm that climate change on its current trajectory will negatively and substantially effect the economy of Sacramento County

---

<sup>1</sup> It is problematic that the above General Plan measures are significantly weaker than the GHG-reduction measures presented in the FEIR prepared for the General Plan's adoption, as is detailed in our October 31, 2019 comments on the Jackson Township SP DEIR and referenced in our January 27, 2019 comments on the Mather South MP FEIR.

<sup>2</sup> The second-phase Climate Action Plan is intended to be a community-wide plan prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15183.5.

and the personal well-being of its residents. The status of the County's commitments to help attain State GHG-reduction goals is therefore a matter of pressing public interest.

We request that the 2019 Annual General Plan Report include a discussion of the status of implementation of Policy LU-115, to include:

- Progress to date
- Schedule of further work
- Funding considerations
- Legal considerations.

We look forward to the report and the hearing discussion, and to participating in the County's process to fulfill its climate mitigation responsibilities. Please include our respective organizations on your interested-parties list for the annual report.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Laurie Litman, President  
350 Sacramento



Ralph Propper, President  
Environmental Council of Sacramento



Barbara Leary, Chairperson  
Sacramento Group, Sierra Club

cc:

Board of Supervisors Members:

- Chair, Phil Serna, District 1
- Patrick Kennedy, District 2
- Susan Peters, District 3
- Vice-Chair, Sue Frost, District 4
- Don Nottoli, District 5

Nav Gil, County Executive

Todd Taylor, Associate Planner, Sacramento County