



**Minutes**  
**Town of Atherton**  
**February 3, 2016**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
94 Ashfield Road  
Atherton, California  
**Special Meeting**

**ROLL CALL** Lewis, Lempres, Widmer, Wiest, DeGolia

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - (Limited to items on the agenda)

**1. DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (EPC)**

**Report:** Senior Town Planner Stephanie Davis

**Recommendation:** Provide direction to staff on the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) as recommended by the Environmental Programs Committee (EPC).

Town Planner Stephanie B. Davis provided a summary of the report to Council.

In 2007, the State approved Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), which requires California to reduce the State's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by at least 15% from 2005 levels by the year 2020. Local jurisdictions are adopting, or have already adopted, local Climate Action Plans (CAP) to assist with the State's effort to reduce GHG emissions. The Town of Atherton, along with the other cities within San Mateo County, have been working with San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW) in cooperation with C/CAG and the energy-consulting firm DNV GL to complete a draft CAP. From March to September 2014, staff has been working with the EPC in developing a complete, draft CAP.

In determining the overall percentage of GHG reductions the Town can achieve, the consultant must first determine a "business-as-usual" (BAU) methodology assumption within their technical formula calculations. After some discussion the Council decided to use the population growth methodology with the caveat that they would like to increase the 15% baseline to be more in line with energy consumption.

Council continued to review the draft document providing feedback at the policy level with respect to the various measures proposed in the Plan. Council provided staff direction on several recommended measures to reduce GHG emissions. The City Council completed its review and comments on Table A. The measures that the City Council recommended from Table A would achieve a 14.4% reduction in GHG by 2020. The Council also reviewed and provided some comments on Table B.

Council continued the item to the next study session to finish review of Table B.

**2. 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (EPC) WORK PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EPC**

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**Report:** Senior Town Planner Stephanie Davis

**Recommendation:** Review, provide comment, and approve a final 2016 Environmental Programs Committee work plan

Town Planner Stephanie B. Davis noted that to address climate change within the Town, combined with the forthcoming draft CAP, the EPC has prepared a 2016 EPC Policy Statement and detailed, draft Work Plan to assist the Town to address climate change and implement the CAP. As an advisory committee, the EPC work plan must be reviewed and approved by the City Council before the EPC can begin implementing identified programs.

Item 2 was continued to a future meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa DellaSanta  
City Clerk