

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, studies suggest that a global greenhouse gas emissions reduction of anywhere from 60-80% is needed to avert an ecological crisis; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, came into force and, as of May 2008, a total of 181 countries and other governmental entities, representing over 61% of emissions from developed countries, have ratified the agreement. The Agreement requires the countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 5.2%, on average, below 1990 levels by 2012. The objective is the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25% of the world's global warming pollutants, yet is not a party to the Kyoto Protocol; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emission reduction target for the U.S., had it ratified the treaty, would have been 7% below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mayors from around the nation, have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which urges federal and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet the Kyoto Protocol target of a 7% reduction in emissions below 1990 levels and commits their local agencies to strive to take actions to meet the Kyoto Protocol targets; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2006, the City of Emeryville authorized participation in the Alameda County Climate Protection Project coordinated by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI); and

WHEREAS, in September 2006, the State of California adopted the Global Warming Act of 2006 which creates a statewide greenhouse gas emission limit that would reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville, with assistance from ICLEI and Stopwaste.org, completed a 2004 baseline Community-wide and Municipal Operations emissions inventory and in December of 2006, accepted the report, established the City of Emeryville Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) and appointed two council members to the CCTF; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2007, the City of Emeryville adopted a goal of reducing emissions by 25% over 2004 levels by 2020 and appointed additional community members to the CCTF; and

WHEREAS, the CCTF having met several times in 2007 and 2008 approved the draft Climate Action Plan at its meeting in July of 2008 and voted to recommend to the City Council that the Climate Action Plan be adopted; therefore, now, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City of Emeryville Climate Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, November 18, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:_____

NOES:_____ **ABSTAINED:**_____

EXCUSED:_____ **ABSENT:**_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY