

preparation of a plan to reduce the City's emission of carbon dioxide, a key greenhouse gas. EAD reported that in April 1998, the EAD, DWP, and ICLEI agreed to contribute funds to hire an expert technical consultant for the preparation of this climate action plan.

EAD reported that a task force of City departments was created to assist with the creation of this plan that included DWP, DGS, Department of Transportation (DOT), Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Harbor Department, Department of Airports, and others. EAD reported that through the efforts of this group, the Climate Action Plan includes a baseline inventory of CO2 emissions for 1990, a current year inventory for 1998, a quantification of City actions that have been taken to reduce CO2 emissions, and recommendations for additional actions that the City could take to further reduce such emissions.

EAD reported that as a first step in the City's efforts to address the emission of greenhouse gases, this plan focuses on emissions directly attributable to the City's own operations and facilities. As such, the emissions associated with the generation of electricity are quantified only for the City's own consumption of electricity, not for the generation of electricity for all of the residents and businesses within Los Angeles.

EAD reported that the current Energy Climate Action Plan draft incorporates comments and revisions received from various City departments. EAD reported that the Environmental Affairs Commission (EAC) received a detailed status report on the contents of the plan at their meeting on October 19, 2000. The final draft of the plan was sent to City departments and members of the public in November, 2000, and was the subject of a public hearing at the November 30, 2000 meeting of the EAC at which representatives of the Coalition for Clean Air and Global Green USA spoke. EAD reported that while generally supportive of the plan, both organizations testified that they believed that the City should purchase a more substantial amount of green power and that a greater percentage of alternative-fuel vehicles should be incorporated into the City's light and medium duty fleets. The Commission adopted the plan with the instruction that EAD staff be directed to revisit the green power program and the alternative-fuel vehicle recommendations within three years to determine if additional actions would be feasible.

At its meeting of February 7, 2001, the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee considered the EAD report dated January 17, 2001, and recommended approval of the EAD recommendations relative to the Energy Climate Action Plan and additionally requested EAD to prepare a public information/education strategy. In its report dated February 23, 2001, relative to "Public Outreach and Education for the Los Angeles Energy Climate Action Plan", EAD reported that it has several existing resources that it can utilize to provide outreach and education and, if sufficient additional staff and fiscal resources were available, could provide a more

extensive program to promote the Climate Action Plan. EAD reported that the department operates a public information and referral telephone line, publishes a monthly newsletter, maintains an informational website, staffs information booths at public workshops and events. And produces information sheets, brochures, and guidebooks on environmental issues. EAD reported that each of these resources will be used to promote the Climate Action Plan. EAD additionally reported that as a partner in the ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, the City has access to ICLEI's outreach resources and EAD could also partner with DWP to include climate change related educational information in their public information materials.

EAD reported that if sufficient additional staff and financial resources were available for an outreach and education program on the Climate Action Plan, there are several additional activities that could be undertaken, such as an educational video, public service announcements for radio and television, and an expanded analysis and planning effort that would inventory greenhouse gas emissions from residences and businesses in Los Angeles and that would provide recommendations on City actions that could reduce those emissions. EAD reported that the results of this planning effort could be used as the foundation for a broad education and outreach program on the implications of global climate change and actions necessary to mitigate the emission of greenhouse gases.

At the February 27, 2001 meeting of the Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Chair concurred with Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee recommendations 1 through 5, and approved the EAD report, dated February 23, 2001 relative to Public Outreach and Education for the Los Angeles Energy Climate Action Plan. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Councilmember Ruth Galanter, Chair
Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee

MAR 02 2001 - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS
*AS AMENDED - SEE ATTACHED MOTION (HERNANDEZ - CHICK)
(Also refer to Cal action on CF 99-0824)

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