

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/21/2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Location: [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 915 4675 0502

A. Chair Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Elkins, Gaillard, Kabat, Martin, Price (Chair), Payne

Absent: None

Staff: Rebecca Lucky- Sustainability Manager

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve March 17 2021 minutes

Chair Price introduced item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gaillard/ Martin) to approve March 17 2021 minutes, passed unanimously.

D2. Begin to discuss climate action plan goals and implementation beyond 2021

Chair Price introduced item. Commissioner Gaillard and Kabat provided presentation (Attachment).

ACTION: Motion and second (Price/ Kabat) for the Climate Action Plan subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Gaillard, Kabat, and Payne to review the adopted 2030 Climate Action Plan and propose adjustments for the Environmental Quality Commission to consider in May, passed unanimously.

E. Reports and Announcements

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Commissioner Elkins provided information on state legislation regarding phasing out gas-powered leaf blowers.

Commissioner Gaillard provided information about rubberized asphalt and associated environmental impacts.

Commissioner Price provided reflection on City Council meetings regarding the Climate Action Plan and shared personal challenges with electrifying her home.

Commissioner Kabat shared information on upcoming BayREN webinars.

Commissioner London shared her research on increasing gasoline consumption trends.

Sustainability Manager provided updates on City Council approvals of their 2021 work plan and the 2021 Climate Action Plan's scope of work.

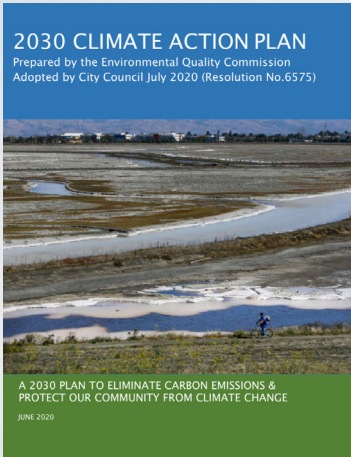
F. Adjournment

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

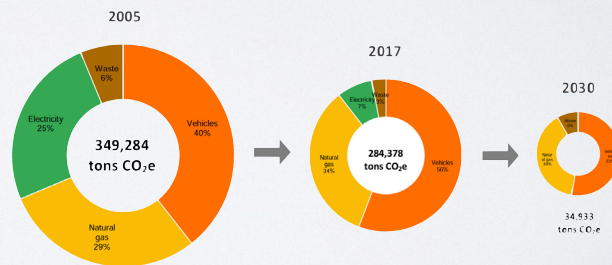
Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky

These minutes were approved on July 21, 2021 by the Commission.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



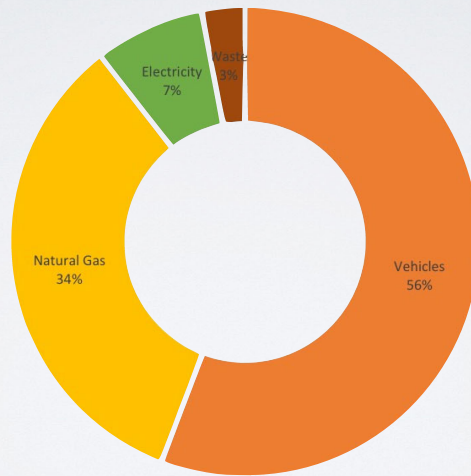
- Adopted by Menlo Park City Council in July 2020
- Sets a goal of 90% reduction in GHG by 2030 and elimination of the remaining 10% through direct carbon removal
- **Plan paired down due to pandemic budget cuts**



MENLO PARK CAP 2020-21

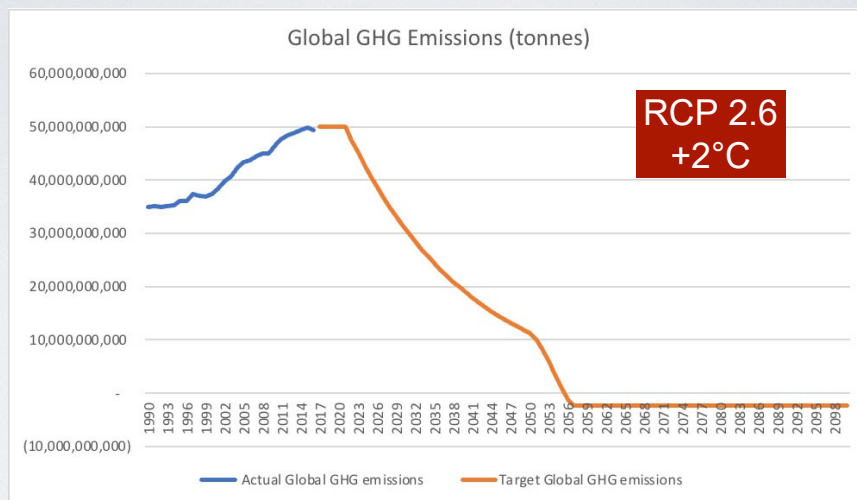
#	Action	2030 GHG Reduction (tons/yr)
1	Explore policy/program options to convert 95% of existing buildings to all-electric by 2030	1) 86,465 OR 2) 51,636
2	Set citywide goals for increasing EVs and decreasing gasoline sales	7,120
3	Expand access to EV charging	7,370
4	Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 25% or an amount recommended by the Complete Streets Commission	31,743
5	Eliminate the use of fossil fuels from municipal operations	879
6	Develop a climate adaptation plan to protect the community from sea level rise and flooding	0
		98,748

GHG EMISSIONS PROFILE for Menlo Park

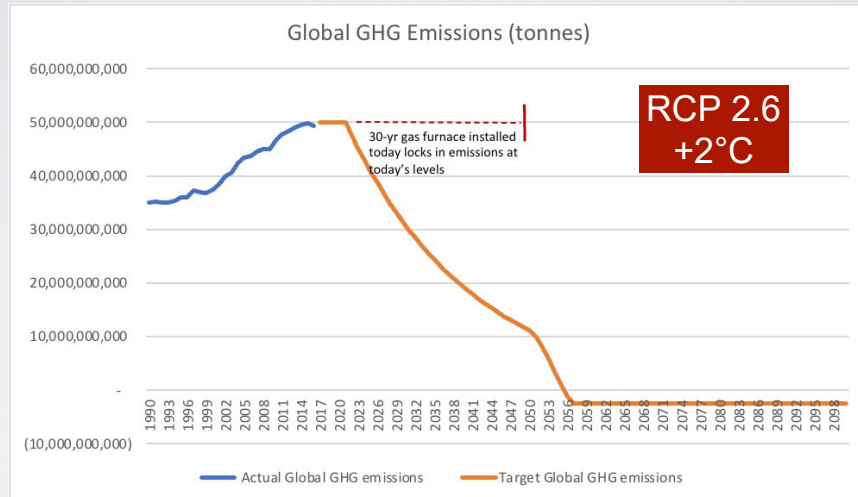


Source: City of Menlo Park December 2019 Staff CAP report

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NEED A POST-COVID PLAN

- Current 6-action plan significantly paired down due to COVID
- Let's go back to pre-COVID draft CAP (see CAP appendices)
- Get climate action back on track to achieve 2030 goals
- Need original staffing plan designed to achieve goal:
 - 6 FTEs x 3 years
 - Public works x 2
 - Outreach x 1
 - Adaptation and sequestration x 1
 - Technical/financial to help drive climate policy x 1
 - Planning x 1
- Climate goals will not be achievable without proper staffing

PROPOSAL

- Request 6 climate FTEs in 2021-22 budget
- Reconstitute CAP subcommittee to draft recommended actions for 2021-22
- Present to EQC at May meeting