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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Escondido will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, including N-25-20 and N-29-20: Certain Brown Act requirements for the holding of a public meeting have been temporarily suspended and members of the Planning Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of reducing the spread of COVID-19, members of the public are encouraged to submit their agenda and non-agenda comments online at the following link <https://www.escondido.org/public-comment.aspx>. Council Chambers will be closed, no public allowed.

Public Comment: To submit comments in writing, please do so at the following link: <https://www.escondido.org/public-comment.aspx>. If you would like to have the comment read out loud at the meeting (not to exceed three minutes), please write "Read Out Loud" in the subject line. All comments received from the public will be made a part of the record of the meeting. The meeting will be available for viewing via public television on Cox Communications Channel 19 (Escondido only). The meeting will also be live streamed online at the following link: <https://www.escondido.org/> and click on the graphic showing "live stream - meeting in progress".

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE – PHG 18-0009:

REQUEST: The Climate Action Plan Update ("CAP Update") consists of a comprehensive update to the 2013 CAP. The CAP update serves as a roadmap for the City to reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG emissions") and builds on the 2013 CAP by updating the GHG emissions inventory with a new baseline year and forecasting emissions, consistent with state legislation and executive orders that are aimed at reducing Statewide GHG emissions. This includes AB 32, which established a target of reducing Statewide GHG levels to 1990 levels by 2020; SB 32, which established a mid-term target of reducing Statewide GHG levels to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; and Executive Order S-3-05, which recommends a longer-term statewide GHG reduction goal of reducing emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. By establishing consistency with state legislation, the CAP Update seeks to streamline future development approvals within the City. The City has also developed a Climate Action Plan Consistency Review Checklist, in conjunction with the CAP Update, to provide a streamlined review process for proposed new development projects that are subject to discretionary review and trigger environmental review pursuant to CEQA. The CAP Update also provides a range of adaptation strategies and measures as an additional component to climate action planning. The City recognizes the importance of building resilience in the community to future climate change—related impacts through climate adaptation. Through "adaptation planning" the City is undertaking a process of identifying climate risks and opportunities, assessing the options to manage these risks and opportunities, and implementing actions to sustain and even improve the community's quality of life. The Planning Commission will be asked to review and consider the project and provide a recommendation to the City Council. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: A Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration ("IS/MND") was issued for a 30-day public review, beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2020, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The IS/MND incorporates mitigation measures that will avoid or mitigate impacts related to cultural/tribal cultural resources to a less than significant level.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: A public hearing with the Planning Commission was conducted on October 27, 2020, which was continued to November 10, 2020, continued again to December 8, 2020, and a final decision to recommend approval of the project was made on January 12, 2021.

On January 12, 2021 the Planning Commission voted 6-0-0 (1 Vacancy) to recommend approval to the City Council.

If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The City of Escondido recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to public services for individuals with disabilities. Please contact the American Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) coordinator (760) 839-4643 with any requests for reasonable accommodations at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The City of Escondido does not discriminate against any person with a handicapped status. All interested persons are invited to view the meeting.

For additional information, please contact Mike Strong, Director of Community Development at (760) 839-4556, and refer to Case No. PHG 18-0009.

ZACK BECK, City Clerk
City of Escondido
February 23, 2021