

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-059, SERIES 2008**

**RESOLUTION FORMING THE AD HOC DAVIS CLIMATE ACTION TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Davis General Plan establishes visions, goals and policies that guide the community away from impacts on natural systems and toward sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted resolutions supporting the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign in 1999 and the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the adopted City Council goals for 2007/08 provide clear direction that action on climate change and related issues is a City priority and that many of the other Council goals (downtown, housing, infrastructure, etc.) are related to and affected by the approach the community takes to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, as part of its action in adopting the City of Davis Climate Protection/Community Sustainability framework Strategy in April 2007, the City Council directed staff to develop a long range plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from City operations and the community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the development of an effective long range GHG reduction plan requires engagement across all sectors of the community; and

WHEREAS, the objective of forming the Climate Action Team (CAT) is to develop a deeper understanding of the issues associated with climate change and to take advantage of the extraordinary talent that is unique to Davis.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Davis City Council does hereby adopt the purpose, scope, and membership structure for the CAT as shown in Attachment 1 of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this sixth day of May, 2008 by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Sue Greenwald  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

Attachment 1 – Climate Action Team purpose and scope

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Climate Action Team (CAT) is to assist city staff in accelerating the development of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (Plan) for the City of Davis and the community as a whole to address the issues of greenhouse gas emissions. The CAT will develop and implement with the active involvement of designated city staff a process to facilitate community input and comment designed to increase overall awareness of the efforts as well as to generate innovative approaches and comprehensive strategies to address the City's goal of significantly reducing the GHG emissions of the City and the community as a whole.

## **TIMELINE**

This is an Ad Hoc and time limited effort. The development of a comprehensive Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and community engagement process will be completed by December ~~October~~ 31, 2008. The CAT will provide quarterly written status reports to the Natural Resources Commission and the City Council beginning no later than May ~~March~~ 2008. The Climate Action Team shall be dissolved, unless extended by the City Council, upon completion of the initial charge as identified in this document.

## **OBJECTIVES**

With a primary focus on community wide GHG emissions, the CAT will, as directed by the City Council, and under the general coordination of the City Sustainability Coordinator:

1. Work on defined objectives, within the defined time frame, to produce materials that will assist in the rapid development of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction for the City.
2. Plan, organize, and conduct public workshops to solicit community input and identify potential elements of an action plan for the city, including inviting appropriate speakers or others to make presentations at these forums.
3. Identify and interview persons with specific expertise important to the development of a city action plan.

4. Identify potential public education materials to promote the city's climate change program.
5. Identify potential partners and partnerships, which the city may wish to pursue in implementing a community-wide Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.
6. Research programs in other cities, develop detailed descriptions of these programs, and report to city staff, including recommendations.
7. Assist in the identification and evaluation of potential community wide GHG emission reduction targets and measures for inclusion in the Plan.
8. In the interest of streamlining adoption of early GHG emission reduction measures by the City, the CAT will not have a primary role in the identification or evaluation of these early action measures.

#### **CLIMATE ACTION TEAM COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE**

To constitute a small group of individuals from the community with expertise on the subject of climate change, the CAT shall consist of not more than 21 persons, as designated by the City Council, including representatives from:

- One member of the Natural Resources, Open Space, Bicycle Advisory Commission, and Planning Commissions;
- The Davis Energy Group;
- The University of California at Davis Sustainability Committee;
- Pacific Gas and Electric;
- The Davis Joint Unified School District;
- The Sierra Club, Yolano Chapter;
- The Chamber of Commerce;
- The Interfaith Group "Care for God's Creation";

- Yolo County;
- Associated Students of UC Davis;
- Davis High School Student Government;
- Davis Downtown Business Association;
- Local environmental group;
- Community education group;
- Five public at large members.