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Comments:

This CAP review committee is greatly appreciated, and I regret missing the June 1 discussion on Goal 5, as I'm out of town. The key issues are setting ambitious but achievable goals, and committing funds and staff to implement them. The target goals of 28% and 35% need to be reconsidered, and a reality check needs to be done by revealing the number of current trees that would have to be protected, the projected losses by 2035, and the number of trees to plant for substantial shade in 15 or 20 years. The 2015 CAP set 20% tree cover goal by 2020, yet remotely sensed tree canopy data for 2020 shows a slight increase since 2014, nowhere near 20%.

Goals need to be aspirational but achievable. If a goal is set too high, there will be continuing failure, discouragement, and lack of appreciation for accomplishments. Council members, community leaders, local professionals, businesses and residents can be invited to work toward achievable targets and collectively celebrate increased tree canopy and benefits. A robust discussion is needed about recommitting to the 20% goal in the 2015 CAP and then together implementing to add trees, shade, cooling and urban greening to all neighborhoods.

Attachments:

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Climate Action Plan Review Committee

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Please honor your commitment to the goals you set.

- 1 Specifically, keep in place massive tree canopy provided by existing trees.

Example -the Morton Bay figs, covering half a block, in the 301 Spruce St., PRJ-1053621. The extensive canopy is threatened with destruction during construction.

- 2 Specifically, protect existing tree canopy and plant trees that will mitigate environmental degradation caused by construction proposed in the Focused Plan Amendment for Hillcrest, allowing 10,000 -15,000 new residential units.
- 3 Specifically, enforce long standing Municipal Codes prohibiting illegal grading, clearing, and grubbing.
- 4 Specifically, require restoration and revegetation of illegally graded hillsides, open space, trees, canyons.
- 5 Specifically, require tree replacement by individuals cited with Notice of Violation or Civic Penalty Notice of Violation for illegal tree removal.
- 6 Specifically, honor Community Plans. Since the 1970's plans call for maintaining community character, maintaining community open space, respecting topography of communities
  - a. Example – The Maple Reynard Canyon complex in Uptown is being decimated with buildings. Please stop. Respect the topography of San Diego where tree canopy exists.

You have set goals.

Please enforce them.

We beg you. Some rules are in place.

The will to carry out your good intentions is questionable.

Thank you for sending the above message for me.

Carol Emerick

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Comments:

During the May 25, 2022 meeting of the Climate Action Plan Review Committee, Nate Fairman and Valentine Macedo Jr. raised concerns about workers currently employed in the natural gas industry losing their jobs as the building stock is electrified. While I strongly support building electrification, the concerns of workers who will be displaced cannot be ignored. Specific plans for which industries these workers can move to and how they will receive the needed training need to be developed.

I recently came across a plan for employment of displaced natural gas workers in Massachusetts. This project will develop neighborhood-scale geothermal systems to act as the heat-sink for ground-source heat pumps used for heating and cooling buildings. The piping will circulate an anti-freeze solution through pipes run in the existing natural gas right-of-way, providing heat in the winter, and disposing of heat in the summer. A feasibility study for this can be found at <https://heet.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/HEET-BH-GeoMicroDistrict-Final-Report-v2.pdf>.

Pilot projects appear to be progressing as shown here <https://www.mass.gov/news/departments-of-public-utilities-approves-national-grid-geothermal-demonstration-project>

and here

<https://energynews.us/2020/12/03/innovative-geothermal-micro-district-concept-moves-ahead-in-massachusetts/>.

This is the type of project we need to be searching for, testing locally, and pushing forward to ensure a just transition to a clean future for San Diego.

Thank you,  
Larry S. Peranich

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Comments:

We ask the City of San Diego to adopt all-electric ordinances for new construction with no exceptions with incentives for retrofitting existing buildings for electrification and efficiency.

Also, prioritize healthy soils and wetlands and that means moving quickly away from synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. Healthy soil is important to sequestering carbon. But pesticides destroy the microbes that make healthy soil.

We must quickly transition to clean, renewable energy from solar and with energy storage and stop burning anything for our energy.

Additional suggestions for the CAP:

Purchase land to conserve it as open space.

Pass an ordinance to stop wood burning fireplaces in new construction Purchase only zero emission vehicles for the city fleet and replace existing vehicles Expand EV charging station infrastructure, especially for multi-unit rental properties Increase the city urban tree canopy Add a No Idling Policy, like in the City of Oceanside CAP, and install No Idling signs using children's art throughout the county along with an education campaign about the dangers of parked vehicle idling. Idling burns over 3.8 million gallons of fuel every day in the United States, adding 30 million tons of CO2 to the atmosphere!

More comments and details attached.

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[https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/obc-public-comments/san diego cap comment may 31 2022.pdf?sandread=54db51ab08064c60](https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/obc-public-comments/san_diego_cap_comment_may_31_2022.pdf?sandread=54db51ab08064c60)

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