



## Draft Climate Action Plan

The City of Ukiah has released a Draft Climate Action Plan for public review and comment. The formal review and comment period begins April 7, 2014 and ends on May 23, 2014. The document can be reviewed on the City of Ukiah website at <http://www.cityofukiah.com/NewWeb/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Final-Draft-Climate-Action-Plan.pdf> (Featured Topics). A copy is also available for review at the Ukiah Planning and Community Development Department front counter. CD's containing the document are available for check-out. The Ukiah Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 14, 2014 to receive public comment and provide recommendations to the City Council for the preparation of the final document.

### Overview of Document

Given the scientific consensus that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are causing global climate change, and the GHG reduction policies established by the State of California, the City of Ukiah is joining an increasing number of California local governments committed to addressing climate change at the local level.

The City recognizes the risk that climate change poses to its residents, business owners, and visitors, and is acting now to reduce the GHG emissions from both its government operations and the community at-large through the strategies set forth in this Climate Action Plan.

Although state and regional policies and programs are being implemented to reduce GHG emissions, ultimately local action is needed to ensure that Ukiah is doing its part to mitigate climate change and adapt to its current and future effects. This Climate Action Plan takes a common sense approach to reducing GHG emissions in the City of Ukiah, with policies and cost-effective programs that the City itself, as well as its residents and businesses, can implement to reduce energy consumption, the amount of vehicle miles travelled, water use, and waste sent to local landfills.

### Purpose and Scope

This Climate Action Plan outlines Energy, Transportation/Land Use, Solid Waste and Water strategies, goals, and actions for the City and its community to reduce municipal and community-wide GHG emissions. It is designed to ensure that Ukiah does its part to contribute to the goals of California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), while taking into account the Ukiah General Plan vision for future growth.

AB 32 directs the state to reduce state-wide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. To achieve these reductions, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) recommend that local governments target their 2020 emissions to be 15 percent below 2005 levels, deemed to be equivalent to 1990 emissions levels.

In developing this Climate Action Plan, the City of Ukiah considered many potential GHG-reduction strategies and actions. Best-suited measures were chosen primarily based on community support, their ability to reduce GHG emissions, and cost-benefit characteristics, with additional considerations for funding availability and feasibility of implementation. As the City is in the early stages of shifting towards a low-carbon economy, high priority was also given to strategies and actions that support local economic development by creating jobs and boosting local green businesses. Additional considerations included public health impacts, energy security, air quality impacts, and quality of life impacts.

### **How to Submit Comments**

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### **Questions?**

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### **Review and Comment Period**

April 7, 2014 through May 23, 2014

### **Planning Commission Public Hearing**

May 14, 2014