

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 310597

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 19 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT  
MANUAL CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION THRESHOLDS TO  
INCLUDE A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THRESHOLD.

WHEREAS, the City's Land Development Manual contains California Environmental  
Quality Act Significance Determination Thresholds (City CEQA Thresholds); and

WHEREAS, the City CEQA Thresholds do not currently include a significance  
determination threshold related to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, by Resolution No. 310176, the City Council  
certified Final Environmental Impact Report No. 401663, and by Resolution No. 301175,  
adopted the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan quantifies greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, both  
existing and projected over a specified period of time, resulting from activities within the City;  
and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan establishes a level, based on substantial evidence,  
below which the contribution to GHG emissions from activities covered by the Climate Action  
Plan would not be cumulatively considerable; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan identifies and analyzes the GHG emissions  
resulting from specific actions or categories anticipated within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan establishes a mechanism to monitor its progress  
toward achieving the level and to require amendment if the Climate Action Plan does not achieve  
specified levels; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan specified that with future implementing actions, it was anticipated that it would serve as a Qualified GHG Reduction Plan for purposes of tiering under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15183.5, and that a refined proposal to allow project-specific environmental documents, if eligible, to tier from and/or incorporate by reference the Climate Action Plan's programmatic review of GHG impacts in their cumulative impacts analyses would be presented to City Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with this resolution, the Council is considering an amendment to the Climate Action Plan to include a Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist (Climate Action Plan Amendment), which ensures that future projects that rely on the GHG analysis in the Climate Action Plan are consistent with the assumptions set forth in the Climate Action Plan, and also specifies measures that substantial evidence demonstrates, if implemented on a project-by-project basis, would collectively achieve the specified GHG emissions reductions targets identified in the Climate Action Plan as set forth in the CAP Consistency Checklist Technical Support Documentation included in Report to the City Council No. 16-067; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan and the Climate Action Plan Amendment were adopted in a public process following environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a new significance threshold for analyzing GHG emissions under CEQA (GHG Threshold) is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the GHG Threshold is derived from the Initial Study Checklist in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G and asks whether a project would 1) generate GHG emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significance effect on the environment, and 2) conflict with the Climate Action Plan; and

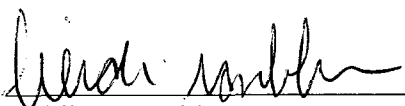
WHEREAS, under the GHG Threshold, whether a project would generate significant GHG emissions and would conflict with the CAP would be determined in accordance with the Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist included in the Climate Action Plan Amendment, which would be applicable to new development projects subject to CEQA, or in accordance with Planning Department guidance for other program- and policy-level projects; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the GHG Threshold is considered a major amendment to the Land Development Manual because it includes the significant revision of a chapter of the Land Development Manual and does not qualify as a minor amendment in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code section 111.0106(b); and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, the City Council Environment Committee voted 4-0 to recommend adoption of the amendment to the Land Development Manual to include the GHG Threshold in the City CEQA Thresholds (Land Development Manual GHG Threshold Amendment); NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that the Land Development Manual GHG Threshold Amendment, on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. RR- 310597, is hereby adopted.



APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By   
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Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 12 2016

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk  
  
KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Approved: 7/19/16  
(date)

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on JUL 12 2016, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherri Lightner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gloria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marti Emerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage JUL 19 2016

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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