

# Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP)



## About climate change and AB 32

Over the past 50 years, changes in the global climate, such as temperature increases and sea level rise, have accelerated. There is strong consensus amongst most of the scientific community that these changes are the probable result of man-made greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Changing climatic conditions as a consequence of excess GHGs in the atmosphere may cause unique impacts on California and Los Angeles County, including higher energy bills, increases in the number of extreme heat days, and sea level rise.

In 2006, California adopted Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, as an effort to address the effects of climate change. AB 32 establishes a statewide goal to achieve 1990 GHG emissions levels by 2020. The *AB 32 Scoping Plan* suggests a unique role for local governments and communities in helping achieve statewide GHG reduction goals.

## Overview of the CCAP

Climate action plans include an inventory of GHG emissions and measures for reducing future emissions to achieve a specific reduction target. Los Angeles County is currently preparing a Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) to mitigate and avoid GHG emissions associated with community activities in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The CCAP will address emissions from building energy, land use and transportation, water consumption, and waste generation. The measures and actions outlined in the CCAP will tie together the County's existing climate change initiatives and provide a blueprint for a more sustainable future. Ultimately, the CCAP and associated GHG reduction measures will be incorporated into the *Los Angeles County General Plan 2035*.

## Purpose of the CCAP

The CCAP will identify emissions related to community activities, establish a GHG reduction target consistent with AB 32 and provide a roadmap for successfully implementing GHG reduction measures selected by the County. Importantly, the CCAP will recognize the County's leadership and role in contributing to statewide GHG emissions reductions. Actions undertaken as part of the CCAP will also result in important community co-benefits including improved air



quality, energy savings, and increased mobility, and will enhance the resiliency of the community in the face of changing climatic conditions.

## Community Impact and the CCAP

Achieving the County's GHG reduction goals will require participation from the County, businesses, community leaders and organizations, and the public at large. Community feedback is fundamental to the development and successful implementation of the GHG reduction measures identified in the CCAP.

## Timeline and next steps for the CCAP

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning will lead CCAP development working with community stakeholders and other County departments. Comments, feedback and suggestions will be accepted throughout the CCAP development process and a draft CCAP is anticipated for public review early next year.

Review the **Strategy Areas** table on our website and tell us what you think of the proposed actions to reduce GHG emissions in the unincorporated areas:

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