

RESOLUTION NO. 13-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
ADOPTING A QUALIFIED CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 32, known as the “Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006”, requires that California’s greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and the AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan (2008) calls on local governments to reduce emissions in their jurisdictions by approximately 15 percent below 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Climate Action Plan is a policy document that:

- Identifies the City’s 2005 baseline and 2020 projected greenhouse gas emissions;
- Establishes a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 15 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2020;
- Sets forth the climate action measures the City will implement to achieve its emissions reduction targets and to address potential climate change impacts; and
- Establishes procedures to implement, monitor, and verify the effectiveness of the climate action measures and adaptation efforts moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Climate Action Plan was developed to streamline environmental review of future development projects consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code § 21000, et seq., as amended and implementing State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (collectively, “CEQA”), in particular CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b); and

WHEREAS, City conducted four public workshops to gather public input on the Qualified Climate Action Plan “toolbox” of implementation measures, and the toolbox measures were modified to reflect public input and direction from the Planning Commission and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Climate Action Plan was posted on the City’s website for public review for 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Climate Action Plan was considered by the Planning Commission on October 22, 2013, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Qualified Climate Action Plan to the City Council (see Exhibit A, Qualified Climate Action Plan); and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on the Qualified Climate Action Plan on November 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration was prepared for the Qualified Climate Action Plan pursuant to CEQA and released for a 30-day public review period and no comments were received regarding the CEQA determination. The Negative Declaration is considered under a separate resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that the City Council finds and determines that the Qualified Climate Action Plan is consistent with the State law regarding reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and meeting reduction targets identified in AB 32.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of November, 2013, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Strong, Martin, Steinbeck, Hamon  
NOES: Picanco  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

  
Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk

**Qualified Climate Action Plan**

A hard copy of the plan is on file at the City of Paso Robles Community Development Department, at the City Library, and it is distributed under separate cover.

A digital copy of the Qualified Action Plan can be downloaded from the City website at [www.prcity.com/government/departments/commdev/](http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/commdev/).