



## SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Green Paper: City Resolution Re-affirms the Declaration of a Climate Emergency

#### Prepared by the Sustainability Advisory Committee

Recognizing the need for accelerated action to address the climate crisis, the Del Mar City Council adopted a “Resolution Re-affirming the Declaration of a Climate Emergency for the City of Del Mar” on November 13, 2023.

The resolution outlines how Del Mar, like the rest of California, already suffers from the impacts of climate change such as drought, extreme heat, wildfires, species stress, dying Torrey Pines, shrinking kelp forest, coastal erosion, sea level rise, and flooding, and these impacts will become more severe as global greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase. It calls upon the community to accelerate our climate emergency mobilization efforts and contribute to the reduction of the effects of global warming for future generations.

The updated resolution follows the Del Mar 2020 declaration of a local climate emergency, the 2019 Clean Choice Energy program commitment and the 2016 adoption of a Climate Action Plan (CAP), which is a roadmap to significantly reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

Now is a great time for each of us to consider the long-term consequences of climate change for Del Mar, how we can ensure it remains a high priority for our community and what we can do individually to contribute.

The city of Del Mar has taken several steps to counter pollution and climate change. Through several bans, such as plastic bags, straws, stirrers, expanded polystyrene, and most recently in late 2023, helium balloons, the city has joined neighboring cities with similar bans.

Additionally, the Sustainability Advisory Committee’s FY23-24 Workplan had identified as a priority the development of a building electrification ordinance, but due to the California Restaurant Association v. City of Berkeley decision, this process was halted and removed from the Committee’s FY24-25 Workplan. During its Goal and Priorities Setting Workshop on March 11, 2024, the Council discussed supporting the Sustainability Advisory Committee in monitoring legal developments and exploring the possibilities to develop a building efficiency code to achieve a reduction in gas emissions.

Visit the Go Green Del Mar website for resources on how Del Mar residents and businesses can soften their environmental footprint. There you will find information about several environmental topics impacting our community including air quality, Del Mar's Climate Action Plan, construction and demolition waste recycling, sustainable city operation, energy efficient homes, solar energy, transportation, water and zero waste living.