

CITY OF ALBANY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2015

TO: Sustainability Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposed Schedule for Presenting Recommendation to City Council on Establishing a Long-Range Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goal

Below is a proposed schedule for preparing a recommendation to City Council regarding the establishment of a long-range target for greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the city. Staff estimates that each step will take one meeting.

1. Review existing CAP methodology and identify potential concerns, including methodology to account for non-policy related reduction in GHG generation in inventory (e.g., Western Forge & Flange relocation, new development in PDAs, etc)
2. Discuss alignment with state and regional methodologies and goals and discuss “business as usual” projection based on anticipated state and federal policy changes only
3. Discuss dates and target levels for intermediate and long term goals. Define goals (e.g, carbon neutrality) and discuss how the City will reach these goals.
4. Prepare comprehensive policy statement for Committee review with pro and con analysis and decide whether to fold this into the General Plan, add as an amendment to the CAP or have as a standalone policy statement
5. Make a formal recommendation to City Council