CITY OF SANTA CRUZ GENERAL PLAN GOALS & POLICIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In California, every municipality is required under state law to have a General Plan that includes multiple elements dealing with land use, housing, transportation, environmental assets and other issue areas. In sum, the General Plan is the blueprint for the city's future physical development, environmental preservation, and services delivery. The State Attorney General has sued and settled with local jurisdictions for inadequate consideration of Climate Change in their General Plans and other state-required environmental documentation, especially in light of California's AB 32.

Listed below are the General Plan Goals and Policies adopted by the City of Santa Cruz which pertain directly to climate change.

Goal NRC4: Effective leadership and action in reducing and responding to global warming.

- NRC 4.1 Reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions 30 percent by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050 (compared to 1990 levels).
- NRC 4.2 By 2030, require that all new development be carbon neutral.
- NRC 4.3 Support initiatives, legislation, and actions for reducing and responding to climate change.
- NRC 4.4 Encourage community involvement and public-private partnerships to reduce and respond to global warming.
- NRC 4.5 Minimize impacts of future sea level rise.
- NRC 4.6 Take early action on significant and probable global warming land use and development issues, including those that might arise after 2025.

Goal NRC7: Reduction in energy use, and significant production and use of renewable energy.

- NRC 7.1 Improve local energy efficiency and conservation.
- NRC 7.2 Increase the local use and production of renewable energy.
- NRC 7.3 Increase local energy awareness.
- NRC 7.4 Promote energy efficiency and innovation as an integral part of economic development.
- NRC 7.5 Promote energy-efficient local transportation.
- NRC 7.6 Promote energy-efficiency in the provision and use of water.

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