

## CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

June 15, 2010

Agenda Item: 6.5

Subject: Adoption of Resolution No. 12-0910 – Adoption of the Chabot and Las Positas Colleges Climate Action Plans for the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

Background: On August 21, 2007, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) and committed to developing carbon neutral campuses along with helping the local communities of Hayward and Livermore, within which our colleges operate, as well as the State of California to achieve their goals of dramatically reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions that have been put forth in local and statewide legislation.

California, as a state, is responsible for 6.2 percent of the total GHG emissions of the United States, but has been working steadily since 1988 on ways to reduce its emissions. In 2006 the state legislature along with Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act. This critical piece of legislation set into law the GHG emissions goal of reducing statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Concerned that the level of GHG emissions reduction to be achieved by this bill would not be sufficient to eliminate many of the risks California faces as a result of global warming, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-3-05, which established a further goal of reducing GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

A complement to AB 32 is the recently adopted SB 375 which will enhance the California Air Resources Board's (ARB's) ability to reach AB 32 goals. The vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by light duty cars and trucks is California's single largest contributor to GHG emissions. This sector accounts for 40% of the state's total GHG emissions and this landmark legislation is designed to reduce these emissions through integrated transportation and land use planning. SB 375 will be responsible for reducing VMT and its associated emissions by reshaping California's communities into more sustainable, walkable communities that provide alternative transportation options and reduce the community's dependency upon automobiles. As part of the implementation of SB 375, ARB is in the process of developing regional GHG emission reduction targets for each of California's 18 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), which will be responsible for preparing a "sustainable communities strategy," demonstrating how each MPO will reach the target as part of the regional transportation planning process.

As part of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges will update its GHG emissions inventory annually, and provide an update to its Climate Action Plan every two years on even years.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No. 12-0910  
Adoption of the Chabot and Las Positas Colleges Climate Action Plans for the American  
College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.

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Approved: Joel L. Kinnamon /Date

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CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 12-0910

ADOPTION OF THE CHABOT AND LAS POSITAS COLLEGES  
CLIMATE ACTION PLANS FOR THE AMERICAN COLLEGE &  
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District as a signatory is publicly committed to achieving carbon neutrality through Sustainability teams made up of students, faculty, staff including facilities and maintenance to implement new ideas for reducing Green House Gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, by signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment and committing to developing carbon neutral campuses to help local communities of Hayward and Livermore, within which Chabot and Las Positas Colleges operate, as well as the State of California to achieve their goals of dramatically reducing Green House Gas emissions that have been put forth in local and statewide legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District takes further action to reduce Green House Gas emissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees adopts the Chabot and Las Positas Colleges Climate Action Plans

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a roll call vote on the 15th day of June 2010 by the Governing Board of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District of Alameda County, State of California.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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Date

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the  
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District,  
County of Alameda, State of California