



## STAFF REPORT

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2015

To: Planning Commission

From: Rick Angelocci, Town Manager

Subject: Strategic Energy Resources Report

Date: February 18, 2015

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

A motion to recommend that the Town Council accept the Strategic Energy Resources Report

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Town of Loomis has partnered with Sierra Business Council (SBC) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company through the Government and Community Partnership Program to create municipal operations and community-wide greenhouse gas emission inventories over the past several years. These inventories provided the town with a comprehensive analysis of greenhouse gas emissions within the town for a baseline year of 2005. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Town Council accepted the municipal operations and community-wide inventory reports prepared by SBC, respectively.

The third phase of the Government and Community Partnership Program builds off of the work that was completed in the first two phases and provides a strategy for the city to reduce operational costs town-wide, take a proactive step towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and create energy efficiencies.

A copy of the report was distributed to the Planning Commission at your January 27, 2015 meeting. In addition, a presentation was made by Town staff to the Placer County Association of Realtors at their January 20, 2015 meeting and was received favorably.

The document is organized into five chapters; the 'heart' of the document is contained in Chapters 4 and 5 (Energy Efficiency Goals, Strategies and Actions, and Implementation). The goals address five key areas:

- Energy efficiency in existing structures
- Energy performance in new construction
- Expansion of renewable energy options

- Energy efficiency in municipal operations
- Water conservation which reduces energy needed to transport and treat water

The strategies focus on voluntary measures that can be taken by residents, businesses and the local government. Key components include developing and disseminating information on existing rebate and incentive programs; public outreach via the Town's website and printed materials training for staff, contractors and developers; and partnerships with PG&E and local and regional organizations. Energy reduction performance indicators and targets are established for each group of strategies.

**CEQA:**

The SERR is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA guidelines:

*The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.*

**Financial Implications:**

None at this time.