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ACTION CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Wengraf
Subject: Climate Action Plan Revisions

RECOMMENDATION

Amend the Climate Action Plan as follows:

Chapter 3 – Sustainable Transportation and Land Use

Under Implementing Actions, p. 28. Add the following action: Work with EBMUD to offer a program of reduced water rates to community gardens as an incentive to neighborhoods to grow their own produce.

Chapter 4 – Building Energy Use Strategies

Replace the word “require” with the word “encourage” throughout the chapter.
Delete the last sentence on page 50.

Delete the word “white” when describing cool roofs - page 51. The unintended negative consequences of installing white roofs on the high-slope roofs of homes in the hills will be severe. Materials and products are now available that have the same reflectivity properties of white colored roofs and can achieve the same goals in terms of lowering temperatures inside buildings, decreasing air-conditioning use, and reducing the “urban heat island,” an elevation of air temperatures in urban areas.

Chapter 6 – Adapting to a Changing Climate

Add language under Goal 1 Implementing Actions, page 81:

To reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires that release tons of carbon that will undermine the city’s emission reduction goals, as well as to protect our community, our wildlife and our air quality, the City of Berkeley will work to implement a fuel hazard reduction plan in the parts of the city designated as high hazard areas.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown

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