



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

FROM: Rosalynn Hughey

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 4, 2019

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Date

6/6/19

**SUBJECT: UPDATE TO THE JANUARY - JUNE 2019 COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the following change to the January – June 2019 Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan to add the following item for the June 24, 2019:

San José Building Reach Code Update. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Purpose: Provide an update on the Building Reach Code for the implementation of the 2019 CA Energy Code.

OUTCOME

The proposed amendment to the January – June 2019 Work Plan for the Community and Economic Development Committee will allow the Building Reach Code update to be discussed at the June 24, 2019 Community and Economic Development Committee meeting prior to its anticipated consideration by the City Council in August 2019.

BACKGROUND

Staff provided the *Climate Smart San Jose Plan Semi-Annual Update*, which included an update on the City's Building Reach Code development process, to City Council on May 21, 2019. A reach code is an energy code that requires new buildings to exceed Title 24 (California Building Standards Code) requirements. In order to achieve Climate Smart all-electric and zero net energy building goals, the City is pursuing a reach code exceeding 2019 Building Efficiency and CALGreen Standards (to be implemented in 2020).

The reach code timing is intended to be aligned with the City's adoption and implementation of the 2019 CA Energy Code. Staff is conducting external stakeholder outreach in May through July 2019 and will provide the Community and Economic Development Committee with an update on the status of the reach code and stakeholder input received to date.

ANALYSIS

In the interest of bringing the Building Reach Code Update item to the Community and Economic Development Committee prior to full City Council consideration of this item, Planning staff is requesting that the January – June 2019 Workplan for the Community and Economic Development Committee be updated to add “*San José Building Reach Code Update*” to the June 24, 2019 agenda.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

City staff has hosted multiple outreach events for the reach code at City Hall, including an introductory workshop on May 29, 2019 and a workshop geared towards commercial development on June 4, 2019. There are additional future public workshops scheduled on June 25, 2019 and July 10, 2019, as well as presentations before the Silicon Valley Organization on June 13, 2019 and the Developer's Round Table on June 14, 2019. Initial feedback has ranged from those supporting the City's Climate Smart Plan and supporting greenhouse gas reduction, to those concerned about possible added construction costs.

The public can obtain information about the Reach Code process on the Environmental Service Department's website (<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=6357>), and through links on the Building Division's website, which contains a complete schedule, including stakeholder meeting dates, Council hearing dates, as well as the draft reach code, once it is available. In addition, assigned Planning, Building and Environmental Services staff are available to respond to questions.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

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