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Hayward recognized for third year straight as global leader responding to climate crisis

HAYWARD, Calif., Nov. 17, 2022—Hayward strategic planning prioritizes responding to the climate crisis and the City’s work and investments in this area have been recognized for the third consecutive year on a prestigious list of local governments cutting carbon emissions.

Today, CDP, a United Kingdom-based nonprofit through which cities, states, regions, companies and investors voluntarily disclose emission data and climate protection planning, announced that Hayward is one of 122 cities to make its 2022 A-List for climate action among 1,002 participating cities worldwide.

The Cities A-List designation is the third consecutive year running for Hayward and the fourth in five years since Hayward joined the CDP disclosure program in 2015. Other Bay Area cities to make the 2022 A-list are Cupertino, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose and Santa Cruz.

“Congratulations to Hayward for earning a spot on the CDP Cities A List — one of 49 cities and counties in North America to make the list in 2022,” said Katie Walsh, Head of Cities, States, Regions and Public Authorities, CDP North America. “From mitigating carbon emissions in line with science, to building resilience against floods, drought and other climate hazards, to centering marginalized and vulnerable communities in their response, A-List local governments are demonstrating best-practice environmental action. Hayward is in the vanguard of cities and counties leading the way toward a climate-safe future.”

The 2022 designation recognizes Hayward for municipal investment in on-site renewable energy generation and recycled water infrastructure; for new building standards to phase out reliance on natural gas; and completing a climate risk and vulnerability assessment as part of updating the City’s Hazards and Safety Element of the Hayward General Plan.

Also in 2022, Hayward transitioned most electricity service in the City to renewable solar and wind sources of energy through the City's membership in East Bay Community Energy (EBCE). EBCE is a public power agency that joins electricity customers in member cities to procure and support development of environmentally sustainable energy generation, providing greener alternatives for powering homes, businesses and public agencies in Alameda County and beyond.

Formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project, CDP was founded in 2000. It describes itself as a pioneer in using capital markets and corporate procurement to motivate companies to disclose their environmental impacts, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, safeguard water resources and protect forests. In 2022, nearly 20,000 organizations worldwide disclosed data through CDP, including 18,700 companies worth 50 percent of global market capitalization, and more than 1,100 cities, counties, states and regions. To learn more, visit CDP online at <https://www.cdp.net/en>.