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MONTEREY AND NEIGHBORING CITIES CELEBRATE ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Monterey, CA –The City of Monterey will commemorate the two-year anniversary of its signing the Urban Environmental Accords & the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement on Wednesday, July 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in front of Colton Hall on 580 Pacific Street. Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala will be joined by Salinas Mayor Dennis Donohue, Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado, Seaside Mayor Ralph Rubio, Carmel City Councilmember Karen Sharp, and Pacific Grove City Councilmember Deborah Lindsay for an outline of each city’s environmental efforts.

In July, 2007 the City of Monterey solidified its support for a sustainable and healthy community by signing the Urban Environmental Accords, which offer 21 actions across seven focus areas that are ecologically sustainable, economically dynamic, and socially equitable. Salinas, Pacific Grove and Marina also have signed the Environmental Accords.

Mayor Della Sala will report on Monterey’s progress in meeting the goals of the Accords, including a municipal greenhouse gas emissions audit, an environmentally preferable food-packaging ordinance, a green building ordinance, electric-vehicle charging stations, and a new community garden public-private partnership.

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Mayor Donohue will discuss Salinas' focus on a green economy through agriculture and energy. Pacific Grove is working on a reservoir water system. Pacific Grove and Carmel have banned Styrofoam. Marina, the most recent signatory, has formed an internal green team. Seaside is focusing on their mixed-used village center.

The celebration will include informational environmental exhibits from neighboring communities, Monterey's newest electric vehicle, and free refreshments sponsored by local businesses. The public, businesses and agencies are invited to attend. Media is encouraged to attend to get a broad view of environmental efforts from the Peninsula to the Salinas Valley.

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