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SDG POLICY INITIATIVE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ON A REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN TO ACHIEVE ZERO CARBON GOAL

San Diego, California, January 27, 2021 - The County Board of Supervisors has unanimously voted to direct County staff to work in partnership with the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy on a regional zero-carbon sustainability plan. The SDG Policy Initiative will lead the effort on the UC San Diego side to develop pathways for the region to achieve decarbonization goals.

Drawing on expertise including work on <u>America's Zero Carbon Action Plan</u>, the SDG Policy Initiative will work with County Staff and other partners to establish the technically feasible pathways to achieve net-zero carbon emissions in the region. The plan will evaluate key sectors including energy, transportation, buildings, land use, and will also evaluate the impacts on employment. Approaching decarbonization from the regional perspective, the plan will help policymakers identify opportunities for collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries.

As San Diego works to become a global leader in decarbonization, a new comprehensive Regional Sustainability Plan can set the region on a path to zero carbon and create a framework for other regions to follow.

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