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City of El Paso and Regional Partners Continue Efforts in Climate Action Planning

Region to Host First Climate Engagement Series

EL PASO, Texas – Climate change impacts everyone. From rising temperatures to severe weather events, these challenges are real and urgent.

The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC), powered by the City of El Paso, is hosting its first of Climate Engagement Series events to kick off the official launch of the Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) for El Paso and Hudspeth Counties.

The open-house style events will offer a vital opportunity for crafting a dynamic and achievable regional CAP that could enable our region to tackle climate challenges and pave the way for a resilient future. This project is a direct response to the voter-approved 2022 Community Progress Bond, which included the creation of a Climate Action Plan.

The community is invited to participate in the Climate Engagement Series, learn more about the project, and make a real impact for the region. The open-house meetings will take place:

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Valle Bajo Recreation Center 7380 Alameda Ave. **Tuesday, July 30, 2024** 5 to 7 p.m. Patriot Place Apartments Clubhouse 9500 Kenworthy St.

Residents unable to attend the in-person sessions can watch an informational video and fill out an online survey at <u>www.EPClimate.org</u>.

The meetings are the first of five community touchpoints in the Climate Engagement Series. The region's voices are crucial in shaping how climate policies and investments should be managed by the local government to create a more resilient and healthier region for generations to come.

"Community involvement is essential in shaping a plan that truly addresses our regional climate challenges," said Nicole Ferrini, the City of El Paso's Climate and Sustainability Officer. "We are excited to continue this collaborative process and work together to develop a sustainable future for the Paso Del Norte Region."

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About the Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative Climate Action Plan

The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC) Climate Action Plan will span an area covering 10 municipalities, 2 counties, 15 census-designated places and unincorporated communities, and 5,585 square miles of territory. Although this project is being led by the City of El Paso under the preview of El Paso's Climate and Sustainability Office, it is an effort that will inclusively and equitably benefit the entire region.