



Councilmember David Alvarez
City of San Diego-- District Eight

NEWS ADVISORY

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Councilmember David Alvarez hosts Climate Day

WHO: David Alvarez, Chair of the Natural Resources & Culture Committee, hosts 'Climate Day' at an expanded committee meeting today. The Committee will hear three agenda items on the topic of climate change, adaptation, and mitigation.

WHAT: First, Dr. Ralph Keeling, Director of the Scripps CO₂ Program and Professor and the Principal Investigator for the Atmospheric Oxygen Research Group at SIO, will give a presentation on recent climate research. Dr. Keeling was featured in a May New York Times article highlighting the increasing concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Next, Ms. Lumay Wang of Congressman Scott Peters will present the Super Pollutant Emissions Reduction Act of 2013, a bill that would develop a task force to review and plan for the reduction of short-lived climate pollutants. These non-carbon dioxide climate pollutants (or 'super pollutants') have shorter atmospheric lifespans than carbon dioxide but cause much more warming per molecule, and in many cases the emissions are growing much faster than carbon dioxide.

Finally, city staff and Environmental and Economic Sustainability Task Force members will update the Committee on the status of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP will provide targets and performance measures for both city operations and the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to evaluate adaptation strategies.

WHEN & WHERE:

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 1PM
City Hall, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101