



CLIMATE READY

Planning for All: Now and Tomorrow

Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Kickoff Meeting

December 7, 2017

UTSA Downtown Auditorium

The Climate Action & Adaptation Plan has been newly branded as the SA Climate Ready, Planning for All: Now and Tomorrow. The Kickoff meeting for the SA Climate Ready Plan was a great success. With over 300 community members in attendance. Speakers included Mayor Nirenberg, Councilwoman Sandoval, Paula Gold-Williams (CPS Energy), Dr. Cris Eugster (CPS Energy) Dr. Taylor Eighmy (UTSA), Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali (UTSA) and Doug Melnick (CoSA). The Keynote speaker was renowned climate expert Dr. Katharine Hayhoe with Texas Tech University. There was good community discussion and input. Below is a list of customer questions from the event.

Customer Questions Captured During Feedback Session:

- Urban farming – how serious is the problem?
- If you could talk to Scott Pruitt, what would be the first thing you would talk about?
- Have you been approached by fossil fuel industry to determine best practices?
- Should we be talking about conserving instead of just resiliency?
 - Building resilience for what is coming
- What is city doing to protect the water and preserve the recharge zone?
- Where do you see leadership coming from in the future? Who are the champions?
- How are we going to get this plan before our students and ensure they carry this into the future?
- Need for coordination due to lack of national leadership.
- How do we capture the small important successes to build into something bigger?
- Do you have sources to refer us to what China and India are doing?
- Is there a way for public to give data and information as they see it?
 - Send email to sa-climateready@utsa.edu
- Considering a requirement to put Solar Panels on rooftops?
 - Address tax values including solar panel systems
- Are you considering “Global Weirding” (term used to reflect climate change causes various extremes)
- Are you looking at waste as a fuel?
- Is there a sustainability program for this plan?
- How do we get the skillset and knowledge here as we go down this path?
- Have you considered networking with key officials in counties that affect our air quality and assistance them with addressing their issue?
- Consider building into the process regenerative technology and processes rather than just sustainable and resilient.

