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Environmental Planning Policy and Oil and Gas Monthly Update

Summary and Background Information:

This presentation to Council is to provide an Environmental Policy and Oil and Gas update relative to:

- Lotus Engineering Contract Deliverables and Progress (Task 3)
- Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (ECAP)
 - Draft recommendations for the energy and building sector
- Information regarding the Suncor Refinery and its operations
- Legislative Updates & Regional and State Environmental Protection Leadership
- Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Regulations & Applications

Lotus provided an Organization Sustainability Memo with vetted sustainability recommendations including the development of a Sustainability Team (Attachment A).

As requested, staff could not include the revised database that lists air exceedances in the past month because the updated data will not be posted until 8/1/2022. However, the City's website will include updates as soon as the material is available. The City's database documents exceedances chronologically for the last 9 quarters; exceedances by pollutant type; emission code information, air monitoring results during select exceedances, and water permit violations. As requested by Council the data includes a complete list and the root cause as well as a listing of any exceedances registered on the community ambient air monitors. There are different monitors throughout the community including regulatory monitors on-site and ambient air monitors that record off-site levels. The exceedances include the date and time of exceedances, the set limits per pollutant, and the amount that was above permit requirements. Information about the exceedances is from multiple sources including Suncor, CDPHE's water database; CDPHE's air database; Montrose community air database, and EPA's EPCRA database.

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Staff Recommendation: Staff welcomes feedback regarding any preferences or additional data categories to promote transparency about public health concerns.