

RESOLUTION NO. 069053

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U.S. COOL COUNTIES CLIMATE STABILIZATION
DECLARATION, AND MAKING RELATED COMMITMENTS

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, there is a consensus among the world's leading scientists that global warming caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problem facing the world today and they have projected that stabilization of climate change in time to minimize documented impacts will require a reduction of global warming emissions to 80 percent below current levels by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, currently the United States is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and as a result, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impacts on plants and wildlife habitats, threats to global food and water supplies, rising sea and bay levels – all of which have an economic impact on communities and their local governments; and

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WHEREAS, counties have a unique role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their regional jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management; and, through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reducing energy bills, preserving green space, promoting waste-to-energy programs, expanding transportation and work choices to reduce traffic congestion, and fostering more economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new technologies; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has reviewed and determined that the County of San Mateo is currently working on or is planning to work on all the climate protection actions required in the U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, which include developing a baseline emission inventory for county operations, creating and maintaining a master list of all county actions that reduce GHG emissions, assessing the impact of emissions reduction actions, participating in regional GHG initiatives, and advocating for federal action to reduce GHG emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County of San Mateo, as a Cool County, supports the U.S. Cool Counties climate stabilization declaration, and will take immediate steps to help the federal, state, and the governments within our county to achieve the 2050 climate stabilization goal by making the following commitments:

- i. Create an inventory of our county government (operational) greenhouse

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gas (“GHG”) emissions and implement policies, programs and operations to achieve significant, measurable and sustainable reduction of those operational GHG emissions to help contribute to the regional reduction of targets as identified in paragraph ii;

- ii. Work closely with local, state, and federal governments and other leaders to reduce county geographical GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050, by developing a GHG emissions inventory and regional plan that establishes short-, mid-, and long-term GHG reduction targets, with recommended goals to stop increasing emissions by 2010, and to achieve a 10 percent reduction every five years thereafter through to 2050.
- iii. Urge Congress and the Administration to enact a multi-sector national program of requirements, market-based limits, and incentives for reducing GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050. Urge Congress and the Administration to strengthen standards by enacting legislation such as a Corporate Average Fuel Economy (“CAFÉ”) standard that achieves at least 35 miles per gallon (mpg) within 10 years for cars and light trucks.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DETERMINED AND

ORDERED that the County of San Mateo will take immediate steps to identify regional climate change impacts and we will draft and implement a county plan to prepare for and build resilience to those impacts.

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Regularly passed and adopted this 16th day of October, 2007.

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors:

MARK CHURCH

JERRY HILL

RICHARD S. GORDON

ROSE JACOBS GIBSON

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

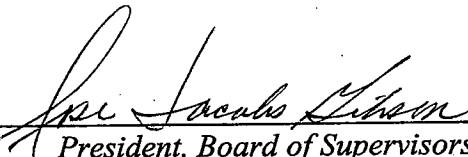
NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors:

NONE

Absent Supervisors:

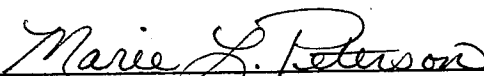
NONE



President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
State of California

Certificate of Delivery

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.



Marie L. Peterson, Deputy
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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