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Re: Agenda Item 7: Resolution on Climate Action

Dear Colleagues,

As the two members of the Marin County Board of Supervisors' sub-committee on Sea Level Rise Adaptation/BayWAVE as well as the Climate Action Plan Implementation sub-committee, we are bringing forward a resolution for your consideration that commits the County of Marin to an ambitious but achievable campaign to dramatically reduce Marin County's greenhouse gas emissions.

The drastic effects of climate change are in the news every day. Excess carbon in the atmosphere has reached an unsustainable level, and reducing the main culprit, greenhouse gas emissions – particularly carbon dioxide, is of critical importance.

Increased carbon dioxide and the impacts of climate change pose a threat to both global systems and the well-being of Marin residents. Through a commitment to climate action planning that dates to 2002, the County has reduced emissions 30 percent through 2015 and continues to implement programs to reduce greenhouse gases. But, given the rapid increase in global warming, the work has only begun.

The County of Marin is launching DRAWDOWN: MARIN, a campaign to accelerate the reduction of Marin's greenhouse gas emissions, most notably carbon dioxide. By collaborating with communities, businesses, and organizations, Marin can implement the most effective strategies to reduce our carbon footprint, doing our part locally to impact global warming. (From an environmental perspective, "drawdown" is the point in time when the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere begins to decline on a year-to-year basis.)

Marin has a long history of environmental leadership. We owe it to those who went before us, as well as the generations that will follow, to make every effort to do our part. Eliminating carbon emissions is an ambitious but achievable goal, and everyone has a part to play. Thank you for your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely.

Supervisor Kathrin Sears

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