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SUBJECT: Request for resolution declaring a climate emergency.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Climate Emergency Resolution Declaring an Emergency Mobilization to Reverse Climate Change and Protect Marin County from Climate Change Impacts.

SUMMARY:

The County of Marin strives to be an environmental leader by implementing projects and programs that restore our planet, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and address public health and well-being. During Earth Week 2002, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution recognizing both the gravity of climate change and the need for local action. Since that time, the County of Marin has adopted numerous supporting resolutions, continually updated the County's Climate Action Plan and targets, and launched and supported many climate related programs, policies, and initiatives including:

- Drawdown: Marin
- Zero Waste Marin
- Green Building Code 2019
- Green Business Certification
- Marin Energy Watch Partnership and Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)
- Bay Area Low Carbon Concrete Codes Project
- BayWAVE: Sea Level Rise and Marin's Bayside
- Collaboration Sea-level Marin Adaptation Response Team (C-SMART)
- Marin Climate and Energy Partnership (MCEP)
- Electrify Marin
- MCE Clean Energy and the purchase of Deep Green Energy for County operations
- Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP) and Clean Marin
- Countywide Plan Safety Element Update to Address Climate Change Adaptation
- Support for and collaboration on carbon farming initiatives
- Electric vehicles for County fleet and installation of over 65 EV charging ports at County facilities
- RideGreen to support and encourage County employee commute alternatives

- Water-efficient landscaping and use of reclaimed water at County-owned facilities

To reaffirm the County’s commitment to reducing GHG emissions and preparing Marin County for climate change impacts, staff requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Climate Emergency Resolution.

EQUITY IMPACT:

Dramatically reducing GHG emissions is imperative. This work and equity are interconnected. Frontline communities often suffer first and worst from climate disasters because these communities, which are often made up of low-income and people of color, are located in areas that lack basic infrastructure to respond to climate change. Additionally, frontline communities are least responsible for producing GHG emissions and lead low carbon lifestyles. The resolution highlights the need to develop and implement potential climate solutions in partnership with underserved, underrepresented, and frontline communities.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no impact to the General Fund Net County cost as a result of your Board’s approval.

REVIEWED BY: County Administrator N/A
 Department of Finance N/A
 County Counsel N/A
 Human Resources N/A

SIGNATURE:



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Attachment

1. Climate Emergency Resolution Declaring an Emergency Mobilization to Reverse Climate Change and Protect Marin County from Climate Change Impacts