

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of)
Supervisors adopting the Monterey County)
Municipal Climate Action Plan: Greenhouse)
Gas Reduction Plan for County Operations)
(MCAP) (REF120044))

The Monterey County Municipal Climate Action Plan: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan for County Operations (MCAP) came on for public hearing before the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on November 5, 2013. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, oral testimony, and other evidence presented, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and decides as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Policy OS-10.15 of the 2010 Monterey County General Plan requires adoption of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan for County operations; and

WHEREAS, Policy OS-10.15 states that the goal of the plan shall be to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with County operations by at least 15% less than 2005 emission levels; and

WHEREAS, greenhouse gases have been linked to an effect known as climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change is of global and local concern as recognized by the County of Monterey in the 2010 General Plan, the State of California in legislation including Assembly Bill 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), the United States Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Air Act, and major global organizations such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County contributes relatively small amounts of greenhouse gas emissions considering it is a world-wide issue; however, Monterey County is among the jurisdictions doing its part to reduce its emissions and if each jurisdiction does their part it can lead to significant global reductions, ideally resulting in a decrease in the rate of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County recognizes the financial benefits of increased energy efficiency and decreased fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Climate Action Plan would further the goals set by the State of California in Assembly Bill 32 (The Global Warming Solutions Act); and

WHEREAS, a Monterey County Municipal Climate Action Plan: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan for County Operations (MCAP), has been prepared pursuant to General Plan policy OS-

10.15 setting forth measures that, if implemented, would result in reductions in greenhouse gas emissions amounting to 15% or more below 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Climate Action Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the MCAP is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Section 15301 exempts operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agencies determination. Many of the projects discussed in the MCAP have already been evaluated under CEQA and implemented. The majority of the remaining MCAP measures involve upgrades to existing mechanical and electrical facilities (Such as the Public Works Audit Measures, the Natividad Audit Measures, and Building Energy Management Systems) within existing buildings involving no change of use in those buildings. Section 15302 exempts replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located in the same location and will have substantially the same purpose. This exemption applies to projects in the MCAP such as replacement of light fixtures. Other projects not falling within these categories include installation of two electrical vehicle charging stations at existing County facilities, the purchase of two electric vehicles for the County fleet, pursuit of renewable energy generation opportunities, and employee outreach and education. The electric vehicle charging stations are already installed and are located within existing paved areas at existing County facilities. The remaining items are operational in nature and do not constitute a "project" under CEQA. All future projects will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of CEQA irrespective of this program; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2013 the Monterey County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the MCAP; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2013, the Monterey County Planning Commission adopted a resolution to recommend adoption of the MCAP to the Board of Supervisors, by a vote of 8 ayes and 1 no; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2013, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors held duly noticed public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution to adopt the MCAP. At least 10 days before the public hearing, notices of the hearing before the Board of Supervisors were published in both the Monterey County Herald and were mailed to interested parties.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the Municipal Climate Action Plan: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan for Monterey County (MCAP), attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of November 2013, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy