

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED

NUMBER R-14-XXX

**RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDATION FOR INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT –
ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ELEMENT**

WHEREAS Climate Change due to the emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHG) resulting from human activities has become an issue of concern to climate scientists and governments; and

WHEREAS the United States, State of California and Board of Supervisors of Alameda County have all initiated and/or passed legislation to attempt to curtail and adapt to the effects of global climate change before these effects can have adverse effects on individuals, the global economy and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS actions of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors have included adoption of the County Climate Change Leadership Resolution (2006), which commits the County to take steps to reduce GHG emissions and calls for integrating climate protection into the County's planning, budgetary, and other processes; the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration (2007), which commits the County to work towards achieving an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; and the Strategic Vision (2008), which identifies the environment and sustainability as key County priorities, and the values of which support the County's climate protection initiatives; and

WHEREAS Planning Staff was directed by the Board of Supervisors to prepare for its review and approval a Community Climate Action Plan to set forth a series of actions to help Alameda County achieve the goals of GHG reduction, beginning with a plan for the period ending in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS the draft Final Community Climate Action Plan was recommended by the County Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors in November 2010, and was subsequently reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors as an advisory document in June 2011 after having been reviewed and heard by numerous Alameda County advisory bodies including the Planning Commission, the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, the Board Unincorporated Services Committee and several ad-hoc bodies convened by Board and Planning Staff; and

WHEREAS the County of Alameda ("County") is the lead agency for preparing the environmental review for the Community Climate Action Plan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and for Project approval; and

WHEREAS the County prepared the *Draft Initial Study / Negative Declaration ("IS/MND")*

for the Community Climate Action Plan in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and CEQA Guidelines Section 15000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2013, the County issued a combined Notice of Completion and Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study / Negative Declaration (“IS/ND”) for the Community Climate Action Plan, which was mailed to all Responsible and affected agencies, and to all known interested parties, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2013, the County provided notice regarding the availability of the Draft and distributed copies of the Draft IS/ND to public agencies which have jurisdiction by law with respect to the Community Climate Action Plan and to other interested persons and agencies and sought the comments of such persons and agencies; and

WHEREAS notice inviting comments on the Draft IS/ND was given in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2013 the 30-day public comment period for the Draft IS/ND ended, but comments were still accepted beyond that date; and

WHEREAS the IS/ND identifies no potentially significant adverse environmental impacts and therefore recommends no necessary mitigation measures regarding such effects; and

WHEREAS the IS/ND and Staff Analysis reflects the County’s independent judgment and analysis of the potential for environmental impacts and constitute the Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Project; and

WHEREAS no written or oral comments to the Draft IS/ND were received by the end of the comment period; and

WHEREAS, prior to approving this resolution and recommending action on the Project, the Planning Commission independently reviewed and analyzed the IS/ND and considered the information contained therein; and

WHEREAS on July 15, 2013 the Planning Commission did recommend to the Board of Supervisors adoption of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration prepared by County Staff to incorporate the Community Climate Action Plan into the County General Plan; and

WHEREAS notice of public hearing was given as required by law, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the IS/ND and the Community Climate Action Plan on February 4, 2014 at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS the comments and testimony submitted in writing and at the public hearing, the analysis by County staff, and other items in the public record have been considered by the Board of Supervisors prior to the actions by this Board as set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS prior to the actions by this Board set forth in this Resolution, this Board reviewed and considered the proposed Project, the IS/ND prepared by County Staff and all comments thereon and responses to such comments, in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and

the County's environmental review guidelines; and

WHEREAS this Board finds that that no changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into the Project, because no potential significant environmental effects of the Project were identified in the IS/ND; and

WHEREAS this Board further finds that the proposed General Plan Amendment to incorporate the Community Climate Action Plan is in the public interest for the reasons that it provides the most efficient and substantial means of implementation of the Community Climate Action Plan, which is necessary to help reduce, to the extent possible, the emissions of greenhouse gases which contribute to undesirable climate change; and which also provides other benefits of transportation efficiency, energy efficiency, water conservation and reduction of pollutant air emissions; and

WHEREAS this Board further finds that, based upon this Board's review of the proposed Community Climate Action Plan, the IS/ND, the staff analysis and other items in the public record and other findings set forth in this Resolution, the proposed General Plan Amendment incorporating the Community Climate Action Plan is consistent and complies with and conforms to the requirements of:

1. Applicable policies of the Alameda County General Plan; and
2. The Alameda County Zoning Ordinance; and
3. The protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby assert that the IS/ND has been completed in accordance with CEQA, has been presented to and reviewed by this Board prior to the Board's decision on the Project, and reflects the County's independent judgment and analysis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the facts, findings and other information set forth in the recitals portion of this Resolution, the Community Climate Action Plan, the Draft IS/ND and the staff analysis overall for this Project are hereby incorporated herein by this reference and adopted by this Board as findings in support of its actions set forth in this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board approve and adopt the Initial Study and Negative Declaration prepared by County Staff to incorporate the Community Climate Action Plan Element into the County General Plan.

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THE FOREGOING was **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by a majority vote of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this **4th** day of **February, 2014** to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

(Name), Clerk

Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy

File: _____

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

(Name), Clerk

Board of Supervisors

By: _____