

**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 draft Final Community Climate Action Plan was recommended by both the Unincorporated Services Committee and the Transportation and Planning Committee of the Board to the Board of Supervisors at their respective meetings in 2013; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission did recommend to the Board of Supervisors, at its

meeting of July 15, 2013, an amendment to the Alameda County General Plan of the Alameda County Final Community Climate Action Plan as shown in the attached June, 2011 document and as described in this staff resolution, to achieve the necessary 15% GHG emission reductions by the year 2020;

WHEREAS notice of public hearing was given as required by law, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the Community Climate Action Plan Element 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 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 the Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the Alameda County General Plan, and adopt the Alameda County Community Climate Action Plan as an element of the Alameda County General Plan, as shown in the attached June, 2011 document and as described in this staff resolution, to achieve the necessary 15% GHG emission reductions by the year 2020.

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: _____