

RESOLUTION NO. 21-117

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING ITS INTENT TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, WITH AN INITIAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$2 MILLION FROM A FUNDING SOURCE TO BE DETERMINED

WHEREAS, Mendocino County residents have experienced the impacts of climate change, from extreme weather events to extreme wildfires, and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has actively sought opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint of County residents and County operations; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors took action to cut in half the carbon emissions needed to generate the electrical load powering Mendocino County's unincorporated residences and businesses when on August 2, 2016, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors passed RESOLUTION NO. 16-100 which automatically enrolled properties in unincorporated Mendocino County into service provided by Sonoma Clean Power; and

WHEREAS, at the time Mendocino County customers started to purchase electricity from Sonoma Clean Power, in June 2017, SCP's sources of electricity generation were 78% carbon-free, and SCP's generation sources have since reached 91% carbon-free starting in 2020; and

WHEREAS, since May 2014 Sonoma Clean Power has offered customers the ability to opt into its EverGreen service where 100% of the power for these customers is generated from local renewable sources, and today just over 1% of Mendocino County customers are purchasing their power through the SCP EverGreen service, and these customers are now purchasing 100% of their electricity from carbon-free sources; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors passed RESOLUTION NO. 19-207 creating a Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding implementation of a Mendocino County Sustainability and Climate Action Program; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2020 the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee made its initial eleven recommendations to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors passed RESOLUTION 20-093, and joined thousands of other local governments throughout the world in declaring a climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021 the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee (MCCAC) voted unanimously to see the County of Mendocino invest monies to reduce the carbon footprint of County buildings and operations, with the MCCAAC proposing a \$4 million investment for these County projects; and

WHEREAS, by early September 2021 Mendocino County staff in the CEO's office and fleet and facilities, working in consultation with rate-payer funded energy consultants, will have created a suite of recommended energy-efficiency, electrification, and photovoltaic solar projects, including estimates showing how each project will cut the County's carbon emissions and energy costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors declares its intent to take actions that will reduce and eliminate the carbon footprint of County buildings and operations, starting with an initial investment of at least \$2 million from

a funding source to be determined, into improvements that reduce the carbon footprint of County buildings and operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors directs staff to secure additional funding (low-interest loan and grant sources) to further augment this initial investment to reduce and eliminate the County's carbon footprint; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors directs Planning & Building staff to develop a simplified permitting process for photovoltaics and battery backup projects in Mendocino County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors directs that County buildings served by Sonoma Clean Power shall opt up to the SCP EverGreen power supply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports and encourages the work of Sonoma Clean Power and the City of Ukiah's Electric Utility Department to move as quickly as possible to serve all of their customers with electricity supplied from 100% carbon-free power sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports and encourages the installation of additional local renewable power generation, noting the Mendocino County region in particular offers great opportunities to provide a reliable mix of renewables such as geothermal, wind and photovoltaic solar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports the work of Mendocino Transit Authority to electrify its fleet and supports the electrification of the fleet of the County of Mendocino, along with extensive installation of electric car chargers, including fast-charge stations; and

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McGourty, seconded by Supervisor Mulheren, and carried this 3rd day of August, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

DAN GJERDE, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN CURTIS, County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

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