



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 45 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of a Resolution Declaring the Intent of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors 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
(Sponsors: Supervisor Gjerde and Supervisor Haschak)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution declaring the intent of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to reduce and eliminate the carbon footprint of the buildings and operations of the County of Mendocino, with an initial investment of at least \$2 million; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has taken multiple previous actions recognizing the release of carbon emissions as the primary driver in creating extreme weather events, extreme droughts and extreme wildfires (most notably on July 9, 2019 and July 21, 2020) and taken multiple previous actions to reduce the carbon emissions of the County of Mendocino and the greater Mendocino County community (most notably on August 2, 2016 and July 21, 2020).

Summary of Request:

Supervisors Dan Gjerde and John Haschak are bringing forward a resolution they believe captures the ideas and aspirations expressed by County Supervisors and community members to see Mendocino County government directly take on the cause of climate change: carbon emissions. As noted by County Supervisors, the State of California, seizing a new partnership with the federal government, is poised to offer the County of Mendocino millions in matching dollars to reduce and eliminate the carbon footprint of County buildings and operations. To effectively leverage these dollars, the resolution proposes a County fund with an initial investment of at least \$2 million, as recommended by the Grass Roots Institute. Equally important, County Supervisors, working with regional leaders in the renewable energy economy, see exciting opportunities to develop additional renewable energy from a reliable mix of geothermal, wind and photovoltaic solar, and thereby ensure 100% of the local electrical grid is supplied by carbon-free energy sources. This resolution seeks to bring these ideas together into a single policy document, so that Mendocino County government can take coordinated action on all of these items.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide alternative direction.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? Yes

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: To be Determined

current f/y cost: \$2 million or more

annual recurring cost: Unknown

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe: One-Time Funds

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 4, 2021

Final Status: Adopted

Executed Item Type: Resolution Number: 21-117

