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DATE: 1/29/13
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

SISAY MARIELLO

EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY: *[Signature]* DEPUTY

AGENDA: 1/29/13

January 23, 2013

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION
OF CARBON CAP-AND-TRADE AUCTION AND CLEAN
ENERGY JOBS ACT REVENUES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
FOR SUPPORT OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAMS

Dear Members of the Board:

As reported to the Board on January 8, 2013, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the lead agency for the state's Carbon Cap-and-Trade program, recently began auctions of greenhouse gas emission permits. CARB anticipates revenues this year of approximately \$1 billion, with increasing amounts in future years. Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act which established the program, directed that these proceeds be used for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Proposition 39, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act, passed by voters in November of 2012, establishes an additional fund of \$550 million per year for energy efficiency and alternative energy projects for schools and other public facilities.

The process of allocating these funds has now moved to the State Legislature, which will make specific allocations through the legislative and budgeting process.

Many of the strategies recommended by the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions fall under the responsibility of local governments, which sponsor a wide range of initiatives, including approaches such as landfill gas capture programs, energy efficiency at government facilities, green building, green business and green schools programs, and many more. These methods and others are included in the County's Draft Climate Action Strategy.

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While County staff and other local governments are diligently pursuing these goals, lack of resources has limited the ability to implement the necessary programs. Some of the programs which are high priorities for the County of Santa Cruz include:

- Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) alternative energy programs, including both feasibility studies and start-up costs;
- Alternative energy generation and energy efficiency programs for county facilities;
- Landfill gas capture system improvements;
- Fleet upgrades including electric and hybrid vehicles;
- New recycling and solid waste reduction facilities;
- Upgrades of streetlights to LED systems;
- Support for Green Business, Green Schools and Green Building Programs;
- Improvements to stormwater and wastewater treatment facilities;
- Public outreach and education.

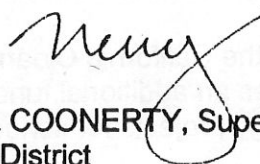
Now that the State will be receiving revenues from the State's carbon cap-and-trade auctions, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act, and other available sources, we believe that a portion of those funds should be directed to local governments to support efforts at the local level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Accordingly, we recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution expressing support for distribution of carbon cap-and-trade auction and Clean Energy Jobs Act revenues to local governments to support greenhouse gas reduction programs, and direct staff to work with elected representatives to support or draft appropriate legislation allocating a portion of these revenues to local governments.

Sincerely,



BRUCE MCPHERSON, Supervisor
Fifth District



NEAL COONERTY, Supervisor
Third District

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Attachment

cc: Planning
General Services Department

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2013

On the motion of Supervisor Leopold
duly seconded by Supervisor Caput
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION
OF CARBON CAP-AND-TRADE AUCTION AND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT
REVENUES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF
GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, climate change due to greenhouse gas emissions is likely to have dramatic impacts on California communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is a coastal community likely to be severely impacted by sea level rise and other climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz has long been a leader in environmental protection, including efforts to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the recent economic downturn has left local governments without the resources to implement urgent greenhouse gas reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the lead agency for the state's Carbon Cap-and-Trade program, recently began auctions of greenhouse gas emission permits; and

WHEREAS, CARB anticipates revenues this year of approximately \$1 billion, with increasing amounts in future years; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act which established the program, directed that these proceeds be used for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Governor, State agencies and the California State Legislature to take action directing revenues from the State's carbon cap-and-trade auctions, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act, and any other available sources to local governments to support local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CARBON
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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 29th day of January, 2013, by the following vote:

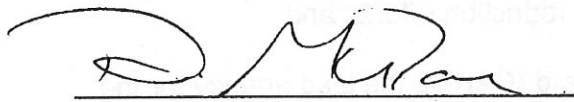
AYES: SUPERVISORS Leopold, Friend, Caput, McPherson and Coonerty
NOES: SUPERVISORS None
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None

NEAL COONERTY

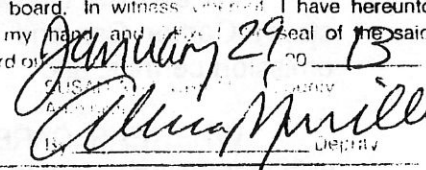
NEAL COONERTY, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: **TESS FITZGERALD**
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: County Counsel
Planning
General Services Department
California Air Resources Board
California Department of Finance
California Department of Conservation
Senator Bill Monning
Assemblymember Mark Stone
Assemblymember Luis Alejo
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
City of Capitola
City of Santa Cruz
City of Scotts Valley
City of Watsonville

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	ss
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ)	
I, SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, County Administrative Officer and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed and adopted by and entered in the minutes of the said board. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the said Board of Supervisors this <u>January 29</u> 20 <u>13</u> .		
		

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