

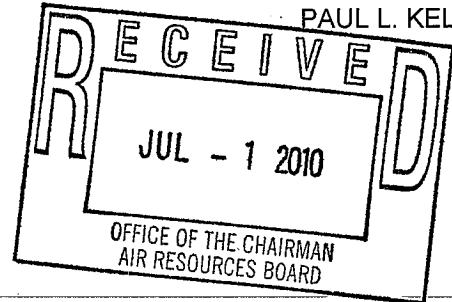
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Chairwoman Mary Nichols  
California Air Resources Board  
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Dear Chairwoman Nichols:

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) efforts to implement effective strategies for meeting California Green House Gas (GHG) reduction goals as well as promoting emission reductions from motor vehicles. A copy of the resolution has been included for circulation.

The County of Sonoma has been an aggressive leader in the establishment of GHG reduction goals and has worked in innovative ways to pursue policies that will provide effective climate protection strategies. Working in partnership with the nine cities of the county, Sonoma County has created programs that are addressing climate change. Our most successful example is the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program, which is providing the financial means for property owners to retrofit their homes and businesses with energy and water conservation projects. This program has been hugely successful and is being replicated across the country. It is creating green jobs in the community and has reduced our GHG production by 2,900 tons in the first year alone.

The ARB must support local efforts such as ours by implementing AB 32 policies which advance public health, reduce GHGs, and support our economy. We ask the ARB to consider regional GHG targets as envisioned by SB 375 and work with local governments to incentivize land use and transportation planning. Finally we ask the ARB to adopt expanded Low Emission Vehicle III standards and to strengthen the state zero emission vehicle program.

Thank you and the ARB for their continued leadership. We look forward to working together on these vital issues.

Sincerely,

VALERIE K. BROWN  
Chairwoman and First District Supervisor

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