

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**Certified Copy of Portion of Proceedings for the Meeting of October 5, 2021**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-98**

**RESOLUTION OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY, DECLARING THE COUNTY'S  
OPPOSITION TO NEGATIVE IMPACTS FROM POTENTIAL COAL EXPORT  
THROUGH HUMBOLDT COUNTY AND BAY.**

**WHEREAS**, to complete the Great Redwood Trail, the North Coast Railroad Authority petitioned the Surface Transportation Board to preserve its right-of-way for public use under the railbanking provisions of the National Trail System Act.

**WHEREAS**, on August 16, 2021, attorneys on behalf of the North Coast Railroad Company, L.L.C. moved before the Surface Transportation Board to oppose railbanking efforts for the line and indicated that it would offer financial assistance to rebuild the defunct line to "deploy it in the transportation of high-volume shipments by rail."

**WHEREAS**, the North Coast Railroad Company, L.L.C. evidently represents coal interests seeking avenues for the export of coal to foreign markets via shipping terminals on Humboldt Bay.

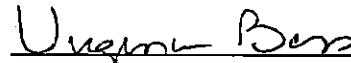
**WHEREAS**, coal has the largest climate impact per unit of energy produced, has contributed the largest proportion of the carbon dioxide now causing global climate change, and which is resulting in local impacts including increasingly catastrophic wildfires and accelerating sea level rise.

**WHEREAS**, coal is a friable material which invariably produces large amounts of toxic dust (also known as particulate matter) during transportation, handling, storage and processing, which pollutes local air and waterways and has significant negative health effects for humans and wildlife

**WHEREAS**, coal-fired power plants emit mercury into the atmosphere which is deposited throughout the world in rain and fog, contaminating fish with mercury at levels that can harm human health, particularly children.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is opposed to the negative impacts from potential coal exports through Humboldt County and Bay. The Board directs staff to begin work on a local ordinance to protect the public and public trust resources from and mitigate the negative health and safety impacts caused by coal, to the extent possible.



Virginia Bass, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
Humboldt County

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bohn and seconded by Supervisor Wilson and by the following vote:

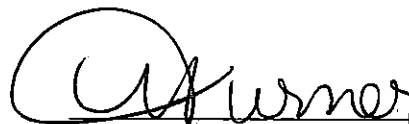
**AYES:** Supervisors: Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Bass, Madrone  
**NOES:** Supervisors: None  
**ABSENT:** Supervisors: None  
**ABSTAIN:** Supervisors: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
County of Humboldt

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



NIKKI TURNER  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Humboldt, State of California