

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of September 11, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 18-95

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND STRONG CLIMATE ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, documented impacts of human-caused climate change include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), sea level rise, ocean acidification, devastating wildland fires; and other adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

**WHEREAS**, the serious nature of extreme weather events intensified or made more likely by climate change has been recently and dramatically illustrated on a local level by a large number of severe wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy production has been shown to produce substantially more jobs than climate-harming energy production, and significant opportunities for job creation exist in the areas of clean technology and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has adopted numerous laws and regulations requiring statewide reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB-32), Senate Bill 32 (2016), and Executive Order S-3-05 (Schwarzenegger); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Humboldt County adopted a new General Plan which includes a stated intention to reduce GHG emissions resulting from both County operations and from discretionary land use decisions to 10% below 2003 levels by 2020, a goal calculated to be consistent with the mandates of AB-32, and also established several other GHG emission reduction goals, policies, and implementation measures, including the development of a County Climate Action Plan and a requirement to update County policies and plans to reflect “new state laws and regulations for greenhouse gas emissions when they become available”; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Humboldt County certified a Final Environmental Impact Report for its new General Plan, which says among other things that “the County will consider project-related impacts in 2020, 2030, and 2040 that are consistent with both AB 32 and SB 32 and make ‘substantial progress’ toward the statewide target of 80 percent below 1990 emissions levels by 2050”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**

1. Restates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through the implementation of a Climate Action Plan and commits to creating that Plan by 2020; and
2. Commits to working with the Redwood Coast Energy Authority toward the goal of supplying 100% of electricity used for the County of Humboldt from clean, renewable locally produced sources "biomass" by 2025; and
3. Declares its support for the Paris Agreement and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the We Are Still In "open letter to the international community and parties to the Paris Agreement from U.S. state, local, and business leaders", and join the County Climate Coalition.

Dated: September 11, 2018

  
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Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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

AYES: Supervisors Bohn, Fennell, Bass, Sundberg, Wilson  
NAYS: Supervisors --  
ABSENT: Supervisors --  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

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 an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

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

  
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By Ryan Sharp  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California