

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

day , 2008

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
SAN LUIS OBISPO AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CITIES FOR
CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS AND
AIR POLLUTION EMISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, a scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Fourth Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that it is very likely that most of the observed increases in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-20th century are due to human-induced greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of human activity impacts, i.e., a green house gas emission inventory, is a means of documenting those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the international organization known as, "ICLEI" – Local Governments for Sustainability, has technical information and expertise that can assist the County in developing a greenhouse gas inventory, and in turn, contribute to on going efforts to prepare an update of the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign sponsored by ICLEI has developed a proven method and tools for quantifying energy use, energy efficiency, and associated greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions provide multiple local benefits by: reducing energy expenditures; saving money for the local government, its businesses and residents; decreasing air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature adopted AB 32 (known as the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), established a multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, preparation of the Conservation and Open Space Element incorporating the Cities for Climate Protection Campaigns program and tools, will put the County in a position to effectively implement State goals of AB 32 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign sponsored by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the County of San Luis Obispo to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California as follows:

1. The County of San Luis Obispo will join ICLEI as a Full Member and will participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

2. The County of San Luis Obispo will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

- Conduct a baseline emissions inventory and forecast;
- Adopt an emissions reduction target for the forecast year;
- Develop a Local Action Plan;
- Implement policies and measures; and
- Monitor and verify results.

3. The County of San Luis Obispo requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

The following resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
Of the County of San Luis Obispo,
State of California

ATTEST:

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors,
County of San Luis Obispo,
State of California

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EFFECT:

R.WYATT CASH
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: _____