



Resolution #18-04

Before the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air
Pollution Control District

IN THE MATTER OF: Adopt a Resolution of Support to the Paris Climate Agreement and
Commitment to State and Local Climate Mitigation Efforts.

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution
Control District Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on **January 3, 2018** by the following
vote:

Ayes: Gore ___ Hopkins Salmon Bagby Mansell ___

Alternates: Gold

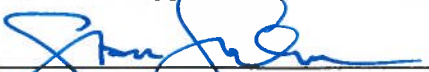
Noes: Gore ___ Hopkins ___ Salmon ___ Bagby ___ Mansell ___

Alternates: _____

Abstain: Gore ___ Hopkins ___ Salmon ___ Bagby ___ Mansell ___

Alternates: _____

Signed and approved by me after its passage:

 Chairperson

 Attest: Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, climate change is a real and increasingly urgent threat that demands action at every
level of government; and

WHEREAS, actions taken by local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and
black carbon provide multiple benefits by providing energy and cost savings, air quality and public
health improvements, local job creation, resource conservation, climate resilience, and enhanced
equity; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, countries joined an international treaty, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, as a framework for international cooperation to combat climate change, and the 2015 Paris Agreement, marks the latest step in the evolution of the UN climate change framework; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement brings all nations into a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects, by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius with enhanced support to assist developing countries; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the California Legislature passed the California Global Warming Solutions Act (Assembly Bill 32), which created a comprehensive, multi-year program to reduce GHG emissions in California and developed a Scoping Plan that describes the approach California will take to reduce GHGs to achieve the goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the State of California codified a 2030 GHG emissions reduction target of 40% below 1990 levels and in 2017 proposed a 2050 GHG emissions reduction target of 80% from 1990 levels; and

WHEREAS, Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than longer-lived pollutants, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂). They include: methane, fluorinated gases including hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and black carbon. Senate Bill 605 (Lara) directed ARB to develop a comprehensive SLCP strategy, in coordination with other state agencies and local air quality management and air pollution control districts to reduce emissions of SLCPs; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and the District-neighboring cities of Sacramento and San Francisco are signatories of the “Under 2” coalition which commits to reduce GHG emissions by 80-95% on 1990 levels, or to 2 metric tons of carbon dioxide-equivalent per capita, by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma, and cities of Healdsburg, Windsor, and Santa Rosa, and several local businesses, including District strategic partner Sonoma Clean Power, are signatories of the “We Are Still In” coalition which stands by the Paris Agreement and are committed to meeting its goals; and

WHEREAS, the District-neighboring city of San Francisco is a signatory of the “Compact of Mayors” which is an agreement to undertake a transparent and supportive approach to reduce city-level emissions in a complimentary manner to national climate protection efforts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma via its Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) has adopted the same GHG reduction targets as the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the District participates in a coordinated, countywide collaboration to address climate change via the RCPA which depends on the participation of and collaboration with all local jurisdictions, and a commitment to pool resources towards common goals; and

WHEREAS, the District and the RCPA collaborated through the Climate Action 2020 project to develop Measures that will result in the reduction of GHG and Black Carbon that result in substantial environmental and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the District is the regional agency responsible for developing and implementing air quality plans for the northern part of Sonoma County and sponsors various air quality programs that supports the implementation of several energy-efficiency, transportation, and renewable energy strategies; and

WHEREAS, the District is uniquely positioned form of local government that can proffer a leadership role by offering its expertise in matters related to air quality and related planning, including technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, reducing GHG Emissions and SLCPs have co-benefits that will improve public health by reducing air pollutants like ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, and toxics. These air pollutants cause damage to people, ecosystems, and infrastructure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District agrees to work towards the California and RCPA countywide target to reduce GHG emissions by 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will continue to work to increase the health and resilience of social, natural, and built resources to withstand the impacts of climate change through its own actions and programs, and through collaboration with other local governments and the RCPA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District intends to implement through its Strategic Plan ways to reduce GHGs and SLCPs in order to instigate tangible climate change benefits for the future of the residents of Northern Sonoma County.