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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Steven Lederer - Director
Environmental Management
REPORT BY: Steven Lederer, Director of Environmental Management - 253-4471
SUBJECT: NCTPA Climate Change Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Environmental Management requests adoption of a resolution authorizing Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA) to engage in climate protection activities effective upon ratification by all member jurisdictions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached resolution authorizes NCTPA to undertake various activities relating to coordinating climate change activities on behalf of and in support of the County efforts. The five municipalities within the county are in the process of considering a similar resolution, which will allow NCTPA to move forward with conducting these activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The attached resolution authorizes NCTPA to undertake various activities relating to coordinating climate change activities on behalf of and in support of the County efforts. The five municipalities within the county are in the process of considering a similar resolution, which will allow NCTPA to move forward with conducting these activities once all the jurisdictions concur.

The resolution expands the role of NCTPA beyond its current advisory role that is delineated in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) governing NCTPA activities. Some of the activities expected to be undertaken by NCTPA include hiring a "Circuit Rider" (paid for by a Bay Area Air Quality Management District Grant), who will assist all jurisdictions in calculating their carbon footprint and developing actions plans to help reduce this footprint. NCTPA will also assist the County in implementing various action items related to climate change included in the current draft of the General Plan Update. NCTPA will also be hiring a separate individual who will devote approximately half time to the Green Business program, assisting and certifying businesses that meet standards for going "beyond compliance" in their environmental programs. Staff will return to the Board at a later meeting to adopt a contract to assist funding this second position for the remainder of the fiscal year (\$20,000 from the Department of Environmental Management budget as directed by the Board earlier this year).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi