

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis Requiring an Urgent and Inclusive Mobilization in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Yolo County, like other communities across California, is at risk of experiencing the devastating effects of extreme heat and weather events caused by climate change, including increased frequency and magnitude of wildfires and associated air pollution, health impacts, utility and transportation services interruptions, economic disruption, property loss, dislocation, housing shortages, food insecurity, gaps in education due to school closures, impacts on agricultural production; and increased demand on public sector resources and emergency response capacity;

WHEREAS, the COVID19 pandemic has spurred a health and economic crisis that has exposed and amplified pervasive social and economic disparities that will be further amplified by the climate change crisis;

WHEREAS, historically Yolo County actions have put it in the forefront of the green movement including adoption in 2009 of the Yolo County 2030 General Plan with more than 350 climate change related policies; among them: the 2011 adoption of a Climate Action Plan(CAP) to: reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, 27% below 1990 levels by 2030, 53% below 1990 levels by 2040, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; address economic and social adaptation to the effects of climate change; and implement detailed strategies and measures to achieve these goals and contribute to State and international climate protection efforts;

WHEREAS, Yolo County can continue its leadership by initiating with urgent speed, a Climate Mobilization of countywide resources to effect a just transition to an inclusive, equitable, sustainable, and resilient local economy while also supporting and advocating for regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse the climate, social justice, and economic crises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Yolo County declares climate change a crisis requiring urgent and immediate mobilization of public and private resources to develop and implement a climate and sustainability plan that identifies and integrates current and future actions needed to achieve a just economic recovery and transition to a countywide carbon-negative (climate-positive) footprint by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County commits to an inclusive plan development and implementation process that engages and empowers all stakeholders, including historically under-represented and disproportionately impacted communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County shall consider recruiting and creating a working advisory body to develop and implement the plan. The advisory body shall include, in addition to appropriate county staff, representatives from cities or other appropriate jurisdictions, community organizations, and public experts, representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities. The advisory body shall be charged with engagement with the broader Yolo County community, including public meetings, to ensure all voices are heard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that development and implementation of the plan shall be guided by science, data, best practices, equity, and justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County will consider and adopt sustainability, greenhouse gas (GHG) and co-pollutant carbon-footprint and ecological impact statements for relevant Yolo County Commissions and Board of Supervisor agenda action items in the same manner as fiscal impact statements are currently considered and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County calls on the State of California, the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and all governments and people worldwide to declare a climate emergency, initiate a Climate Action Mobilization to reverse both global warming and the ecological crisis, and provide maximum protection for all people and species of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of this resolution, Yolo County shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal organizations, and other relevant agencies and request that all relevant support, funding, and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 29th day of September 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Gary Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Julie Dachtler, Deputy Clerk
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
Deputy (Seal)



Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel