

RESOLUTION NO. 17-219 C.S.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS PASS LEGISLATION CREATING A CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City has demonstrated a commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, having determined that the Carbon Fee and Dividend legislative principles proposed by the non-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby would provide an efficient approach for shifting the incentives that keep the United States reliant on fossil fuel energies and would, thereby, then contribute to and help support the rapid deployment of cleaner energy alternatives;

WHEREAS, a 2014 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concludes that, since the 1950's, the increased temperatures in the atmosphere and in the ocean have led to rises in sea levels and accelerated ocean acidification with increased concentrations of greenhouse gases on a global level that are unprecedented for a period of similar duration throughout the known climatological record;

WHEREAS, according to a recent report of the United States Global Change Research Program, "Leaders and residents of coastal regions are increasingly aware of the high vulnerability of coasts to climate change and are developing plans to prepare for potential impacts on citizens, businesses, and environmental assets." Direct climate change impacts anticipated for Monterey County include increases in air temperatures, possible shifts in precipitation, higher sea levels, severe storms, and ocean acidification with a secondary impact being an increased risk in exposure to wildfire;

WHEREAS, having determined that the early adoption of the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation in the United States would grow our economy by adding nearly two million new jobs, would help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and also help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect our planet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines), Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that the United States Congress immediately enact legislation and that the United States President sign into law a national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend program. Such legislation will levy an annually increasing fee on carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production or extraction or of importation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the response in combating climate change to mitigate its worst effects should be implemented with the speed appropriate to the gravity and urgency of the situation, and for that reason this resolution be conveyed to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, to the California State Legislature, to our Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States over the signatures of the Leadership of the City of Monterey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 19th day of December, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	4	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Albert, Barrett, Haffa, Roberson
NOES:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Smith
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

APPROVED:



Mayor of said City

ATTEST:



City Clerk thereof

