

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SAUSALITO'S
FIRST CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE
REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL STRATEGY TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE
GASES**

WHEREAS, in May 2015 the City of Sausalito and Town of Corte Madera were the only cities in the County of Marin to not have adopted a Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, scientific evidence and consensus continues to strengthen the idea that climate disruption is an urgent threat to the environmental and economic health of our communities; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, the State of California adopted AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act, requiring local governments to respond to prescribed reduction levels in greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2008 the City Council of the City of Sausalito resolved with Resolution No 4935 that the City of Sausalito would join ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. As a participant, the City pledged to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2008 the City Council of the City of Sausalito also resolved that the City of Sausalito would undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones process, summarized below, to reduce both GHG and air pollution emissions throughout the community:

1. Conduct a GHG emissions inventory to determine the source and quantity of GHG emissions and to forecast GHG emissions in Sausalito;
2. Establish a GHG emissions reduction target;
3. Develop a feasible action plan with both existing and future actions that will meet the local GHG reduction targets;
4. Implement the action plan; and
5. Monitor and report progress; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2008, the California Air Resources Board adopted an AB 32 Scoping Plan recommending cities achieve a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2011, the City Council of the City of Sausalito accepted the City of Sausalito 2005 Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2012 the City Council of the City of Sausalito accepted the 2005 and 2010 Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and set a 2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Target of 15% Below 2005 Emission Levels; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2012, the City Council of the City of Sausalito adopted a resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the franchise agreement for solid waste, recyclables, and green waste services with Bay Cities Refuse Service, Inc., expanding services to include weekly curbside green waste and food scrap recycling, and modifying service rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sausalito has established a “Green Team” comprised of city staff to ensure the implementation environmentally responsible practices in City Hall and city sponsored events; and

WHEREAS, March 18, 2014, City Council of the City of Sausalito adopted Ordinance No. 1216 Establishing Section 11.30 of Chapter 11 of the Sausalito Municipal Code Regulating the use of Single Use Carryout Bags

WHEREAS, the City of Sausalito has replaced all its street lights along Bridgeway and a majority along Caledonia with LED street lighting; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Sausalito installed a photovoltaic system on the City Hall’s roof which commenced operation in January 2010 and according to the City’s website, since the system became operational it has offset approximately 516,000 lbs of carbon dioxide; and .

WHEREAS, in the 2015 inaugural address, the President of the United States called out the need to address climate change and transition to cleaner energy sources, calling climate change one of the biggest issues of this generation; and

WHEREAS, in April 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown established the most ambitious greenhouse gas reduction target in North America of 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sausalito Sustainability Commission, on behalf of the residents of the City of Sausalito, pledge to do our part to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gases in our community through educating and engaging the public, advising the City Council on ways to establish operational practices that maximize the use of clean and renewable energy, moving towards a zero waste goal and eliminating organic materials from the landfill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sausalito Sustainability Commission recognizes that the 2015 Climate Action Plan provides existing and potential strategies that the City's government and the community can use to address climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sausalito Sustainability Commission urges the Sausalito City Council to take immediate action now to demonstrate that addressing climate change is a priority by adopting the 2015 Sausalito Climate Action Plan.

AYES: Commissioners:
NOES: Commissioners:
ABSENT: Commissioners: