



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NAPA COUNTY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RCDS TO
CONSIDER COMMITTING TO STATEWIDE ACTIONS ON THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (“IPCC”) released a report, “Global Warming of 1.5 degrees C,” stating that “limiting global warming to 1.5 degree C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society”, and projected that the earth could reach and exceed this temperature threshold by as early as 2030, far earlier than previously anticipated; and

WHEREAS, climate modeling shows that it is not possible to stabilize global mean temperature rise at or below 1.5 degree C through emission reduction alone; additional pre-2030 climate mitigation and adaptation actions will be needed; and

WHEREAS, Napa County and its residents, economy, and environment have already experienced adverse effects associated with climate change, such as a prolonged wildfire seasons, firestorms, rising temperatures, mudslides, severe droughts, property destruction, and damage to infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Resource Conservation District (“District”) recognizes that climate change represents a global catastrophic risk to human health, safety, and economic prosperity, and a grave threat to ecosystem health, structure, and function; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order No. N-82-20 in 2020 to combat the biodiversity and climate crises, declaring that it is the goal of the state to “... identify and implement near- and long-term actions to accelerate natural removal of carbon and build climate resilience in our forests, wetlands, urban greenspaces, agricultural soils, and land conservation activities in ways that serve all communities and in particular low-income, disadvantaged, and vulnerable communities”; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature finds that, to meet natural sequestration goal called for to be developed in the Natural Carbon Sequestration and Resilience Act of 2022, it is likely that the state will need to sequester additional greenhouse gases on the state’s natural, working, and urban lands and waters; and requires the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with specified entities including the state board and the expert advisory committee described below, to determine on or before January 1, 2024, an ambitious range of targets for natural carbon sequestration, and for nature-based climate solutions, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions for 2030, 2038, and 2045 to support state goals to achieve carbon neutrality and foster climate adaptation and resilience.



WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa and all its incorporated municipalities recently adopted Climate Emergency Declarations - with the goal of achieving net zero climate pollution by or before 2030 - that would benefit from a coordinated regional approach among public and private entities to inform immediate and urgent actions with transparent and up-to-date science; and

WHEREAS, since 1945, the District has helped the residents of Napa County prepare for and mitigate the impacts of drought, floods, wildfires, extreme heat events, and frost, most recently through the implementation of carbon farming best management practices on vineyards; and

WHEREAS, the District's Strategic Plan commits it to partner with other organizations — in Napa County, regionally, and statewide, including the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) — on large-scale approaches to the most pressing natural resource challenges of our time, including climate change; and

WHEREAS, the District's mission, programs, and theories of change put it in a unique situation to significantly narrow the gap between knowledge and action related to climate mitigation and adaptation in Napa County and share any applicable practices and insights with other RCDs throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District as follows:

1. To encourage the CARCD, consistent with the Napa RCDs strategic plan to partner with other organizations — in Napa County, regionally, and statewide, including the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) — on large-scale approaches to the most pressing natural resource challenges of our time, including climate change.
2. To request that the CARCD call on all their partners and all RCDs to participate in approving similar resolutions with supportive, regionally relevant actions/measures.
3. To request that the CARCD offer appropriate staff resources to serve on the expert advisory committee to be established pursuant to subdivision (c), by the Natural Resources Agency, in collaboration with the Air Resources Board, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and other relevant state agencies, that shall determine an ambitious range of targets for natural carbon sequestration, and for nature-based climate solutions, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions for 2030, 2038, and 2045 to support state goals to achieve carbon neutrality and foster climate adaptation and resilience.



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THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of November 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
SIGNED:	
	BRUCE BARGE, President Board of Directors

	ATTEST: ANNA MATTINSON Secretary of the Board of Directors
	By:
	Date:



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