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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR LINDSEY P. HORVATH

Support for Los Angeles County's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Applications

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) is a program administered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and provides \$5 billion in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution. The County of Los Angeles (County), as part of the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) received a \$1 million planning grant to develop a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) to address GHG emissions. Over the past nine months, a steering committee comprised of several regional agencies within the MSA worked to complete and submit a compliant PCAP to the EPA, thereby making our MSA eligible for \$4.6 billion in CPRG implementation grant funding. In an effort to bring more resources to our region, the steering committee is finalizing three project proposals under the CPRG program. The three proposed projects are:

Decarbonization of LA County Public School Campuses: a project led by LA County's Internal Service Department/ Southern California Renewable Energy Network and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to fund electric vehicle chargers, solar and battery storage, and highly efficient electric heat pumps at public school campuses located in disadvantaged communities.

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Transit Electrification and Promoting Active Transportation: a project led by LA Metro with partners including the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Orange County Transportation Authority to electrify bus fleets, expand the active transportation network, and increase transit ridership in advance of the 2028 Olympics.

Reducing Emissions from Goods Movement: a project led by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, in partnership with LA County, the City of Los Angeles, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and Metro, to administer a grant program to fund zero-emissions projects related to goods movement in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The project would fund projects such as zero emissions fueling infrastructure, heavy duty trucks, first- and last-mile freight solutions, transportation refrigeration units, distribution center electrification, and other related projects.

It is crucial that the County develop and implement proposals that will help the region meet its sustainability goals, including reducing GHG emissions and improving local air quality. The CPRG program application proposals are an opportunity for the region to address the negative impacts of climate change while improving the health of County residents, particularly in environmental justice communities. These applications are consistent with the Board-approved “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan, which among other directives include identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for federal funding to support the Plan.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office - Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Branch - with the assistance of the Chief

Sustainability Office, to prepare five-signature letters in support of each of the three CPRG program application proposals regarding School Decarbonization, Zero Emissions Transportation, and Goods Movement, for submittal to the US Environmental Protection Agency before the April 1st deadline.

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