

Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee

Action Item 23-1

Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to adopt the GrassRoots Institute's recommendations for spending remaining Carbon Reduction funds

WHEREAS, the worldwide climate crisis is undeniably upon us this summer with record-breaking heat waves, massive forest fires, torrential rainfall, rising ocean temperatures and loss of sea ice, among other impacts; and

WHEREAS, atmospheric CO2 concentrations are now higher than at any time in at least 2 million years, and concentrations of methane and nitrous oxide are higher than at any time in the last 800,000 years (IPCC); and

WHEREAS, the accelerated pace of climate change is “unequivocally” linked to human activities (IPCC); and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has established a \$2 million Carbon Reduction fund stemming from a settlement with PG&E; and

WHEREAS, allocating these funds to carbon reduction projects NOW will likely have a greater impact on lowering carbon emissions than saving these funds for possible use later.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors that they immediately adopt the recommendations presented by the GrassRoots Institute on June 14th (see attached document). These measures should be taken in a timely manner, perhaps in conjunction with other known, effective actions to lower the County's green house gas emissions. Climate scientists across the globe are extremely concerned and agree - it is getting late and the time for action is now, not 5 or 10 years from now.