

Exhibit 2. Resolution No. 20-124

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

September 12, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 20-124

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA FOR
THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted the Ventura County 2040 General Plan ("General Plan") which addresses climate change by incorporating climate change-related policies and programs for the unincorporated area of Ventura County such that the General Plan also serves as the County of Ventura's ("County") Climate Action Plan ("CAP");

WHEREAS, the General Plan includes Program COS-CC directing the Board to establish a Climate Emergency Council to advise the Board on climate action planning and implementation of the CAP's goals, policies, and programs in the unincorporated area of Ventura County;

WHEREAS, the County adopted Program COS-CC as a mitigation measure that was included in the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in recognition that further steps must be taken beyond the measures identified in the General Plan to meet state and County greenhouse gas reduction goals;

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to establish the Climate Emergency Council as advisory body to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to create the Climate Emergency Council in accordance with the direction of Program COS-CC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board as follows:

1. Creation of the Advisory Body. An advisory body known as the "Ventura County Climate Emergency Council" (hereinafter "VCCEC") is hereby established.
2. Purpose. The VCCEC shall research, develop, and advise the Board regarding potential subprograms and policies to implement the CAP and the General Plan's GHG reduction strategy for the unincorporated area of Ventura County that would result in quantifiable GHG reductions that further the County's progress toward achieving the 2030, 2040 and 2050 GHG reduction targets and goals established in the General Plan.
3. Designated Powers and Duties. The VCCEC shall have only those powers and duties set forth in this resolution. The Board may expand or limit the powers and duties, subject to limitations of law, by amendment of this resolution. VCCEC members shall attend duly called meetings; review, in advance, all written material provided in preparation for VCCEC meetings; and contribute to the VCCEC's advisory recommendations to the Board.
4. Advisory Committee Communications.
 - a. Communications with the Board. VCCEC informational items, requests for action, or other issues related to VCCEC activity shall be directed to the Board by way of the County Executive Office (CEO). Only items that are approved by a majority of a quorum of the members of the VCCEC shall be presented to the CEO. However, this does not prevent any member from communicating as a member of the public during appropriate public comment time on any item.

- b. Advisory Committee Activities. The VCCEC shall keep the CEO fully informed of its activities.
- 5. Rules and Procedures of the Climate Emergency Council. The rules and procedures governing the VCCEC, to the extent not set forth in this resolution, shall be set forth in bylaws approved by the Board. The bylaws shall be consistent with this resolution. The VCCEC's initial bylaws are attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Board may amend the bylaws on its own initiative or at the request of the VCCEC. The CEO shall administer and maintain the VCCEC bylaws.
- 6. Membership of the Climate Emergency Council. The VCCEC shall initially be composed of 10 members appointed and serving as provided herein.
 - a. Appointment; Qualifications.
 - i. One person residing in each Supervisorial District who has demonstrated interest in, and knowledge of, climate action planning shall be nominated by each of the five members of the Board and confirmed by a majority of the Board, resulting in a total of five Supervisorial District representatives;
 - ii. One resident from each of the designated disadvantaged communities currently identified in the General Plan – El Rio/Del Norte, Piru, and Satcoy – who has demonstrated an understanding of his or her community's needs, as well as an interest in and knowledge of climate action planning, shall be appointed by a majority of the Board. If the General Plan is amended to identify additional designated disadvantaged communities, this resolution shall be amended to add a resident representative from each such community to the VCCEC; and
 - iii. Two at-large members who are residents of Ventura County and have demonstrated special interest, competence, experience, or knowledge in climate action planning shall be selected by a majority of the VCCEC members selected pursuant to subsections 6.a.i and 6.a.ii above.
 - b. Term; Removal; Resignation.
 - i. The term of each member is two years.
 - ii. Terms of members appointed pursuant to subsections 6.a.i and 6.a.ii above shall commence on November 1 of even-numbered years. Terms of at-large members appointed pursuant to subsection 6.a.iii above shall commence on December 1 of even-numbered years.
 - iii. A VCCEC member may be re-appointed for a consecutive term by the appointing authority.
 - iv. Each member shall serve and may be removed at the discretion of the appointing authority. Members may resign by providing 10-days' written notice to the CEO and Supervisor in whose district the member resides.
 - v. Any unscheduled vacancy shall be filled by a new member appointed in the same manner as the vacating member. The new member shall serve for the remainder of the vacating member's unexpired term.

Presentation of Climate Emergency Council Recommendations to the Board; Board Action. It is recognized that the work of the VCCEC is urgent and that periodic reports and recommendations to the Board are appropriate. The VCCEC's recommended GHG reduction subprograms and policies for the unincorporated area of Ventura County (collectively, "VCCEC Recommendations") shall, with the assistance of County staff, be presented to the Ventura County Planning Commission at a public meeting for its review, consideration, and formulation of a recommendation to the Board ("Planning Commission Recommendation"). The VCCEC Recommendations and Planning Commission Recommendation shall thereafter be presented together to the Board at a public meeting

for its review, consideration and action no later than the end of 2022 and every two years thereafter until the VCCEC's work is completed. The Board shall have sole authority to approve or disapprove, in whole or in part, with or without modification, and to direct the County's implementation of the subprograms and policies that are developed and recommended as set forth above. Any recommendation approved by the Board that requires amendments to the General Plan, County ordinances, policies or regulations, or that otherwise requires implementing approval or action by the County, shall be directed by the Board to County agency(ies) as work plan items which shall thereafter be processed and approved by the County in accordance with all applicable legal requirements and County procedures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the VCCEC, acting through the CEO, may seek preliminary guidance and input directly from the Board during the VCCEC's process of researching and developing its recommendations.

On motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor Zaragoza, the Board adopted this resolution on the 20th day of October 2020.


KELLY LONG
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST:

MICHAEL POWERS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board



Exhibit 1 – VCCEC Bylaws