



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
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**Item Number: 1.6**

**MEETING DATE:** 05/23/2023

**DEPARTMENT:** COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Gracie Rodriguez

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Ray Espinosa

**SUBJECT:**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - R.ESPINOSA**

Approve letter of support for Senate Bill 511 (Blakespear): Greenhouse Gas Inventories, which seeks to provide funding for the California Air Resources Board to prepare Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventories for all cities and counties in California. Authorize Board Chair to sign letter and authorize staff to submit the signed letter of support directly through the California Legislature's Position Letter Portal.

SBC FILE NUMBER:119

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The Act requires the state board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to update the scoping plan at least once every five years.

Senate Bill 511 would direct the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to prepare inventories of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for use by cities and counties to use in preparation of Climate Action Plans (CAPs) and to prioritize the use of funding and resources to achieve optimal reductions of GHG emissions in local communities. Inventories would be especially important to reduce and eliminate disparities and impacts on vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. The bill would provide an appropriation to CARB for this purpose.

Furthermore, the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) recognizes that while large metropolitan cities have been working on climate change mitigation projects for years, many of California's smaller jurisdictions are in much earlier stages of grappling with greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. San Benito County, as a member county of AMBAG, has received support from AMBAG to prepare the 2005, 2010, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2020 community-wide GHG inventories at no cost to the County. However, no funding has been identified to prepare any future community-wide GHG inventories. The presented legislative effort may serve to provide future community wide GHG inventories.

**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:**

N/A

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

N/A

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

Yes

**BUDGETED:**

N/A

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

No

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

N/A

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

n/a

**CURRENT FY COST:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**BOARD ACTION RESULTS:**

Approved letter of support per staff recommendation. (5/0 vote)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[SB 511 Support Letter](#)

[SB 511 Fact Sheet Final](#)

[Fully Executed Letter of Support for Senate Bill 511](#)