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RESOLUTION 20XX-XXX

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DEVELOPING A FRAMEWORK FOR A REGIONAL CARBON SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF GLOBAL POLICY AND STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the District was created by the California Legislature in 1962 pursuant to the Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, § 1 et seq. ("Port Act"); and

WHEREAS, Section 35 of the Port Act allows the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) to do all acts necessary and convenient for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, Section 21 of the Port Act allows the BPC to pass all necessary resolutions for the regulation of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has a history of collaborating with member cities, agencies, universities, industry, non-governmental organizations, and communities to develop policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance carbon sequestration to address current and future climate related challenges; and

WHEREAS, the District is directly working to assess, plan, mitigate, and ultimately reduce greenhouse gas emissions through its adopted Climate Action Plan and other complementary efforts including development of a District Maritime Clean Air Strategy and supporting completion of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District's Community Emissions Reduction Plan, which is being prepared pursuant to Assembly Bill 617 and the California Air Resources Board's Community Air Protection Program with an emphasis on implementing zero emission solutions, freight electrification and associated public benefits; and

WHEREAS, the District is proactively working with partners to conserve and expand coastal and marine habitats, including salt marshes, eel grasses, living shorelines, oyster reefs, and restorative aquaculture that provide both ecological and carbon sequestration benefits at multiple locations on tidelands and submerged lands; and

WHEREAS, the District's work to conserve and expand coastal and marine habitats complements conservation and management of terrestrial carbon sinks in the region, such as forests, natural and agricultural lands and also creates more climate resilient environments that will help communities and the environment around San Diego Bay adapt to changing climate-related conditions including sea level rise and coastal flooding; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a framework for a regional carbon sustainability plan in partnership with the University of California San Diego School of Global

Policy and Strategy (UC San Diego GPS), which shall include strategies and initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality in the region by 2035; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration is essential to develop policies and programs to achieve a balance between anthropogenically generated greenhouse gas emissions (primarily carbon dioxide) with the removal of emissions via carbon sinks or through the elimination of emissions by certain sources altogether; and

WHEREAS, a regional framework for a carbon sustainability plan will support alignment of multiple climate action plans created by agencies throughout the region and may serve to advance interconnected strategies that collectively help the region achieve its climate action planning goals: and

WHEREAS, the District and County have a history of collaborating and building regional support on land use, transportation, and environmental issues for the betterment of the region; and

WHEREAS, in addition to rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, climate strategies, initiatives, and investments to be included the County's regional carbon sustainability plan will have a high potential to provide substantial co-benefits, including improving public health and quality of life in the region, reducing the burden of transportation costs on working families, increasing the dynamism of our regional economy, and providing San Diegans with thousands of well-paying jobs building the infrastructure that will propel our region into the future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District (District) hereby supports development of a framework for regional carbon sustainability plan and directs the Executive Director and/or his designated representative(s) to collaborate with the County and other entities on the framework, as a means for the San Diego region to combat global climate change.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this ____ day of ____ 202X, by the following