

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-15

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT, HR 763

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that the ocean mitigates climate change impacts on land by absorbing roughly 30% of the heat generated by carbon pollution and is our best buffer against extreme heat, and the planet's last stand against climate disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that urgent scientific warnings tell us we have only about a decade to take decisive action to avoid climate catastrophe. The 2018 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/summary-for-policy-makers/>) finds that limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require deep emissions reductions in all sectors (energy, land, infrastructure, and industrial systems). Further, the report advises that if we heed climate models that keep warming below 1.5 degrees, global emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) will fall by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that ocean warming stresses economically important ecosystems, it is safe to assume that these impacts are already affecting Monterey Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that the early adoption of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 763—based on CCL's Carbon Fee and Dividend plan—proposed by bipartisan sponsors from the Climate Solutions Caucus in the House of Representatives would grow our economy, would help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect the planet; and; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges the determination that that this approach would be fair to everyone and would protect middle- and low-income households (2/3 of all U.S. households) by providing them with a monthly dividend (rebate) that, on average, would be higher than the increased costs for energy during the transition of the country to cleaner energy; and \_; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that per the non-partisan study by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), this approach would ensure a substantial increase in private investment in cleaner energy options because they will become significantly less expensive relative to fossil fuels within a known time frame. This would encourage consumers and businesses to keep their carbon footprint smaller while still keeping energy affordable; and \_; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that The many direct climate change impacts anticipated for Monterey County include increases in air temperatures and shifts in precipitation with increased risk of wildfire, higher sea levels with flooding and salt water intrusion, and ocean acidification with stresses on the ocean food chain. According to a recent report of the United States Global Change Research Program, "Leaders and residents of coastal regions are increasingly aware of the high vulnerability of coasts to climate change and are developing plans to prepare for potential impacts on citizens, businesses, and environmental assets;" and \_; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges that it has been determined that the early adoption of the proposed national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend legislation in the United States—action that would will levy an annually increasing fee on carbon emissions on fossil fuels at the point of extraction or importation and return the collected fees to all American households as a monthly dividend—would grow the economy by adding nearly two million new jobs, would help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and also help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect the planet. \_; and


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Seaside support that** United States Congress immediately pass the Environmental Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 763, and that the United States President sign the bill into law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the response in combating climate change to mitigate its worst effects should be implemented with the speed appropriate to the gravity and urgency of the situation, and for that reason, the Mayor shall send a letter no later than 30 days after passage of this Resolution to the Governor and all Mayors and City Councils, School Boards, and State and Federal Legislators in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties urging their support (if they have not supported

already) for H.R. 763, the Environmental Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act or Carbon Fee and Dividend.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Seaside duly held on the 7th day of March 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Campbell, Kisperskey, Oglesby, Pacheco, Wizard
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

  
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Ian N. Oglesby

  
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Lesley Milton-Rerig, City Clerk