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To: Butte County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors
From: W. James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer
Staff Contact: W. James Wagoner, Air Pollution Control Officer
Re: Supplemental Information: Consider supporting the "California Jobs Initiative".

ISSUE:

Attached is a Resolution of Support adopted by the Butte County Board of Supervisors and has been provide by Councilmember Thompson for your Board consideration.

Discussion:

Attached please find the following supplemental information for this agenda item:
Proposed Resolution of Support adopted by the Butte County Board of Supervisors



Resolution No. 10-069

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE
FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate in California has risen to over twelve percent, representing more than 2.2 million persons without jobs; and

WHEREAS, California and its citizens are suffering from a prolonged economic recession that has seen the state's budget deficits escalate to tens of billions of dollars and are projected by the Legislative Analyst's Office to remain so for years to come; and

WHEREAS, California families have been struggling under the weight of job losses, home foreclosures, tax increases, utility rate increases and other financial burdens that threaten their ability to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, regulations related to the implementation of AB 32 are projected to increase the cost of energy, fuel, housing and other essential goods and services by billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, AB 32-related regulations are also projected to impose tax increases and new taxes and fees in the tens of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, these costs will force California businesses to raise consumer prices, lay off workers, downsize their operations, leave the state or go out of business altogether; and

WHEREAS, these severe impacts on business are projected to eliminate over 1 million California jobs; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board and others have determined that AB 32's higher energy costs and job losses will disproportionately impact low-income families and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, California is the only state currently moving ahead with regulations of this nature; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and other nations are not planning to adopt climate change regulations commensurate with those pending implementation under California's AB 32; and

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board has acknowledged that California acting alone can have no impact on global warming; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of AB 32 at this time will do nothing to mitigate worldwide climate change; and

WHEREAS, the California Jobs Initiative, a statewide ballot measure, was submitted on December 22, 2009 to the California Attorney General for potential placement on California's November 2010 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Board of Supervisors supports temporarily suspending implementation of AB 32 until California's unemployment rate drops to reasonable historical levels; and

WHEREAS, stringent laws and regulations that protect California's air and water quality and the health of its citizens would remain intact under the California Jobs Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the California Jobs Initiative would protect over a million jobs and spare families, taxpayers, businesses, consumers and the state's economy as a whole billions of dollars in higher taxes, energy costs and other expenses at a time they can least afford it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte, in the interest of protecting this jurisdiction, its citizens and the state from massive job losses, unaffordable utility rate increases, and other economic harm, hereby endorses the California Jobs Initiative.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Board of Supervisors this 11th day of May, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Lambert, Yamaguchi, and Chair Connelly

NOES: Supervisor Dolan

ABSENT:

NOT VOTING: Supervisor Kirk

Bill Connelly

Bill Connelly, Chair of the
Butte County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Scott Tandy, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By *[Signature]*

Deputy