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Santa Cruz County Passes Resolution in Support of the Buy Clean California Act

SANTA CRUZ— A resolution supporting the timely implementation of the Buy Clean California Act passed unanimously on consent today at the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meeting. This board action highlights the importance of emissions disclosure for state purchases.

California passed the Buy Clean California Act (AB 262) in 2017. It requires state agencies to purchase construction materials such as structural steel, carbon steel rebar, flat glass and mineral wool board insulation from manufacturers that are among the least climate polluting producers of those products.

The Buy Clean Act, is undergoing implementation at the California Department of General Services. It helps ensure that public funds are spent in a way that supports businesses that are effectively cleaning up their production practices.

In response, Molly Culton, Conservation Organizer for Sierra Club California, issued the following statement:

"Santa Cruz County's resolution supporting the Buy Clean California Act underscores the importance of putting taxpayer dollars where our environmental values are. This resolution demonstrates Santa Cruz's leadership in climate action.

"Supervisor John Leopold deserves accolades for introducing the resolution, and he and the entire Board of Supervisors demonstrated their commitment to a sustainable planet by adopting the resolution.

"The Buy Clean Act will help California spend funds in ways that support environmental goals and help close the carbon loophole."

For more information on Sierra Club California's Buy Clean Campaign, please visit: https://www.sierraclub.org/california/why-buy-clean.

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